

## **Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake PTA Council January 11, 2010**

**Call to Order:** Paula Van Buren called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**Present:** Laurie Kruppenbacher, Joe Pericone, Lauren Roecker, Jim Schultz, Cathy Todd, Paula Van Buren, Lynnette Ziskin.

**President's Report: Paula Van Buren.**

~Paula thanked Erin Pezzulo for presiding over the November meeting due to her (Paula's) absence.

~Two Council meetings remain for the school year: Monday March 15 and Tuesday May 18 (same day as the BH-BL Budget Vote).

~Paula will distribute Founders Day tickets to all schools tomorrow (Tuesday, January 12).

~Ann Slocum is unable to attend Honors Night on May 27 to present the Eileen Briggs award; Laurie Kruppenbacher offered to present the award.

**Secretary's Report: Lynnette Ziskin.**

~The minutes of the November 10, 2009 Council meeting were distributed via e-mail and unanimously approved. They will be sent to Christy Multer for inclusion on the BH-BL website.

**Treasurer's Report: Paula Van Buren for Barb Becker.**

1. The Balance Sheet as of January 8, 2010 reflects the following:
  - Checking Account: \$10,888.91
  - Savings Account: \$8,740.47
  - Total Assets: \$19,629.38
2. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.
3. The Theatre for Children Income and Expense Report reflects an income for the fall pilot production of Rapunzel.
4. Thank you to Amy Agan for continuing to assist with the Council's accounting.

**School Board Liaison's Report: Joe Pericone.**

~Joe reported that BH-BL residents approved only one of three propositions at the district's Renovations Referendum on December 9. The energy proposition passed, but the safety & technology propositions were defeated. The biggest projects in the approved proposition include \$4.1 million for roofing work, \$3.9 million for new boilers and heating system at the Stevens Elementary School, \$1.7 million to replace single-pane windows at three schools, and new heating control systems at three schools. More details regarding the referendum are still available on the BH-BL website: [www.bhbl.org](http://www.bhbl.org).

~Joe reported that the 2010-2011 Budget Development process is underway. Creating the budget for the coming school year is a process that Board of Education members and district administrators work on for more than five months every year. Budget cuts from New York State (aid) will directly affect our district for the next 2 years. The Board will soon request our PTAs help in lobbying to the Legislature.

~Three Public Forums are scheduled: February 2 and March 2 – both will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library, and March 25 at the East Glenville Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m. The complete calendar and communications plan for the budget developing process is available on the website: [www.bhbl.org](http://www.bhbl.org).

**Superintendent's Report: Jim Schultz.**

~Jim spoke of the upcoming H1N1 Vaccination Clinic which will be held on Thursday, January 21 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at the Charlton Heights Elementary School. No appointment or pre-registration is required. The vaccination clinic will be open to all local Saratoga County residents, in addition to students, parents, siblings and staff from Charlton Heights, Stevens and the High School. The district is in need of many volunteers to assist at the clinic. If you can help, please contact Jim Schultz. Once again, much more information on this topic is available on the BH-BL website: [www.bhbl.org](http://www.bhbl.org).

~The Budget time-line is posted on the BH-BL webpage. Jim reiterated that this will be an extremely difficult year for the school budget - potentially, \$1 - \$3 million in state aid cuts over the next two years. The governor's proposed budget will be made public next Tuesday; the Board is looking for the BH-BL PTA membership to show support via letters to lobby for dollars for our district. Our district is facing very tough choices over the next two years.

**Teacher Representative's Report: Jason Lasky.**

No report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Arts & Enrichment: Jackie Ballinger.**

No Report.

**Audit Committee: Karen Smith.**

No report.

**Eileen Briggs Award: Ann Slocum.**

No report.

**Founders Day: Lauren Roecker for Erin Pezzulo.**

~The Founders Day celebration will be held on February 4 at the Edison Club. Hearty hors d'oeuvres will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. The BH-BL Select Choir will perform at 6:45 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Awards will be given alphabetically by school beginning with the elementary schools: Charlton Heights, Pashley, Stevens, middle school, high school, and finally the Council award winner. Tickets are on sale at all schools for \$20 each. Each Unit Representative was asked to bring 1 dozen cookies/baked goods to the Edison Club for the winners' families.

~Lauren requested that the Unit Representatives assist the winner's family at the Edison Club.

~2010 Founders Day winners:

- Charlton Heights: staff, Allison Donofrio; volunteer, Krissy Jackson
- Pashley: staff, Roger Kopa; volunteer, Paula Van Buren
- Stevens: Bob Rafferty
- O'Rourke Middle School: Kathy and Ralph DeLuke
- BH-BL High School: Carol Hobday
- Council winner: Charlene Spetla

**Odyssey of the Mind: Jean Smith.**

No report.

**Nominating Committee: Laurie Kruppenbacher, Mary Beth Frewin, Jackie Ballinger.**

~A discussion was raised regarding the revision of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> VP positions; this discussion will continue at the March meeting.

**Theatre for Children: Kathy Lynch.**

~Paula reported that the fall production, Rapunzel, was successful and the spring play – Alice in Wonderland will be held the weekend of April 16 & 17.

**Council Delegate Reports:**

**High School PTA Council Rep: Lynnette Ziskin.**

~BH-BL survived the exciting fall sports season – the winter sports season is in full swing.

~The holiday concerts were remarkable. We are extremely lucky to have a fine arts department of great esteem in our school district.

~Mid-term and regents exams are in two weeks. There are several field trips planned during regents week.

~The PTSA will be hosting a spring fundraiser which includes taking orders for and directly selling Smith's pies. More details will be available soon, and posted on the BH-BL website.

**Middle School PTA Council Rep: Mary Beth Frewin.**

No report.

**Charlton Heights PTA Council Rep: Laurie Kruppenbacher.**

~The Star of the Week is underway.

~The yearbook is coming together nicely, but still in need of more pictures.

~The profit on the Entertainment Book was \$2,912.00.

~The Holiday Shop was held on December 3; there were only 15 vendors this year. More vendors are needed to continue Holiday Shop in the future.

~Cheryl Traver has accepted the school nurse position. She will start on January 25.

~The recycling program for Capri Sun & Honest Kids Drink for 2 cents/pouch has begun. Visit the website – [www.TerraCycle.com](http://www.TerraCycle.com) to see items they make from recycled pouches.

~Student Council donated \$310 from "Adopt an Angel" to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

~Registration has begun for 18 After-school Enrichment Clubs. Clubs start on February 24. Even with the high cost for many of the academic offerings, the classes are filling up quickly.

~The H1N1 clinic will be at Charlton Heights on January 21 from 4 – 8 p.m.

**Pashley PTA Council Rep: Darcy Baumbach.**

Darcy could not attend but sent the following report:

~In the first week of November the school collected candy, and ultimately sent 535 pounds to our overseas troops.

~The Holiday Shop went well.

~The first Book Fair was held in December; the second one will be in March to coincide with PARP.

~3<sup>rd</sup> graders saw a presentation on Japanese folktales that coincided with their unit on Japan.

~The annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday January 23.

~The Arts & Enrichment committee is working to bring Excelsior Trombone to Pashley.

~The next PTA meeting is scheduled for February 11.

~A "Pashley Day at the Y" is scheduled for March 12.

**Stevens PTA Council Rep: Cathy Todd.**

~The After-school Enrichment Clubs start tomorrow (Tuesday January 12). There are 21 Clubs.

~The Stevens Concert will be held on January 20 at the high school.

~The Health & Wellness committee handed out calendars to students to track their progress in the "Be a Streaker!" program. The idea is for the student to adapt a healthy habit and keep track of how many days in a row they can do the new healthy habit.

~Parent Education Night will be held on January 25 at 6:30 p.m.; it is open to all.

~Family Fun Night is planned for January 22 at 7:00 p.m. featuring TWO, a high energy juggling act.

**Vice-president: Erin Pezzulo.**

No report.

**2nd Vice-president: Laurie Kruppenbacher.**

No report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-president: Lauren Roecker.**

No report.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

~The Nominating Committee consisting of Laurie Kruppenbacher, Jackie Ballinger, and Mary Beth Frewin have begun their work. There are five open positions on the PTA Council Board that need to be filled: President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-president.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:05 p.m.

**The next PTA Council meeting will be held on Monday March 15, 2010  
in the Principal's Conference Room at the High School.**

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