BHHS PTSA General Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2026 9:00am in EDC

In Attendance - HaRim Lee, Yael Hiller, Natalia Memedrzova, Sheila Sedigian, Meira Leeds, Suzanne Asherson, Dawn Matthews, Farrah Dodes, Clio Bitboul, Asayo Yi, Rachel Kadar, Sheree Lewes, Vered Avgi, Alin Lansky, Ramona Yedidision, Tanaz Moossazaddin, Liora Elioof, Nazila Sanieoff, Elizabeth Nejad, Dr Terrance J. Bell, Mehinoush Salim, Jenn Pedersen, Kim Hartley, Jill Egerman, Tannaz Fouladi, Neda Pedram, Neda Zarrabi, Maryum Nehburay, Deborah Termeie, Teresa Davis, Janet Yaghoubi, Ellie Yadegar (see sign in sheets attached)

Welcome - The meeting was called to order by Jenn Pedersen at 9:18am. Loan Sriruksa led the flag salute.

Approval of Minutes: The March 27th General Meeting minutes were presented. Clio Bitboul moved to approve the minutes and Farrah Dodes seconded. **The motion passed**.

Financial Report - Farrah Dodes read the financial report for March. The opening balance was $203,081.48, closing balance was $193,500.24. A deposit was received in the amount of $643.80. No checks were issued this month. Clio Bitboul moved to approve the financial report and HaRim Lee seconded. **The motion passed**. This report will be filed for financial records.

President's Report / Upcoming Events : CAPTA sent a certificate recognizing **BHHS PTSA** for **9 decades** of service. This past month PTSA supported games of the week: baseball, lacrosse and girls' softball. PTSA hosted a reception for the BHHS Art Show. PTSA purchased art supplies for a PRIME class. The Spring play, the Pliant Girls is this weekend. Upcoming events include the Multicultural support for the French Club's Cabaret on April 29. Senior Movie Night, CAASP Carnival on May 1, the General PTSA meeting on May 22, and the BHEF Honors including the Apple Awards on May 21 at the Beverly Cannon Gardens. Student recognition includes ACA DECA competing at State competition against 56 teams. Robotics team MorTorq earned 2nd place at their competition, which was their first appearance at finals in 16 years. Skills USA, the CTE competition, our students competed in regional, State, and now 3 will be going on to Nationals.

Student Rep Report: ASB student rep Arthur Weiser discussed upcoming senior activities. The senior boat race is a big favorite where students build boats from cardboard and race them in the swim gym pool Yesterday was the ASB Food Faire. They are busy planning the grand lawn opening on 4/29.

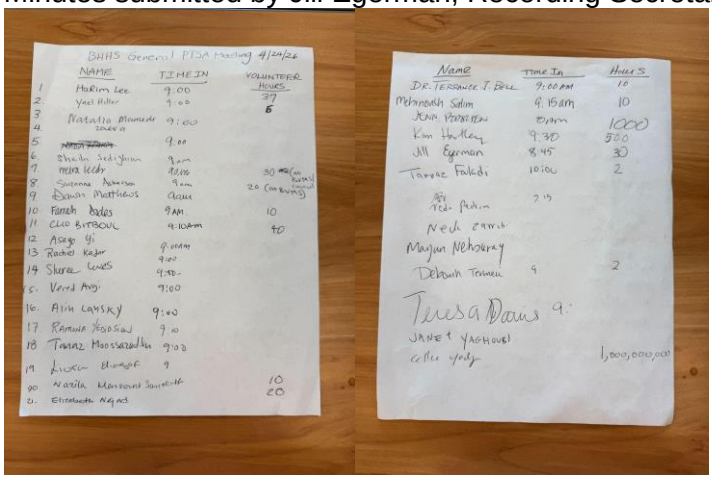
Teacher Rep Report: Sue Yovetich discussed that there are only 5 weeks left of school, and the seniors are ready to move on. We are in the middle of testing, and teachers are busy getting everyone across the line. The school is looking at next year's schedule. Looking to celebrate students and their hard work and their college acceptances. Staff makes selections for senior awards. Finals are coming up.

Principal's Report: Principal Sriruksa talked about Games of the Week and how PTSA support is very welcome. Sysco is flying 8 freshmen plus district leadership and teachers for presentation and leadership is staying for a conference. The Lawn Ribbon Cutting on 4/29 will be during lunch, for students only with pizza and games. For the community event on 5/2, the district will be sending out info. Senior activities will kick off next week, with a huge thank you to PTSA for all of their support. Shannon Kobeilusz is in charge of CAASP testing, which helps determine college level courses, ranking of BHHS and students get perks like parking and off campus privileges. AP testing coming in May. BHUSD pays for AP testing fees. Naomi Y and Janice Moon were City of Beverly Hills interns for 12 weeks, and honored by City of BH. The upcoming Board of Ed meeting will recognize school clubs. SAT prep classes are free, testing for PSAT and SAT are also free.

<u>Special Presentation - Incoming 9th Grade Info Panel</u>:

Liz Nejad - PTSA ambassador, parent to 1 BHHS graduate, an 11th grader, and 2 younger. Take advantage of the incredible programs at BHHS. Maintain your relationship with your student so they come to you.
Sue Yovetich - teacher for 21 years, parent in BHUSD for 19 years. This District is amazing and High School can be a new start. Enjoy every day, there is something for everyone. Freshmen should get comfortable as students. Teachers and parents are partners. It takes a village. Communicate and work together.
Clio Bitboul - parent of 8th & 10th graders. Help your child stay organized and to advocate for themselves. Don't assume teachers will reach out to you. Advocate for your child if they need help. Be proactive.
HaRim Lee - parent of 9th and 11th graders. Have them get involved early on so they can prove themselves and get to leadership roles. Be consistent in studying and go to office hours. Don't worry, there is an adjustment. Help keep them organized. Study every night.
Cindy Dubin - parent of 4 children and head of CTE. Help your student find a place at BHHS. The Career Academy is experience with local hotels. It's about excellence, work ethic and high standards, not just hospitality. Also CTE can help with internships and mentors. Find balance and let them explore and do what they love. Take advantage of summer.
Arthur Weiser - ASB events are a lot of fun and a way to make connections across grade levels. Over 100 clubs on campus, also can create new clubs. There are always ways to make things happen for any interest.
Dana Findley - parent of 9th and 12th graders and teacher for 30 years. High school is such an interesting time. Let them have more ownership and responsibilities. Help them to find themselves, their passions, and find balance. Encourage them to find trusted adults on campus.
Jenn Pedersen - parent of 9th and 11th graders. It might not work for your child to take APs in order for them to take the classes that are right for your child.
Olivia Richner (wrote in) - 10th grader. Study at BHHS after school, go to office hours. Use tutor.com. Get a planner, stay organized. Sleep, go to office hours, pack extra snacks, don't cram and use time effectively.

General Topics:
Bullying - The school has to know in order to help, please report. PBIS is used at school. The school will teach the students how to coexist. The sooner the school knows, the easier it is to correct. The pack mentality of harassment grows. Parents usually know before the school. Teachers are out at lunch.
Vaping - The goal is to educate. Most stop after the first offense. Repeat vaping leads to other consequences. Teachers know who repeatedly get bathroom passes. There are systems in place including lunch reflections.
Social Media - There are no phones allowed during class.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jenn Pedersen at **10:52 am**.

Minutes submitted by Jill Egerman, Recording Secretary.