



BHHS PTSA General Meeting Minutes February 27, 2026 9:00am in EDC

In Attendance - Michelle Sarraf, HaRim Lee, Jill Egerman, Ellie Yadegar, Jenn Pedersen, Alena Zhyllion, Hellen Mereki, Alex Cherniss, Nadia Hakimi, Juliana Ramirez, Farrah Dodes, Jackie Kruger, Nathan Kruger, Joseph Edward, Stephan Illouz, Julie Illouz, Kim Hartley, Emma Saujet, Maya Mallick, Raquel Mapp, Shirin Lavi, Marjan Nchouray, Nazila Mansourie, June Forson, Valeria PM Soares, Isabel Haker, Melissa Stein, Gaby Alexander, Elizabeth Nejad, Clio Bitboul, Jeremy Lishman, Hilla Carrel, Yael Hiller, Nazila Medyaum, Natasha Levian, Liora Eliasof, Ilaha Zahabian, Deborah Termeie, Tina Richner, Valerie Taylor, Clair Dardashti, Lily Darvish, Neda, Sepi S.

Welcome - Meeting was called to order by Jenn Pedersen at 9:21am. Principal Sriruksa led the flag salute.

Approval of Minutes: The Jan 23rd General Meeting minutes were presented. Shirin Lavi made the motion to approve the December minutes and Hilla Carrel seconded. With the corrected spelling of Mr Henggl's name the minutes were approved, no opposition and no abstentions. Motion passes.

President's Report / Upcoming Events : The Senior Committee Chair resigned, and since nobody else on the committee wanted the position, by default the EVP will be overseeing the Senior Committee. The Dance Co performance was incredible, and PTSA was proud to have purchased some of the costumes. The Spotlight Lunch was the biggest yet, and a great success. The BSU put on the Taste of Soul Food Fest last week for lunch. PTSA provided some hospitality and volunteers. The president of the French Club spoke about the Mardi Gras celebration. PTSA provided the jazz band. They are looking forward to a robust Cabaret night in April, hopefully with some PTSA support. Last week, 500 students were recognized for making the honor roll for fall semester. She gave a shoutout to the hardworking PTSA Exec Board. Dr Cherniss spoke about the upcoming Career Day on March 11 where the keynote speaker will be someone who was key in the development of the internet.

PTA Council Meeting Update: Hilla Carrel read the update from Tina Richner. At the February PTA Council meeting, the 2026/2027 slate was presented. The Reflections contest winners were announced. Dr Cherniss spoke about his focus on academic improvement and the student Superintendent Advisory Committee, where every applicant was accepted. Athletics opportunities are widespread and active. BHUSD has a National Merit Scholar Finalist. Judy Manouchehri discussed fiscal responsibility. Ida from BHPL spoke about the Library and the BH Rec & Parks programs.

Financial Report - Farrah Dodes gave the January financial report. The opening balance was \$198,848.90, closing balance was \$200,599.57. This will be filed for financial records. Shirin Lavi made a motion to ratify checks #3528,3529,3531 totalling \$3,381.54. Nathan Kruger seconded, and it passed.

Nominating Committee: Liz Nejad, Shirin Lavi and Michelle Yarsharpour served on the Nominating committee. As the Nominating Committee Chair, Liz Nejad presented the Slate for 2026/2027 PTSA Exec Board: President - Jenn Pedersen, EVP- Ellie Yadegar, Recording Secretary - Jill Egerman, Financial Secretary - Nathan Kruger, Auditor - Meira Leeds, Historian - HaRim Lee, VP Programs & Events - Nazilla Sanieoff, VP Volunteers - Kathy Zarrabi, VP Staff Appreciation - Gaby Alexander, VP Communications -

Sophia Rumanes, VP Hospitality - Shirin Lavi. The slate will be posted for 30 days and the Election will be held at the March 27 PTSA meeting.

Teacher Rep Report: Sue Yovetich thanked PTSA and BHHS administrators for their support of staff. This time of year many senior students are waiting for college results. There was a delicious staff lunch from Chef Leece and culinary students. The upcoming carnival will be after lunch with staff present, state testing is coming up, AcaDeca competition on March 4 with spots open for judging. There has been a lot of professional development including AVID training at Wilson High School, and PLC campus wide focus on reading comprehension. The tardy program is ongoing, and parent support is encouraged. The Apple Ball is reborn, and parents can support teacher tickets. The LA County Science Fair is coming up and volunteers are needed.

Principal's Report: Principal Sriruska highlighted the following student achievements: AcaDeca qualified for State competition; Model UN will compete in Washington DC; the DECA team will compete at regionals today; the Skills USA state competition will be in Ontario where at regionals, 12 BHHS students medaled; For spring sports, they are working on a calendar for Game(s) of the Week. Please go see the Spring Musical SIX, so much incredible work has been put into this. The Talent Show will be on 3/16 in the Salter Theater. Jeff Bailey, the new football coach and strength & conditioning coach will be starting this summer. BHHS CIF athletes & Dance Co were honored at the Board meeting. The Ribbon cutting of Peters was a great success.

Presentation on College Counselors overview: Kristi Bond, the Counseling Dept Director discussed the ongoing course selection meetings that 10th graders are having with their college counselors. Mr Jackson spoke about the handoff process from the 9th and 10th grade Academic Counselor to their 11th & 12th grade College Counselor. Ms Price spoke about the course selection for 11th grade, starting with the core classes, and then considering the rigor, then the complementary courses, including summer and online courses. Mr Negersmith discussed activities and focusing on quality over quantity. These activities are summer classes and internships, afterschool/ community volunteer opportunities and on school clubs, pathways electives, and other teams. Colleges are looking for involvement. Mr Sanchez spoke about the on campus support including lunchtime college essay workshops, out of state college nights, over 60 college rep visits so far this year, SAT/ACT prep classes, College Fair, junior and senior meetings, letters of rec, 11th grade classroom presentations, and financial aid night. The counselors are making sure the students go beyond the minimum of what is required.

Mayor's Update: Mayor Sharona Nazarian is excited to be at BHHS and to hear all of the great things going on with the students because children are the most important residents of our city.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jenn Pedersen at 10:46 am.

Minutes submitted by Jill Egerman, Recording Secretary.