BHHS PTSA General Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2026 9:00am in EDC

Present: Jenn Pedersen, Sophia Rumanes, Tina Richner, June Faston, Liz Nejad, Hilla Carrel, Yael Hiller, Cindy Dubin, Veronica Nelson, Valerie Taylor, Isabel Hacker, Loan Sriruksa, Judith Manoucheri, Nathan Kruger, Dorece Artal, Rochelle Marcus, Farrah Dodes, Jill Egerman, Ellie Yadegar, Shirin Lavi, Clio Bitboul, Michelle Yarsharpour, Claire Dardashti, Jennifer Reilly, Joshua Sankman Quorum was met.

Welcome - Meeting was called to order by Jenn Pedersen at 9:12am. Dr Cherniss led the flag salute.

Approval of Minutes: December 17th General Meeting minutes were presented. Yael Hiller made the motion to approve the December minutes and Shirin Lavi seconded. All approved, no opposition and no abstentions. Motion passes.

President's Report / Upcoming Events : The Bulldog to Norman day last Tuesday for incoming 9th graders and parents was a great success. PTSA supported the student portion of the day by providing pizza and Wing Stop for lunch. For the parent orientation evening, PTSA provided sushi. Last month's General PTSA meeting was the Cookie Exchange, which was a wonderful community event at BVMS. The Carnival Committee is being formed. The following people have expressed interest in being on the Carnival Committee: Clio Bitboul, Shirin Lavi, Gaby Alexander, Sophia Rumanes, Ellie Yadegar, Jenn Pedersen. If anyone else is interested, please contact PTSA. Parents can also participate by volunteering that day or by providing food or funds for the event.
PTSA has reached out to Mr Henggeler and ASB to offer support for all multicultural celebrations. The French Club will be celebrating Mardi Gras, and PTSA will help support it. Coming up on Jan 28 is the Ribbon Cutting for the Peters Auditorium along with the Dance Co opening night. PTSA has provided dance costumes for Dance Co. A spotlight lunch will be coming up soon.

Nominating Committee: Parliamentarian Hilla Carrel read the rules for our nominating committee selection process. 3 people and two alternates will work with the principal and decide on the executive board for the coming year. They will present the slate which is presented at the February meeting.
Shirin Lavi, Michelle Yarsharpour, and Liz Nejad were elected as the nominating committee and Yael Hiller and Jill Egerman as alternates. Jenn Pedersen made a motion to approve the nominating committee and Sophia Rumanes seconded, all in favor with no opposition. Motion passes.

Financial Report - Farrah Dodes gave the November financial report. The opening balance was $202,881.60, closing balance was $194,250.59. This will be filed for financial records. Shirin Lavi made a motion to ratify checks #3521-5323 totalling $3,469.41.Clio Bitbould seconded, and it passed.
The December opening balance was $194,250.59, closing balance $198,848.90. This will be filed for financial records. Clio Biboul made a motion to ratify checks 3524, 3525, 3527, 3530 for $11,529,21. Nathan Kruger seconded. The motion passed.

Motion to amend the budget: The insurance premium cost has increased from $300 to $500. Jenn Pedersen made a motion to increase the insurance budget line item from $300 to $500. Nathan Kruger seconded and the motion passed.

ASB Student Report: Janice Moon discussed the 8th grade visit to BHHS, highlighting the pep rally as a great experience. The elective fair was yesterday at lunch. The winter sports assembly will be in Peters Auditorium soon. The quarterly Food Faire is coming up soon. The Talent Show will be soon, and there are QR codes for signups. Today a holocaust survivor will be speaking at lunch. This was organized by clubs and is for students only.

Principal's Report: Principal Sriraska thanked PTSA for supporting Bulldog to Norman day and evening. Tonight are the SaMo basketball games, girls and boys. The theme is blackout and BVMS students get in free. She will be working with Coach Lawson to start designating games of the week. Tues 1/27 is a pep rally. It is also Holocaust Remembrance Day, so there will be a panel of survivors speaking from 8:30-10:00am in the Peters. The Peters Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be on 1/28 at 6:30 outdoors. There will be culinary food and string orchestra. The Dance Co show will start at 7:00pm. The grand lawn opening will be at lunch on Feb 18th for students. She met with BSU students to discuss plans for Black History month speakers. Chrome Books for current 9th graders will be distributed soon.

Presentation on Student Course Selection: Shannon Kobielusz discussed the 8th grade visit to BHHS where the students were split into 14 groups and got to visit 3 classrooms as part of their time at BHHS. Course selection is coming up soon. Course selection for current students will be a paper packet sent home, which will include approved courses and options. For questions, ask their counselor. Pathways 26/27 is out, and lists the core pathways as well as athletics, CTE and all other electives. Summer class info will be out soon.

Presentation on CTE: Cindy Dubin discussed how challenging it is for students to get internships, because a lot of businesses are hesitant to have minors on their premises. This was one of the reasons they started the Career Academy 3 years ago. The local hotels help build confidence and soft skills. They meet monthly on Wednesday mornings to go to the hotels, and Thursday at BHHS at lunch there are workshops. Several students who were involved in the Career Academy, MSA, fashion, interns for the City of BH Commissions and other CTE pathways discussed their experiences and opportunities. BHHS helps motivated students to do more than one thing. The resume workshop was yesterday, and the Job Fair is coming up on Feb 9. Career day is coming up, and they are looking for parents in all types of careers to be a part of that day. Please look for QR code to sign up.

Superintendent's Report: Dr Cherniss discussed how dedicated Principal Sriraksa is to BHHS. He discussed the new sports programs for elementary and middle school, and the new instrumental music program for elementary school. After school there are new academic support programs including a new math AI tutoring program launching soon. Applications for the Student Superintendent Advisory Committee are in and interviews will be held. The Superintendent Advisory Committee is working on a survey for parents. The new Konheim and outdoor pool will be open in December of 2026.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Jenn Pedersen at 10:33 am.

Minutes submitted by Jill Egerman, Recording Secretary.