



BHHS PTSA General Meeting Minutes September 30th, 2025 9:00am in EDC

In Attendance - Please see attached sign in sheets. Quorum was met.

Welcome - The meeting was called to order by PTSA President Jenn Pedersen at 9:23am.

Pledge of Allegiance - Principal Sriruksa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the August 22nd General meeting were presented for approval. Gaby Alexander moved to approve the minutes and Farrah Dodes seconded the motion. Minutes approved as presented.

Financial Report - Farrah Dodes presented the financial reports and checks to be ratified for July & August. For July, the starting balance was \$206,313.14, the ending balance was \$189,098.87 Clio Bitboul moved to approve the July financial report, Martha Ramirez seconded, motion passed. For August the starting balance was \$189,098.87 the ending balance was \$216,271.29 Nathan Kruger moved to approve August financial report Andrea Kune Clark seconded and motion passed. Gaby Alexander moved to ratify the checks written numbered 2998, 2998, 3000, 3475, 3481, 3498, 3502 for the total amount of \$29,906.11 Martha Ramirez seconded, and motion passed.

President's Report - Jenn Pedersen discussed Back to School Night and the Parent Social from the start of year. The Principal's honor roll recognized 2nd semester students from last academic year. The first Master Class of the year was last night, 12 people in culinary made scones and salmon. The next Master Class coming up is Halloween costume masks on October 13th. The BH Run of the Stars 5k is coming up at El Rodeo on Oct 19. Join the PTSA team using QR code.

Senior Activities Committee - Committee Chair Martha Ramirez discussed the senior committee which is a yearly tradition to organize activities throughout the year for seniors. These include Movie Night which will have an In-N-Out truck, embroidered blankets with graduation year, beanbags and snacks. Other activities include a Senior Lunch, flowers, balloons, Senior Sunset party, Pennant Party, Senior Boat Race, Rehearsal Breakfast, Prom Dessert table, and the Jumbotron at Graduation. This is all possible thanks to \$550 donations, which will include annual fund and senior activities. This will include the cap and gown (new this year). Deadlines will be shared in the newsletter. The Principal will send information out regarding deadlines for ads in the yearbook. Nathan Kruger explains the cap and gown event, and confirms that one donation at \$550 level for the annual fund will also include the senior activities. He reiterates how meaningful the swag is to the graduating students. He also confirms

that if not enough donations are received, certain activities will have to be cut. In addition this year graduation is free, however reserved seating will be offered as a donor recognition exclusive on a first come first serve. You will have tiered access that will vary in donation level and accommodate all families.

Student Representative Report - Zev Silver discussed the Food Faire, with every grade sold out and raised the amounts they were aiming for. Trash became a problem, but was handled in the end. It was better organized than last year, with each year improvements are made. Now ASB is dealing with prep for the Pep Rally. Homecoming is approaching, all committees toured and finished prep for decor, music, food, and activities.

Teacher Representative Report - Sue Yovetich discussed the 8th week of school, lots of good work, observed holidays plus more coming. Clubs are in full swing, 89 total, which are all staffed by a school supervisor/teacher. Lunch Connections program, 20 teachers that interact with students during lunch, focusing on those that struggle socially or have needs outside of the classroom. The testing center in place staffed by various teachers so that students can make up assignments or tests, is very successful. Lunch Reflections, Behavior Mentorship, all meant to redirect behavior issues. Online training for emergency situations and general health concerns will be completed at the end of next week. Professional development day is on Tuesday October 7. Google form designed to both request and provide feedback from teachers, goes out through PTSA newsletter. Staff is asking to share THANK YOU'S for all the help that the PTSA and parent support that we have in our community. Lunch tutoring also started yesterday in EDC in English, Math, and Science. The library also provides a quiet place for students at lunch who need that space. Ping Pong club also provides fun at lunch.

Principal's Report - Principal Loan Sriruksa discusses 2 events coming up: homecoming game on Oct 17 & BVMS football night this Friday October 3. Events meant to build a bigger community around the athletics program. For HoCo, we kept the price affordable for dance in order to encourage attendance. We are introducing our newly formed guidance teams and senior activities, trying to balance fun events with academic excellence. AP Phil Chang: thank you to PTSA for helping us with all these events and activities. Many opportunities for the schools to assist each other and build community. Homecoming game will also present the Hall of Fame night where students will be recognized. Color wars will take place on 11/5, different grade levels compete with each other. Holiday movie night will be for all grade levels. Attendance recognition will continue to be honored.

Special Presentation: College Counselors Mr Neggersmith and Mr Sanchez - discussed advocating for students to oversee this process and be the driving force behind their education (ask questions, get info). Senior responsibilities: build a well balanced college list in terms of desire, academic scores, test scores. Writing a strong college essay and UC personal insight questions are very important so they can learn about your child beyond their scores. Communicate with teachers in order to get letters of recommendation. Starting the applications: different portals (Common App), UC, Cal State. Dec 1 deadline for UC/Cal State. Other schools have varying deadlines. Completing FAFSA/CADA applications. CSS profile will tell you what

school requirements are. Submitting test scores: advantages/drawbacks to submitting ACT/SAT test scores. College Essays: remember to answer the chosen prompt!! Ensure the essay flows, proofreading, editing, and have a parent or counselor read the final draft (without letting the feedback received conflict). Student Voice: AI can help with organization and structure of essay, but nothing more. PIQ (UC) prompts, choose 4 of the 8. CommonApp essay will be a universal essay prompt. School commitments: Early Admission requires priority deadlines (usually Nov 1), Regular Decision, Wait List. Learn about different colleges, visit websites, virtual tours or physical tours. A student "brag sheet" helps parents share things about their children that they may have missed for referral letters. Keep grades strong until the end. Parents are welcome to attend senior meetings, complete everything on the senior checklist, and contact the student counselor in order to receive that information. The college center newsletter goes out every Thursday and will keep you updated about all the events happening. October 15 CommonApp workshop from 5-7pm and future Financial Aid workshop will be provided. College reps are visiting the campus regularly throughout the fall semester. Students can come in before school, during nutrition and lunch or after school to meet with their counselor. Some parents asked specific questions regarding deadlines and parent involvement. Meetings for juniors will also begin Spring semester providing information to students and parents in order to prepare them for Fall admissions. Encouraging that 10th graders also begin preparing in order to help them with the transition into the college application process. This is part of the new restructuring of the college admission process and college counseling program, updates and changes (such as schools requiring SAT's) from colleges and universities are also being shared and communicated. The parent portion of CommonApp is important to remember, and make sure to give teachers ample time to provide the letter of recs through the Common App before the Nov 1 deadline. Teachers will get their own link to upload the letters of rec, students do not handle that themselves.

Adjournment - Jenn Pedersen adjourned the meeting at 10:40am.

With gratitude to Clio Bitboul for taking notes, minutes respectfully submitted by Jill Eggerman, Recording Secretary

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EVENT:	DATE: 10/20/15			DATE: 10/20/15		
#	NAME	TIME IN	TIME OUT	DOOR	PTSA MEMBER	VOLUNTEER PERIOD TOTAL HOURS
1	Maxim Lee	9:00	-	Yes		37
2	Paula Lee	9:00	-	Yes		30
3	Jenna Pedersen	8:00	-	Y		40
4	Deb Bishop	9:00	-	Y		25
5	Paula Lee	9:00	-	Y		25
6	Alison Lewis	9:00	-	Y		15
7	Erin Bishop	9:00	-	Y		15
8	Kristen Bishop	9:00	-	Y		15
9	Paula Lee	9:00	-	Y		15
10	Paula Lee	9:00	-	Y		15
11	Shannon Kachel	9:00	-	Y		15
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4	ZEN SIMON	9:00 AM	-	Y		20
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