

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 10/11, 2022 | 7:00- 8:00 pm

Tuesday, 9/6, 2022 | 7:00- 8:00 pm

Attendees

Board: Stephanie Klein, Yubo Zhang, Roxanne Fuller

Total participants: 23 general members

Agenda

- Introduction
 - President: Stephanie Klein
 - Consultant: Roxanne Fuller
- Officer Elections
 - Yubo Zhang, elected to VP
- Hospitality and Activities Report
 - Back to School Luncheon for teachers week before school started
 - New Student Orientation
 - Back to School
- Teacher Grant Report
 - Doughnuts for teachers first day of school
 - Pocket constitutions to hand out to students
 - Apply for teacher grants here: <https://forms.gle/NZTBfRSFkpBcBouF9>
- Membership Report
 - New members
 - 186 Premium
 - 21 Basic
 - 83 purchases of individual swag (t-shirts, cinch bags, etc)
 - Goal is 500 memberships
 - Sign up at <https://www.battlefieldhighschoolpto.com/online-store>
 - T-shirt Inventory
 - Sold out of
 - Senior large
 - Sophomore small
 - Freshman medium and large
- Grocery Card Program Report
 - Harris Teeter
 - 494 members
 - \$363.94 earned since Aug 1, 2022
 - Goal is \$7000 earned
 - Sign up: <https://battlefieldhighschoolpto.com/support> or email bhsgrocerycardprogram@gmail.com
 - Amazon Smile

- 161 members
 - \$1,358 earned (lifetime amount)
 - Goal is 500 members
 - Sign up: <https://battlefieldhighschoolpto.com/support> or email bhsgrocerycardprogram@gmail.com
- Principle Ryan Ferrera Q&A
 - What should parent's expectations for communication be?
 - Each week, Bobcat Bobcast
 - Email / text as needed (for things like lockdown drills, anything unusual happening at school)
 - When emailing staff / teachers, they will try to reply within 24 hours
 - What are your goals for this year?
 - Prince William County Schools has a Strategic Plan (https://www.pwcs.edu/about_us/strategic_plan). BHS has a Continuing Improvement with goals that align to the Strategic Plan. Goals on Continuing Improvement plan are:
 - Learning and Achievement for All
 - Closing the gap in special education and English as a second language in Pass Advance for science, math, language arts
 - Increase percent of students (across all populations) completing advanced coursework (AP or Dual Enrollment courses)
 - Positive Climate and Culture
 - Increase student connection and belonging
 - Surveys used to measure, so encourage students to complete these!
 - Increase staff professional satisfaction
 - PTO sponsors lunches, breakfasts throughout the year plus a monthly teacher gift. Thank you for your support!
 - Family and Community Engagement
 - Increase engagement with family and community
 - Added open comment time to Principal's Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - Two new Parent Liaisons (Shea Edwards and Kimmie Ceron)
 - Creating a parent center
 - Will be sending out additional way for community members to volunteer
 - How can parents provide feedback to school leaders / staff?
 - Reach out to staff directly (email, ParentVue. School Status is new application being rolled out to assist in communication)
 - Reach out to parent liaisons (Shea Edwards and Kimmie Ceron)

- Speak at Principal's Advisory Committee (PAC) open comment time
- What are you most excited about for the coming year?
 - Getting back to the core business of schools (which is education)!
- Where can parents help that will make the most impact?
 - Volunteer with parent liaisons (Shea Edwards and Kimmie Ceron)
 - Substitute teachers are always needed
 - Opening for Robotics Coach
 - Let school know what your talent / passion is and they will find a way to use it
- What are three things you wish every parent would do?
 - Talk to teachers directly if there's an issue in the classroom
 - Read the weekly Bobcast, PWCS Strategic Plan (https://www.pwcs.edu/about_us/strategic_plan), and review BHS's organizational chart (coming soon to BHS website and will be in Bobcast)
 - Get involved
- What is eHall Pass?
 - New system this year that helps track how many students are roaming the halls at any given moment
 - Allows admin to set different limits:
 - Number of students total
 - Number of students per bathroom
 - Limit students with known issues from being in hall at same time
 - Student requests pass on their device
 - Teacher approves pass or sets up auto-approve
 - If students are experiencing long wait times, let school know; caps can be adjusted
 - Will be especially helpful as the year progresses and more students are flexing out of Flex period
- What is Flex period?
 - Extra time for each class. Students rotate through their schedule so each class has flex time. The time can be used to catch up on missing work, get extra help from teacher, study for upcoming tests, work on assignments
 - If student is currently scheduled for one class, but they need help in a different class, they can "flex out" to the other class
- What is considered "semi-formal" wear for Homecoming dance?
 - Boys: pants and dress shirt; some boys wear jacket/tie
 - Girls: dress, skirt/top, dress pants/top; Traditionally girls wear short dress for Homecoming, long dress for Prom
 - Guests must be high school age (cannot be younger or older)
 - Homecoming Closet
 - Students can drop off jackets, purses, shoes, etc in Homecoming Closet

- PTO staffs the Closet and earns \$1 per student (from ticket proceeds - not an additional cost to students)
- PTO will be requesting volunteers to help staff - we'd love to have your help!

Next meeting: Oct 11th 7pm

Contact: info@battlefieldhighschoolpto.com for questions / comments or to volunteer!