

Buffalo Grove Parents Association Minutes - August 19, 2020

Zoom meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by President, Michele Greenberg
Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

President's Report:

Introduced the board to everyone.

The BGPA supports the students (mini grants and scholarships) as well as share information about our BGHS community to improve the education experience for our students as well as to create a parent network. One of our challenges will be fundraising. Your dues are our primary funding source. We anticipate spirit wear and dining for dollars will bring in additional funds. If you have other ideas, please reach out and let us know. We use MailChimp and SignUpGenius throughout the year to communicate, so please be sure to check that they are not going to your SPAM folder. We do have new items for spirit wear.

Secretary's Report: Manal Omar presented the May meeting minutes. Motion was made to accept the May minutes. Cherly Allen accepted the report and Sheri Butler seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Molly Acker presented the Income/Expense budget for 2020-2021 school year. We are not sure how the school year will look like due to the pandemic, but we kept the budget as if it's a normal school year for now. Our primary funds will likely come from Membership, Spirit Wear and Dining for Dollars. We are hoping Spirit wear can hit the budget of \$2,500. We still have Jackie Sell- Scholarship at \$5,000. Dining for Dollars we have the budget at \$500. Our budget is \$16,000 and we have reserves of \$3,000 that we can use if needed. Motion was made to accept the 2020-2021 Income/Expense report. Sheri Butler accepted the report and Cheryl Allen seconded the motion to approve the report. Motion passed.

Principal's Report:

Welcomed everyone to the new school year.

What to expect:

- 1) All classes will be synchronized
- 2) Classes should be interactive
- 3) Block Schedule

They do anticipate staying in the block schedule. Mid November or after Thanksgiving a survey will be sent out to parents for feedback.

The goal is to keep the students connected and interactive. They have opportunities such as athletics, competitive activities and clubs.

This school year is the first time they have kicked off a Freshman mentor program. They have 120 staff to mentor and help transition Freshman into high school. They will also be having Lit Lab and tutoring starting next week. Check your emails from Principal Wardle and his blogs for more info to come.

IEP minutes will be met and done virtual at this time due to the pandemic.

The state SAT will be on September 23 and October 27th. They will be testing all seniors that missed the test last spring and splitting them up into two groups. There will also be NMSQT testing for juniors on October 14th. In the NMSQT, there's potential and possibilities in getting National Merit Scholarships and a great preview/practice for the SAT. There will also be an opportunity for SAT retakes. The state has not yet addressed what to do if parents are not ready to send their kids into school to take the test. More information to come in emails for the SAT.

Vice President Report: Lauren Pond presented the committee reports.

Active Committee Reports:

Spirit Wear: Pre orders started Friday. We have a \$900 profit so far. Will send out another reminder. This will be the main sale for the year. We do have in-stock items, but sizes are limited.

Student Directory: New parents should join the BGPA membership to get access to the only online school directory. There is an app for it as well.

Mini Grants: Is funds to support the school clubs. Towards the spring those who run the clubs will put in request for supplies or things needed for the activities that they do.

Dining for Dollars: Held monthly or every other month at a restaurant and they will give back a percentage of sales to the BGPA. Just mention you are with Buffalo Grove High School or show the flyer. We are working on a date for September at Culvers.

Amazon Smiles: Great way to help support the BGPA. Go to your account and click on supporting and type in Buffalo Grove Parent Association and select it. Make sure when making purchases you are using the site [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). Reach out to Lauren Pond if you have any questions or need any help adding the BGPA.

Inactive Committees:

Student Appreciation: During finals snacks would be handed out to the students before the tests in school.

Teacher Conference Dinner: BGPA chairs put together a dinner for teachers during conferences.

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*Due to Covid, we are not sure how conferences are going to be. So we are thinking of merging the Teacher Conference Dinner committee and Teacher Conference Appreciation committee. Hopefully, in May, we can do something for the Teachers and staff.

Coat Closet: On Hold. Parents take coats and other items from students during events such as homecoming, prom, and turn about.

Scholarships: Cheryl Allen is in charge of scholarships. Scholarships are given to Seniors at the end of the school year. Seniors submit essays and are judged by parents (not senior parents). Strictly confidential and materials are shredded. If you want to be a judge please contact Cheryl.

Class Board Liaisons:

Freshman-

Sophomore-

Junior-

Senior-

Middle School Liaisons:

Liaisons:

New Business:

Freshman Liaison is open if anyone would like to volunteer.

Parents wanted to know how students can sign up/join clubs.

Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and if anyone has additional questions to reach out.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm

Kris Howard accepted the motion and Juli Bohm seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Next BGPA meeting is Wednesday, September 16th