



PTG E-board Meeting January 15, 2020 at McKelvie

BOARD INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME: Attendees: Sue Jennato (Co-President), Sonya Van Der Meer

(Co-President), Sarah Lang (Secretary), Mindy Bator (Treasurer), Phil Schappler (Administration Liaison), Jen Asdot

(Administrative Liaison), Chelsea Donahue (RAL Liaison and VP Publicity), Mike Fournier (Superintendent), Anne

Mikol (BHS Liaison), Tracy Healey (BHS Liaison), Kelly O'Donnell (PWS Liaison), Kim Beekman (VP of Fundraising),

Lauren Martin (RBS Liaison), Marc Murai (Memorial Liaison), Heather Noonan (McKelvie Liaison), Kenn Archibald

(Memorial Liaison), Jay Nash (School Board Liaison), and Emily Sheff (PWS Liaison)

Absent Members: None

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Jay Nash

The school board has been trying to get the public more engaged with the budget.

Three of the upcoming warrants for the upcoming election are: The sprinkler system, the athletic department(including the returfing), and the staff contracts.

The Operation Budget: 3 important components:

- People: 5 New positions
- Funding for program change. Example: Everyday math changed to Big Ideas
- Physical Maintenance

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Mike Fournier

One of the new positions that the administration is looking for is a social worker. This has been a need for a few years.

- There will be videos for each part of the budget.
- BHS is the second biggest polling station. Due to this there are discussions about providing a day off for the district and a workshop day for BHS staff at another school. This could provide more parking and another entrance.
- 125 students were inducted into the honor society
- PTG gave Mike the check for the new sound systems/projectors for the district.

APPROVE DECEMBER MINUTES- Approved by Board as Written

FUNDRAISER UPDATES:

SUPPORT DRIVE (Budget \$7,500) Actual to date \$9,696

Money is still coming in throughout the year. This is an ongoing fundraiser.

MEADOW FARMS FUNDRAISER (Budget \$10,500) Actual \$10,179

GIFT CARDS (Budget \$2,000) Actual \$3515

- 12 locals and 10 best selling nationals
- Total Sales/Profit: 2632 cards, \$50,070 sales, \$3,515 profit

SKI, SKATE AND MORE SALE (Budget \$14,000) Estimated profit \$18,900

The profit includes equipment purchase.

COLOR BLAST (Budget \$25,000)

- Sunday, May 31st 2020 (registration will open Friday March 13th)
- Sponsor Update

Any board member can sign up for “open” sponsors. This year is off to a great start, there will be a raffle, DJ and a balloon twister etc.

EVENT UPDATES:

COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH SUPERINTENDENT - Wednesday, Jan 22nd, 9:30am at Town Library

This round table discussion is open to discussing the budget.

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT - Thursday, January 23rd 4:30pm or 6:30pm

RSVP sent to parents

SENIOR/GRANDPARENTS DAY:

GP coordinators need to reach out to their food service rep.

School's budget for incidentals and supplemental food/beverages. The district covers the meals and the PTG helps offset some of the cost. The Board will further discuss the district funding portion. Store bought food only allowed. Review GP Day Policy

Senior/GP Day policy:

Grandparents Day budget is for incidental items like coffee, drinks, paper goods, supplemental food items, tablecloths, nametags, inexpensive centerpieces, etc. It is not intended for raffles or giveaway items, extensive decorations and/or centerpieces.

With the help of the district covering the cost of the main meal, the budget is intended to be spent on other necessities for the day. We do not want to take advantage of the generosity of the District by spending the PTG budget on unnecessary items. Any unspent PTG budget money from this event goes back to the District to help offset the cost of the meals provided by the district for all schools.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SCHOOL DONATIONS TO PTG The board discussed and voted on NOT accepting “donations” from McKelvie/Move-a-Thon \$1,000 and RAL Read-a-thon this year. This vote was passed with no objections.

IT'S A GAS PROGRAM UPDATE: Kenn is looking into getting this program more diverse, organized and user friendly. Adding science component proved not to be an easy add but there also might be a way to add some STEM into the program, while still discussing the arts. For example: there could be a week about photography or how paint is made etc. Also, he is looking into making the program shareable in a google drive format. More updates next month.

DISTRICT ART SHOW UPDATE: Tracy Healy's daughter is currently working on this for her senior project. More updates next month. Date set for April 16th

PUBLICITY REPORT

- FB Live ideas: The board discussed different ideas that could be used on a facebook live feed.
- Another PTG budget interview with Mike: This is be filmed on 2/7

TREASURER REPORT

- ORK/AIR Update: Mindy Bator provided an update to where all schools were at with the ORK/AIR funds.
- AmazonSmile quarterly donation \$188.74. This is a large number, thanks to holiday shopping.

SURPLUS PLAN UPDATE Presented/accepted by Bedford School Board, check delivered to Mike at board mtg. District has until 6/1/2020 to spend or funds need to be returned.

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS David Flood for Diversity 3/25/20. This will be a presentation for parents. Fall 2020: Michael Thompson

- Terri Hamilton-Mindfulness, January 14th at McKelvie (K-6 parents)

OPEN ROLES:

- District Support
- Program Research Coordinator

LIAISON REPORTS:

Missing: RAL and Memorial

McKelvie:

- McKelvie started off the new year with a presentation to students and staff from motivational speaker David Flood. David's message focused on kindness, empathy, and being inclusive of one another. Special thanks to the Bedford Bobcats Special Olympics Team for bringing this terrific event to McKelvie.

- McKelvie and the PTG sponsored a Mindfulness and Stress Management Seminar with guests speaker Terri Hamilton. Over 50 families came to learn more about the benefits of Mindfulness which includes increased focus for learning and stress management in our everyday lives.

-New this year at McKelvie is Connections, a 30 minute period every Thursday where students break down into small groups with a staff member to discuss monthly topics. January's focus has been all about setting goals for the second half of the school year and how to appreciate the strengths and weaknesses we all have. This new school wide activity helps target the social emotional skills that promote building better relationships with each other. It has quickly become a popular weekly event and the positive effects have been seen by staff members and administrators alike.

- Another new addition to McKelvie is Gus, a certified therapy dog who visits on Fridays! He is an adorable addition to McK!

- Over February vacation, McKelvie will be getting another new

upgrade... the new lighting and sound equipment that was funded by all the hard work and support from Move-A-Thon, will be installed! This new equipment will replace the current outdated systems and will be a much needed boost during all school assemblies, and events such as the McK drama production.

PWS:

12/6 – Ellis Island Day – Extraordinary success once again. [Link](#) to slide show highlighting the day. Additionally, each 4th Grade class celebrated the end of the immigration unit with an international food festival where each student brought in a food dish from the country they immigrated from.

Dec – 3rd Grade teachers did podcasts with their students on various topics regarding Native Americans.

1/8 – Winter Concert held featuring the 4th Grade Chorus & Strings Club

1/10 – Principal's blog featured a quick video on what rechargers are (link: [rechargers](#))

1/17 – 4th Grade Geography Bee for the 10 grade-level finalists

Jan – 4th Grade Book Club starting up during recess

Jan – 3rd Grade Kindness club starting up

Jan – 2nd Grade Cross Stitch club starting up during recess

Jan – 3rd Graders will have a project-based learning opportunity on developing tiny houses. The activity will teach benefits of tiny houses, balancing needs vs. wants in a small space in addition to using mathematical skills to calculate area & perimeter to help design their space. Students will also present their design models to their classmates.

2/6 – Family Fun Night scheduled – theme this year is “Taking Care of Mind, Body & Each Other”

2/7 – Coffee Cart scheduled

2/17, 2/18 – 3rd Grade Inventive Thinking Day, 4th Grade Invention Convention

Feb – 4th Graders will be visiting the NH State House & Historical Society

Ongoing:

Sensory Wall in development – wall items will be installed as items come in. Floor items will be installed over summer break so finish can be applied on top of it.

Student Council is working to develop Kid Vote options for March 10th vote

Upcoming AIR/ORK:

AIR - Alastair Moock – will come in & work with the school to develop a school song (pending funding)

ORK - Zach Umberovitch - last week of Jan to work Rube Goldbergs w/ 3rd Grade for Inventive Thinking

RBS:

- K and 1st grade registration starts February 3rd.
- Lady's Choice dance will be held on February 7th.
- Check out the instagram page! There are amazing shares with what is going on in all classrooms including the technology kids are being introduced to.
- April 3rd is Family Fun Night
- 3rd grade is starting their chorus group and they are doing Invention Convention in school this year.
- Parents need to read Principal's Notes and follow the drop off rules. It is getting dangerous.

BHS:

Cookie Caper was completed before break – Bob said all the feedback was positive. They were glad we had so many allergy options as there are a lot of allergies in the building. We had a full sign up and plenty of cookies to go around. Also this year we had Bob send a reminder and asked teachers to put a sign on the door if they did not want to be interrupted which teachers appreciated.

Discussed AIR Funds - Bob says that the art teacher has something in mind they just don't have the details yet but this money will be spent.

ORK funds

BHS will had its' first Computer Science Week (12/9-12/13). This will be an annual event, similar to World Language Week. There was a panel session on Friday, 12/13. Panel members will receive \$200 each for their time (originally he had said \$100). Bob says he was in touch with our treasurer about this so we should just follow up and be sure we have given them these funds.

Sue Jennato sent an email to Bob and Lisa Jacques(dean of students) about a stress and anxiety speaker that would possibly be a joint presentation between BHS and PTG community speaker funds. Lisa has reviewed the video and Bob has that on his to-do this week, so should be able to get back to us soon about this idea.

I also mentioned that if there is anything upcoming for next year, we could provide the funds this year, even if the actual event was next year.

Discussed upcoming Principal reading night. Bob will be there for the first session but he has another meeting at BHS that night so the BHS librarian will be there for the second session.

Up next:

Next Liaison meeting Thursday, 2/6/20

UPCOMING TOPICS

- Staff Appreciation May 11-15th, initial discussion
- Board positions for next year...3 year term limits, open roles.
- Board meeting schedule for next year...2nd Wed of the month...discuss at future mtg

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January:

Mon Jan 20 No School
Wed Jan 22 9:30-10:30am Coffee with Superintendent (@ Town Library)
Thu Jan 23 4:30pm & 6:30pm PTG Principal Winter Reading Night
Thu Jan 30 Snow Date for PWRN

February:

Tue Feb 11 No School - Don't forget to VOTE :)
Wed Feb 19 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (@ Mck)
Mon Feb 24-Fri Feb 28 No School-February Break

March:

Tue Mar 10 No School - Don't forget to VOTE :)
Wed Mar 18 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (@ Mck)

Approved as Written: 02/19/2020