



PTG E-board Meeting November 4th, 2020 via Zoom

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Co-President -Sonya van der Meer, Co-President-Sarah Lang, Secretary-Sue Jennato, Treasurer-Amy Dion; VP Fundraising-Amanda Miller; VP Publicity-Chelsea Donahue

BHS-Anne Mikol

Lurgio-Chelsea Donahue

McKelvie-Marc Murai, Amy Gagnon

PWS-Emily Sheff, Meg Duhaime

RBS-Becca Durrell

Memorial-Kenn Archibald

Board/Admin - Jen Asdot, Cheryl Daley

Superintendent - Mike Fournier

School Board Liaison - Jay Nash

Absent:

BHS-Sue Russell; RBS-Lauren Martin, Becca Durrell

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Jay Nash

Start of budget process. All documents are available to review. Encouraged involvement and be involved early.

Big drivers:

- CEP-Some expensive capital expenditure projects planned
- Enrollments-enrollments are projected to be declining, will likely have impact

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Mike Fournier

- Budget-direction to schools has been to stay as flat a possible
- NH retirement contribution going up from up from \$.18/\$1 to \$.22/\$1
- Metric page on District website continually being updated and new data added
- District will be looking at where we are at curriculum wise vs where we ought to be, more details coming.
- Snow days are being looked at in terms of how to handle...virtual learning day or traditional snow day. Delays will be treated as usual. BHS will look to switch schedule around on delay so in-person time will be in the afternoon instead of morning.

APPROVE OCTOBER MINUTES Approved as written by Board

REVIEW AND APPROVE NEW STANDING RULE Approved as written by Board

- Click [HERE](#) to access Standing Rules document
 - Volunteer Request on Social Media

FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

SUPPORT DRIVE (Budget \$7,500) Actual to date \$10,588. Additional donations are still coming in and can continue to be accepted.

MEADOW FARMS FUNDRAISER (Budget \$8,000)

- Total MF sales [estimated PTG profit close to \\$11,000](#). Stronger sales than last year

GIFT CARDS (Budget \$2,000) [Sarah has assumed the role of District GC Coordinator](#)

- Share confirmed final business list/order form - [Good turnout for locals](#)
- Separate memo created for remote only families -[will be shared with Principals so they can forward to remote families](#)
- Copies should be made by now at schools for delivery to teacher mailboxes
- One due date, November 20th
- Sale runs 11/6-11/20, cards delivered by 12/11

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH SUPERINTENDENT - [Event was virtual and well attended \(7-8 people\)](#)

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT -

- Update on virtual event and filming by BCTV- [BCTV will film live on January 21 at 6:30pm at McKelvie. One reading only. Details being worked out.](#)

ORK/AIR and COMMUNITY SPEAKERS/EVENTS

- ORK virtual newsletter
- RBS pursuing virtual Pulpit Rock field trip
- RAL looking to do online classes with author Sigmund Brauer
- RAL may be interested in Upstanders documentary

[BHS asked if the virtual newsletter included any Diversity options. Speaker leads shared earlier in the year with Bob will be forwarded to Anne.](#)

IT'S A GAS PROGRAM UPDATE [Kenn will be sharing links soon. Videos and activities created per artist. Will be shared with Board for possible use beyond elementary schools and will be shared with school level GAS coordinators. Kenn making sure program will be set up to use in a virtual setting but also in a classroom setting for future uses.](#)

OTHER BUSINESS:

HANNAFORD COMMUNITY BAG PROGRAM - For the month of November, PTG will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Hannaford store located at 7 Kilton Road

HARVARD PILGRIM GRANT AWARD - PTG is the proud recipient of the Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grants Program funded by Harvard Pilgrim. This \$500 grant was awarded due to the generous nomination of a Bedford family.

VOLUNTEER UPDATE:

- [Liaisons report that #s are low at the schools. Still no immediate volunteer needs. In the future, schools can ask principals to send volunteer requests directly to families to increase those that have signed up. BHS had luck when they reached out to last year's volunteers reminding them to sign up again this year.](#)

TREASURER UPDATE -[Be sure to submit receipts and deposit slips to Amy in a timely manner.](#)

MARKETING UPDATE [Bedford Living article moved to Dec issue](#)

OTHER: Discussed concerns about increased in Gaming happening by students and potential for toxic chat rooms on these games. What can be done to help keep parents informed. Discussed the possibility of looking into virtual presentations for parents. Sonya/Sarah to revisit Media Power Youth or other leads that might be a good Community Speaker offering for this topic.

LIAISON REPORTS: Send to Sue by Friday for inclusion in meeting minutes.

RAL and Memorial - haven't met with Principal yet

McKelvie - pending

RBS

Annual harvest calendar raffle is on progress and will wrap up on Friday, November 13th.

We have 60 parent volunteers sign up for this year.

All classes were able to have their own Halloween celebrations which the kids enjoyed.

We are currently collecting for the Bedford Community Food Pantry.

PWS

Halloween was a great success. Classrooms held small, socially distant celebrations and grade level room parents helped support the teachers remotely as well. The 2nd grade scarecrow jubilee was a virtual event as well- a video was sent out celebrating all the hard work the 2nd graders did. It was well received and appreciated that this tradition was kept!

PTG is supporting the staff and teachers at their monthly staff meetings. Mrs Clark, our guidance counselor, is working with us to provide Wellness Wednesdays once a month to promote morale. There are different themes like "Orange you Glad it's Fall?" with all orange colored snacks and a "Stress-Fighting Superfoods" and "Fight Fatigue Fare" are planned for the upcoming months.

Lastly, our new Asst Principal, Marc Robitaille is getting married this weekend. Using monetary donations, we worked with Inside Scoop to provide individually wrapped brownie bites for staff at a surprise wedding party today at PWS.

BHS

Minutes- BHS Liaison meeting with Bob Jozokos

Date: Mon November 2nd, 1:30 pm

Offered to help BHS with any diversity programming they decide on in the future. Bob said they have formed a student group and a parent group - both well attended - to talk about how to address diversity and racism issues at the high school. He is expecting over the next couple of months to be developing some plans with these two groups and will let PTG know how we can help.

Also offered to help with Computer Science week as that is something we contributed to last year - we paid a stipend for some speakers who came to talk about computer science careers. Bob was not sure when this was happening this year but will keep that in mind.

Also told him that It's a GAS videos would be coming soon and we will review them to make recommendations about how they can be used as an advisory activity.

Bob asked about the support drive and we told him that although BHS contribution was only ½ of last year, overall we exceeded our goals.

Told Bob gift card fundraiser was starting. Mentioned that we would still be holding principal reading night, only virtually and more info would be coming his way. I emailed him the date.

We offered any other help that the PTG could give the school to just let us know.

We set the date for the Cookie Caper as Friday Dec. 18. We will plan to pass out cookies as students are leaving. We will set it up so students can just walk by and grab one- not actually pass them out. We will finalize the details at our next meeting. There are 1483 students and 240 staff, so we will need about 1723 cookies!

We set our next meeting as Dec. 8 at 1:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 2020:

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| Fri Nov 6 | PTG Gift Card Packet Delivered (K-8, BHS online) |
| Wed Nov 11 | No School |
| Fri Nov 20 | PTG Gift Card Order Due Date |
| Wed Nov 25-Fri Nov 27 | No School |

December 2020:

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| Wed Dec 9 | 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (remote) |
| Fri Dec 11 | PTG Gift Card Delivery to Families |
| Thur Dec 24 – Fri Jan 1 | No School |

January 2021:

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| Wed Jan 13 | 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (@McK) |
| Mon Jan 18 | No School |
| Thu Jan 21 | 6:30pm Principal Winter Reading Night-Virtual |

MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD AS WRITTEN 12/9/2020