



PTG E-board Meeting December 9th, 2020 via Zoom

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Co-President-Sonya van der Meer, Co-President-Sarah Lang; Secretary-Sue Jennato;
Treasurer-Amy Dion; 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

Absent:

VP Fundraising-Amanda Miller

BHS-Sue Russell; RBS-Lauren Martin

School Board Liaison - Jay Nash

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Jay Nash (sent electronically)

1. The FY22 budget was completed at Monday's meeting and sits at \$78,247,780
2. An agreement with our teachers is still being negotiated, and will be presented to voters on a separate warrant article (as always).
3. The board members voted to add a 10-year bond to the ballot to pay for adding sprinklers at approximately \$1.4M (the final interest can only be negotiated if/after the voters approve the bond).
4. We will begin working on the formal budget presentation this week.

It's been non-stop budget and contract negotiations for Cindy, Sue, Bill, John, Mike and the team at the SAU. And, Mike and the administrators also seem to have found time to do everything else they do to keep our schools open and running! Thank you to all involved.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Mike Fournier

Budget Drivers:

NH retirement up \$1M and loss of about \$300K in revenue

Enrollment down, staffing impacted

Mike discussed SRO funding. District and School Board support the SRO program but they are looking for funding to come from town side, as opposed to a split between town and school.

Covid:

No evidence of transmission in schools. Mitigation measures of 6ft and masks have been working. Bedford will continue to hold its ground with Hybrid model.

Mike reviewed the process/plan for families to select model for 2nd semester and that

the district will do it's best to meet requests.

Mike reminded everyone to be sure to treat school nurses with kindness. They are on our front lines and dealing with a lot.

APPROVE NOVEMBER MINUTES Approved by board as written

FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

SUPPORT DRIVE (Budget \$7,500) Actual to date \$11,495

MEADOW FARMS FUNDRAISER (Budget \$8,000) Actual \$11,105

GIFT CARDS (Budget \$2,000, estimated actual profit \$3,000

- Sold 2,287 gift cards valued at \$44,585
- Cards delivered by 12/11

One round was much easier to manage and brought in almost as much as 2 rounds did last year. Will review the ability to offer just one round going forward.

2021 WINTER/SPRING FUNDRAISERS

- To be discussed in OTHER BUSINESS

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT -

- Update on virtual event and filming by BCTV

Filed live at McKelvie by BCTV on January 21st. Plans are moving forward. Looking to set a snow date.

ORK/AIR and COMMUNITY SPEAKERS/EVENTS

- RBS virtual Pulpit Rock field trip
- RAL online writing classes with author Sigmund Brauer
- PWS Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum virtual tour
- RBS pursuing several virtual options: Audubon, Tanglewood Marionettes
- RAL may be interested in Upstanders documentary

Discussed Community Speaker budget...do we move forward with a virtual option?

Concerned that people are "screened out".

Also concerned about cost of virtual events and how many will tune in.

Discussed finding something parents and students could watch together.

Will review Media Power Youth as a possibility.

May decide to table community presentations until Fall.

IT'S A GAS PROGRAM UPDATE

Program is rolling out well. Getting good feedback and receiving pics of student art work. Librarians looking to support the program by adding books to their libraries about the artists.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ORK/AIR/Other School Needs UPDATE:

- Liaisons please have updates about the forecasted expenditures

This item is still open. Looking to determine where we will end the year expense wise so

we can plan accordingly for spring fundraisers.

SCHOOL-SPECIFIC FUNDRAISERS

- Liaisons please have updates about what is planned for Jan.-June 2021

This item is still open.

2021 WINTER/SPRING FUNDRAISERS

- Support Drive (Feb.)
- Scholastic Spring Book Fair (Budget \$10,000; April/May)
 - Scheduled for week of April 5th at Elementary schools and McKelvie
 - Schools asked not to reschedule their fall/winter school specific fundraisers at this time so as not to conflict with the District fair. If PTG cancels spring fair, schools could look to host their own school specific online fair
 - PTG will not offer an online only fair, book fair will be held only if in-person is an option.
 - Considering moving the date to early May. Possibly hold outside, etc.

Decided to move Book Fair to the week of May 10th. Discussed options of hosting outside, hosting just at one school (ie RAL under their tents). Also discussed whether we needed to host this event at all due to budget needs and event logistics. Will discuss further in January/February

- Color Blast (Budget \$20,000; May 23)
 - Committee will hold its first meeting in January to discuss live and virtual options

Moving forward with planning, kick off meeting to be held in January. Will plan to hold in person with a virtual option.

TREASURER UPDATE

Amy reviewed current P&L with board.

MARKETING UPDATE (Chelsea)

Highlighted recent PTG article in Bedford Living Magazine.

Asked to be kept in the loop on virtually funded PTG events at the schools so we can promote.

Reminder to everyone to like/love or comment on PTG's social media posts.

Ways to utilize electronic sign for PTG shout outs.

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

RBS

December update for RBS

Becca Durrell and Emily Tolson coordinated a teacher breakfast right before thanksgiving that was well received. All food and coffee was provided by parent donations.

We are hosting a coat drive 12/7-12/17.

Two spirit days are planned for this month: All School PJ day and Festive Sweater Day

Budgets updates for RBS

We are still holding out hope we can host our Family Fun Night this Spring

Requests have been submitted for Tanglewood Marionettes for 1st grade and Audobon for 2nd grade.

Kindergarten and Grade 3 do not have anything planned

Grade 4 has no immediate plans but may do something later if they get to their energy unit in Science.

PWS

Everything continues to go well at Peter Woodbury this year. Teachers are planning their own holiday/ winter celebrations and incorporating the room parents as needed. This is the same model we used for Halloween parties which was very successful. With regards to ORK/AIR/ other school fundraising efforts, there is nothing currently planned but Cheryl was bringing to the faculty staff meeting this week. Our 3rd grade did a virtual field trip to the Mt Kearsarge Indian museum in November, which was a great success. No individual fundraisers are currently being planned. Our annual Family Fun Night held in Feb/Mar each year has been postponed due to COVID. PTG continues to do snacks at staff meetings to help boost morale.

BHS Liaison meeting with Bob Jozokos

Date: Tues December 8th, 1:30 pm

Asked Bob about ORK/Air funds. He mentioned they are beginning to work with a street artist as an artist in residence. He would like to give him a small stipend - about \$200 plus supplies. This is just the beginning of the project but he doesn't expect it would be more than \$1000.

We reminded him about the information Sue had sent him about diversity speakers. BHS has established a parent group and a student group to talk about diversity. He also mentioned that their focus is definitely anti-racism, and some of those programs were more general.

As a result of the committees and trying to figure out an advisory diversity project, they realize that the teachers need some development so that they feel comfortable discussing this topic. Bob asked if PTG would be able to fund some of that - since it's not direct student programming. We told him we would bring it up at the meeting and find out.

No upcoming fundraisers - BHS does not do this for PTG, most of their fundraisers are for clubs.

Talked about It's a GAS - emailed Bob the information from Kenn, he shared it with the art department and they will see if there is a way they can use this.

Talked about the upcoming principal winter reading night. Bob mentioned a possible copyright problem, but was planning to participate.

Cookie Caper coming up Friday Dec.18. Drop off is at the front office by 2:30 on Thursday. Sign ups are looking very good for cookies. Bob will find us an open classroom so we can spread out while getting set up. We will have nut free, gluten free, dairy free and vegan options. Bob also gave the ok for us to deliver cookies to the classrooms. We will need 6 volunteers and each will have their own cart to keep social distancing. There are 1483 students and 240 staff, so we will need about 1723 cookies!

We set our next meeting as Jan 12 at 1:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 2020:

Fri Dec 11 PTG Gift Card Delivery to Families

Thur Dec 24 – Fri Jan 1 No School

January 2021:

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/Live on BCTV

February 2021:

Wed Feb 10 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (@ McK)

Mon Feb 22-Fri Feb 26 No School-February Break

MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD AS WRITTEN 1/13/2021