



## PTG E-board Meeting January 13th, 2021 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 Mikoll

Lurgio-Chelsea Donahue

McKelvie-Marc Murai, Amy Gagnon

PWS-Emily Sheff, Meg Duhaine

RBS-Becca Durrell

Memorial-Kenn Archibald

Board/Admin - Jen Asdot, Cheryl Daley

Superintendent - Mike Fournier

### **Absent:**

VP Fundraising-Amanda Miller

BHS-Sue Russell

School Board Liaison - Jay Nash

### SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Jay Nash

Update sent via email: The budget is finished and it can be found at [www.sau25.net](http://www.sau25.net)

### SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Mike Fournier

Budget is complete Deliberative session is February 2nd

Teachers slated to be vaccinated starting in March

Continue to meet with metrics team regarding reopening plan

Discussed the passing of PWS teacher Mr. Doherty. Support is available at the school for staff and students

District is following mental health guidance on all aspects of this situation including mourning vs.memorializing.

District moving away from permanent memorials

Looking into donations in Mr Doherty's name to organizations

### APPROVE DECEMBER MINUTES

Approved as written by Board

### **FUNDRAISER UPDATE:**

SUPPORT DRIVE (Budget \$7,500, actual as of 1/1 \$12,065)

- February push

Discussed a support push in February with a "Love Your Schools" theme. Board voted in favor of moving forward with this

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

GIFT CARDS (Budget \$2,000, actual profit \$3,001)

- Sold 2,287 gift cards valued at \$44,585

## SCHOLASTIC SPRING BOOK FAIR (Budget \$9,000; May)

- Final discussion

Recommendation to cancel PTG spring book fair due to logistics and financial needs. If schools wish to host a school specific fair they can but should proceed with an ONLINE only version. Board voted and agreed to not host the Scholastic Spring Book Fair.

## COLOR BLAST FUN RUN (Budget \$16,000; May 23)

- Format
- Budget update

Event will be virtual and held 5/22-5/31. Registration will open 3/22. Pricing will remain flat through registration. Sponsorship levels are being revisited. Budget was updated from \$20,000 to \$16,000

## TREASURER UPDATE

- Budget review
- Impact of updated fundraisers and expenses

Amy reviewed current numbers for revenue and expenses and the impact of Book Fair and Color blast budget changes along with the removal of some expenses like Community Presentations and It's a GAS. Year end is still expected to be flat.

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

### PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT -

- Thursday, January 21st live on BCTV at 6:30pm

It has been determined that it will be better to pre-record PWRN. Pre-recording will now take place on 21st and the event will air on BCTV on January 28th. Mike will emcee.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

### ORK/AIR/Other School Needs UPDATE:

- Liaisons please have updates about the forecasted expenditures

RAL-likely no more ORK/AIR to be spent this year

McK-will use some funds for new document readers

Mem-looking into possible virtual ideas that other elementary schools have used. Spring Fling may be virtual

PWS-no new updates on anticipated spending

RBS-Additional ORK may be spent on Audubon for 2nd and possibly something for 4th

BHS-AIR funds may be needed totaling about \$200-\$400. Diversity training for teachers as previously discussed will likely be pushed off until the fall, although PTG has not discussed if this would be funded through ORK/AIR.

## SCHOOL-SPECIFIC FUNDRAISERS

- Liaisons please have updates

## OPEN ROLES (Board and District level)

- Gift Card Coordinator

## MARKETING UPDATE

Email to go out re: PWRN date change

How can we better utilize the electronic sign? Possible uplifting quotes?

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

Reminder to all schools that liaison notes need to be turned in by Friday following the board meeting. Many schools are not consistently sending in notes.

## **RBS**

Just a couple updates:

- We are planning for upcoming spirit days for the remainder of this month and February.
- Emily Tolson and I are coordinating another teacher breakfast for Monday, 1/25. All food and coffee will be provided by parent donations.

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 1stgrade and Audobon for 2ndgrade.
- 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**

First and foremost, thank you for all the support from our community and beyond. Everyone is doing as well as can be expected, the teachers are holding a vigil this evening (Wednesday 1/13) for Mr Doherty and counselors continue to be present at PWS

Before winter break, the 4th Grade ELLIS ISLAND project as a Huge Success! We did it for the remote students also! PWS and the other elementary school got a Bedford Kids First Grant to create STEM kits for the students to do during remote learning and distance learning days. We continue to move forward with hybrid and remote learning. The teachers are continuing to work on increasing to plan creative activities for distance learning days.

## **McKelvie**

- Virtual Jazz Band is starting
- Jen hosted a staff breakfast and pizza lunch before Christmas break that was very much appreciated
- Going to be looking to use some ORK monies to purchase new document readers
- The existing ones are outdated and clunky and are having technical issues all the time
- Move-a-Thon is still very much up in the air as to whether or not it will be happening this year

## **RAL**

Joppa Hill winter "field trip" each week this month.  
Sigmund Bauer event is getting a good response.

## **BHS**

Minutes- BHS Liaison meeting with Bob Jozokos

Date: Tues January 12th, 1:30

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. This will probably be firmed up after second quarter has started.

We discussed the possibility of BHS requesting funds for a teacher training on diversity. They have identified a speaker - Esta Montano - they would like to have. The teacher who is the chair of the diversity committee has attended a training by her and recommended it. Bob thinks this will be in the fall because they only have one more teacher day scheduled in March and it already has a full schedule.

BHS has established a parent group and a student group to talk about diversity. They have come up with an advisory activity in which advisories will watch three videos - each one made by a BHS student talking about their experience with racism in Bedford. Not sure when this will happen but two of the videos are complete and one is almost complete.

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

Talked about the upcoming principal winter reading night. Bob mentioned he plans to participate.

Cookie Caper was a success! We delivered cookies to a much more subdued group than usual but it still was enjoyed by most students and staff!

Conferences are coming up - January 26 and 28. Bob will get back to us on what makes sense for some snacks/dinner for teachers and staff. We will use our volunteer list for donations and not use any funds.

Next meeting is tentatively Feb 9 at 1:30 - need confirmation from Bob.

#### UPCOMING TOPICS

- Staff Appreciation May 10-14th, initial discussion
- Board positions for next year...3-year term limits, open roles (board, district, school)
- Bereavement gift - PWS: Tim Doherty

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### January 2021:

Mon Jan 18 No School

Thu Jan 28 6:30pm Principal Winter Reading Night on BCTV

##### February

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

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

##### March

Tue Mar 9 No School - Don't forget to VOTE :)

Wed Mar 10 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (remote)

**MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD AS WRITTEN 3/10/2021**