



PTG E-board Meeting February 10th, 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 Mikol

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

School Board Liaison - Jay Nash

Absent:

VP Fundraising-Amanda Miller

BHS-Sue Russell

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Jay Nash

Deliberative session is complete. One change of added funding for SRO program.

Voting on March 9th

School Calendar for 2021/22 is done. February break moved to not overlap with MA break week

Board completed the Superintendent evaluation

Sonya thanked Jay for his 3 years as School Board liaison to the PTG board.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Mike Fournier

Mike is hopeful the sprinkler bond, operating budget and teacher contract will pass

- Sprinkler bond-low interest rates on borrowing money
- Budget-very lean, reduction of 5 FTE (full time employees). Revenues are down and NH retirement is up...this is what is driving the small increase and these are out of districts control
- Teacher Contract-maintain competitiveness

K and 1st all in since Monday. Pick up and drop off biggest challenge, asking for patience

Conversation regarding moving to Phase 3 is already underway. Working with BHS on class size/room space

Sarah reminded board that engagement is encouraged. Meeting via Zoom is difficult but discussion, engagement, attendance are still key in decision making.

APPROVE JANUARY MINUTES

Minutes were not properly linked so they will be approved at the next meeting

FUNDRAISER UPDATE:

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

- February "Love Your School" drive

Raised about \$870 thru PayPal to date. Still expecting more thru schools, PO box and PayPal.

Board discussed portion to be used for staff. 95% of funds from the drive were agreed to. Board voted to approved this without objection

Discussed how to spend these funds. Looking into a district wide gift card raffle for all staff.

Discussed Playground funds. Schools need to raise between \$60-\$100K to maintain their playgrounds. Money could be "banked" for this to use when playground needs arise. Part of the funding is covered by district maintenance but part is relied upon from fundraisers.

Kaboom Drive-option for funding new playgrounds (Chelsea has additional information)

Use of Priorities monies to bank for playgrounds?

Further discussion on PTG funds for playgrounds is needed.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Reminder that schools can host an online only book fair on their own if they choose

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

- Virtual event 5/22-5/31
- Registration opens March 22nd
- Sponsor Update

Several verbal commitments for sponsors totalling over \$5K to date.

- Marketing Update

Discussed having some sort of "best photo" contest for families to engage in. Winner gets gift card.

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT: Update

Virtual event was successful and fun. Lots of great stories from the schools. Link is available to watch "on demand"

STAFF APPRECIATION: May 10-14th, initial discussion

Each school was given their individual budgets and reminded to utilize the District Event Coordinator in their planning.

More information is needed on what the schools will be allowing. Sonya and Sarah to work with Mike on this.

More discussion next month.

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS

Covid funds in PTG's budget are not needed per Mike. Discussed moving these funds to Community Presentations to support mental health initiatives. Board voted to approve moving these funds (no objections)

Several leads are being pursued in hopes of offering a few presentations over the

spring months. Virtual and/or In-person being looked into. More details coming.
Cheryl to share NAMI contact (Amy Duckless) with Sonya and Sarah as another lead.

OTHER BUSINESS:

OPEN ROLES (Board and District level):

- District Gift Card Coordinator
- District Book Fair Coordinator
- New VP Publicity - Tejal
- Board positions for next year...3-year term limits

Liaisons need to be following up with their school level coordinators

BEREAVEMENT GIFT: PWS - Tim Doherty

Standing Rules reviewed for bereavement gifts.

Cheryl will follow up on ideas for where PTG can donate in memory of Tim Doherty.

Further discussion/decision next month.

TREASURER UPDATE

Amy reviewed ORK/AIR balances at each the schools

Marc discussed option of purchasing camera equipment to help RAL livestream games.

Further discussion took place on this idea and how more widespread it could be used.

Marc to determine need at schools, costs

Sonya and Sarah to see if grant money could be used for something like this.

Board will further discuss if this is something needed and if funds should/could be used

BHS-Possible use for ORK funds for a Diversity speaker for staff. BHS will pursue grant money to fund this, but will revisit PTG with request if that is not an option

Memorial-Needs additional funds for Field day kits for students that are being funded by grant money...they can use ORK funds for this. Also 2nd grade is looking into virtual Audubon activity

Reminder of resources:

Emily Tolson - Elementary ORK/AIR Coordinator

Jeanne-Marie Kraeme - Program Research Coordinator

MARKETING UPDATE

Chelsea reminded everyone to stay engaged on Facebook. Continue to like, comment or share PTG posts.

FINAL REMINDERS

Share volunteer/PTG school events/happenings with PTG so we can give shout-outs.

Attendance at upcoming meeting will be important as we move into season of planning and voting on things for the upcoming school year.

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

See BHS notes for update on Raffles

PWS Update for PTG 2/10 Meeting:

Peter Woodbury School was thrilled to learn that Nicole Cassamassino, Digital Learning

Teacher, was one of two recipients of the Rock Star Award in the State of NH for all her hard work in the Spring of 2020 when school switched to remote learning. Nicole was key in helping both students and staff make the switch to remote learning. It was very well deserved. The staff made announcements over the intercom and decorated around her office space to highlight her achievement!

In addition to focusing on the upcoming school board elections and ballot items, we are hopeful that the school sprinkler and alarm bond will pass, since PWS is directly impacted by this vote.

The PWS teachers and staff are moving forward since the loss of Mr. Doherty last month. Tomorrow, Thursday, 11th the staff will have a NAMI professional coming in to speak with the staff on suicide prevention and coping with loss.

To round out the month of February, the school PTG is providing snacks and refreshments next Friday for the staff to celebrate the milestone and kick of February break.

RBS Update:

So far so good with the Kindergartners and First Graders in Full Time. Adjustments have been made to accommodate the extra cars at drop off/pick up.

Becca, Emily and Lauren hosted a teacher appreciation breakfast on Monday, January 25th which was very well received.

To help children with socialization during the pandemic, Mrs. Blaine has collected resources and compiled suggestions on ways RBS students can connect with peers during the pandemic. A link will be included the principals note each week.

Spirit Fridays are wrapping up with only 2 days left:

Friday, 2/12: Valentine's day

Friday, 2/19: Spirit Day

Memorial Liaison Meeting Report - Monday, February 8, 2021

Attendees:

Phil Schappler, Principal

Kenn Archibald, PTG Liaison

Items Discussed:

Memorial was awarded a grant from Bedford KId's First to provide individual field day kits for in-person students.

The winter jump-rope sale through the PE program netted over \$1000 in additional donations which went to funding recess kits for each class in the school so cohorts wouldn't have to share playground equipment and supplies with other classes, reducing risk of cross contamination.

Phil was reminded about Memorial's available \$5000 ORK/AIR funds, and we discussed utilizing the District ORK/AIR coordinator for to see what other elementary schools have been using their funds for, and we discussed possible options for using those funds including:

- 2nd Grade Virtual Audubon program
- Virtual Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum program
- Additional funding for Field Day Kits
- Potential funding for additional recess kits

- Joppa Hill mini hikes

Spring Fling: Memorial will hold a very scaled-down spring fling in May. The raffle will consist of unused donations from last year's cancelled event, and classroom baskets only. The event is more about engaging the community than raising funds this year. Tentatively the baskets will be on display in the hallways so kids can pick which baskets they would like to use their raffle tickets on, likely over the course of the week. Parents and the community at large will not be invited to participate in person.

We discussed the PTG's decision to not hold a district wide book fair this spring, and the options, pros and cons of holding a school level virtual book fair through Scholastic.

We also discussed the tension of the Phase II reopening, and proposed a teacher appreciation treat. Kenn will discuss options with Danielle Brimblecom (volunteer coordinator) and Mindy Bator (hospitality coordinator).

A Memorial parent is a local franchise owner for Card My Yard, and the school was able to get a "Thank You Teachers" sign donated and installed in front of the school for the first week of Phase II.

State Assessments exams will be conducted this year and must be completed in person. The logistics of administering the exams to remote students still have to be worked out. Some may qualify for an exemption, as the school is required to have a 95% participation rate.

McKelvie Update:

Working on entering the re-opening phase - Have moved all the round tables into Cafeteria with plexiglass dividers and have overflow space. Upcoming Pizza lunch Thursday 2/11 for staff in preparation for Friday's all student return. Also will be doing a Coffee Cart Thursday 2/18 for staff appreciation prior to the break. Will followup regarding Move-A-Thon with Jen. Meeting with coordinators to start discussing teacher appreciation ideas to prepare for next meeting as well as Nurse Recognition (May 6 - National Nurse Appreciation Day).

RAL Update:

Friday "Full In" Day

Sports and extracurriculars going well minus weather issues

Spirit week next week!

8th grade BHS registration is open

No Read-A-Thon this year but doing something for that week, in planning stages now

BHS Liaison meeting with Bob Jozokos

Date: Tues February 9th, 1:30 pm

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. They are planning a date in the fall. We would be able to get an

invoice this year however, and he could pre-pay. There is a possibility they could get a grant to cover this training, he will let us know soon.

PTG served dinner to the teachers who stayed at school for conferences. This was a big hit and Bob said it was nice to have a little feeling of normal.

BHS goes to a new schedule 2/18. Bob has had some feedback - mostly from students but some from parents too. Some people in favor, some not but not a lot of comments.

March 9 is voting day and teachers will be in school that day for professional development. Bob asked if we could provide some breakfast items to start the day. We will be sending out a signup to get donations for breakfast items. Bob will provide coffee and drinks.

We will plan to do the brownie surprise closer to April vacation.

Talked about the parking raffle - this one is on for sure. The graduation seats, they need to wait and see what the plan is going to be. The school needs to wait to have guidance from the DOE on what the rules will be - they are still waiting to hear about this and will make decisions after that but they think that all students will graduate in one ceremony.

Next meeting is Mar 8 at 1:35.

UPCOMING TOPICS:

- Staff Appreciation: Detailed discussion
- Board/District open roles
- Fundraisers for 2021/22 (review in April, finalize in May)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb:

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)

April:

Wed Apr 14 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting (remote)

Wed Apr 21 Administrative Professionals Day

Mon Apr 26-Fri Apr 30 No School-April Break

MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD AS WRITTEN 3/10/2021