



## PTG E-board Meeting February 9, 2022 at SAU

### ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Co-President -Sonya van der Meer, Amy Dion; Secretary-Sue Jennato; Treasurer-Kelly O'Donnell; VP Publicity-Tejal Saraiya;

BHS - Anne Mikol

Lurgio-Shailagh Klicker

MIS - Amy Gagnon

PWS - Meg Duhaime

Memorial - Jenny Landwehr

RBS - Becca Durrell

Board/Admin - Ed Joyce, Cheryl Daley

School Board Liaison - Bill Foote

Superintendent - Mike Fournier

### **Absent:**

VP Fundraising-Ashley Febvay

BHS - Sue Russell

MIS - Candice Benson

PWS -Emily Sheff

Memorial - Hailey Tonas

### SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Bill Foote

Reminder of upcoming vote, asking for community support for budget, warrants and teacher contract on the ballot

### SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Mike Fournier

HVAC and Sprinkler warrants has .01/.02 impact on taxes due to favorable bond rates

Teachers contract puts us in a more competitive position to hire and retain teachers

Concerned over any additions to the budget at deliberative that could impact the budget passing

2022/23 School calendar draft - discussing option of either 5/26 or 12/23 off

Several things in the works related to the Mental Health

- Regulated classroom
- Webinars by Jeff evin and Chief Justice Broderick

### PRINCIPALS UPDATE - Cheryl Daley, Ed Joyce

Podcasts and project based learning happening

Teacher stress-need more PD to help teachers support kids

Coffee carts, simple gestures goes a long way

Nurse demand , although still high, has been lessening

Busing has been an issue (staffing)

Traffic flow at BHS/RAL an ongoing concern, but will be changing

Covid numbers down

Kids Vote will be happening on 3/8/22

APPROVE JANUARY MINUTES - Approved as written by board

### FUNDRAISERS

SUPPORT DRIVE (Budget \$9,000)

SCHOLASTIC SPRING BOOK FAIR (Budget \$11,000)

- Dates: Fri., April 1 (set-up), book fair: April 4 - 8

Planning is underway. District meeting planning for 2/23

COLOR BLAST FUN RUN (Budget \$24,000; May 22)

- Sponsorship

Verbal commitment received for 2 Platinum sponsors and 2 Gold sponsors

Registration opens 3/18/22

RAL/ED will be able to help out with event needs

## **EVENTS/PROGRAMS:**

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT

- Rescheduling

Reschedule or cancel? Hold in spring? In person? Calendar will be looked at for possible spring dates

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS

- Lynn Lyons update
- Other possibilities

Board voted to fund that Mental Health Webinar Series hosted by Jeff Levin and Justice Broderick. This is a 10 session webinar series for parents to join in if they wish. Cost is \$250 and the board agreed this would come from the Community Presentation budget.

Lynn Lyons is tentatively scheduled for April 18th for RAL and BHS student presentations.

Funding for this will be further discussed as to whether the balance due after grant will come from RAL and BHS ORK/AIR funds and/or PTG Community Presentation funds.

GRANDPARENT/SENIOR DAY

- Dates, format (update from Liaisons)

Discussed how to move forward with this event this year. Schools have already been discussing hosting this event. Schools looking to host in May.

Schools need to let Sonya/Amy know the plans, particularly in regards to food which is usually supplied and funded by the district.

A separate meeting will be scheduled with Senior Day Coordinators and liaisons to further discuss and idea share.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

TREASURER UPDATE - Color blast will be the biggest focus moving forward

MARKETING UPDATE - Focus is on Color blast marketing including signage, press releases, social media etc

LIAISON REPORTS - ORK/AIR Updates – Send to Sue by Friday for inclusion in meeting minutes.

### **Memorial Liaison Update:**

-We have our next hot chocolate/ coffee cart Friday Feb. 11th.

-Phil talked about the sprinklers at Memorial. Memorial doesn't have sprinklers in the building, only in the kitchen area which puts the school out of fire code compliance. This is up for a vote on the March 8th ballot.

-Memorial just finished our NAEP national testing. 50, 4th grade students were randomly chosen for the testing.

-3rd grade is having their Invention Convention on Feb 22nd and the 4th graders are having theirs on Feb. 24th which should be a lot of fun to see what they come up with.

-Memorial decided to participate in Kindness week, it was a great success! The school counselor Ms.Hodgdon and a few teachers want to keep the spirit going with other activities through the rest of the year.

-Cardio drumming started this week, this is a mix of Music and Physical Education. The kids

really enjoy this unit.

-Phil is trying to bring back the all school assembly once a month. He started this in Jan. where he recorded it and the teachers projected it on their white boards in the individual classrooms. This worked out well, so he is going to try to keep this going.

### **PWS Liaison Update:**

Peter Woodbury School participated in Kindness week Jan 24-28. Students were given a challenge board to complete extra kindness activities throughout the week. The whole school was very excited to share their kindness during this special week.

As part of project based learning, the Third graders have been working on Native American podcasts and slideshows that showcase original music and information about various aspects of Native American tribes. Staff were invited to listen and view the presentations. The PWS staff are also working to build more lessons and training around project base learning activities.

Third grade has also been working hard during their Inventive Thinking unit which will wrap up the final week of February. ORK funds have been utilized to bring in speaker and presenter Zack Umperovitch. Zack is an expert in design, construction, testing and judging chain reaction machines (also known to the students as a Rube Goldberg). PWS was also award grant money from the Bedford Kids First grant to purchase gym size simple machine pieces to use during the Inventive Thinking units for 3rd and 4th graders.

Chorus has resumed for the fourth grade students. Their last concert was held virtual.

We are starting discussions for Family Fun night to be held in May outdoors

### **RBS Update:**

Math literacy night Thursday, 3/10

- Currently looking at planning for spring events including:
- Grandparents Day
- Family Fun Night
- Ladies Choice Dance
- Mother/Son Lua

Teacher luncheon on 2/14

Volleyball club, chorus and other clubs are picking back up

Starting to plan for staff appreciation week

### **McKelvie Updates:**

- Grandparents/Seniors Day is booked for Thursday 5/5
- School play tryouts in a few weeks- Are planning on having a production this year (Disney - Title not yet announced) Looking forward to having this for the kids!
- Haven't landed on ORK/AIR officially yet but looking into a few options involving grade level team building activities that can be done outdoors this Spring. More details to come once they finalize.

### **RAL PTG Liaison Update 2/3/22**

\*PTG hosted a Popcorn Bar for staff during their Jan 14 Professional Development Day.

\*Custodial team is understaffed currently. We are working creatively to meet all building needs while vacancies remain.

\*ORK/AIR: Paperwork is in progress for the following:

1. Muralist, Sue Olejarz, will be working with interested students to create some hallway art this Spring.
2. Four author/illustrators will be presenting virtually to students throughout a Literacy Week happening the week before February vacation.

\*Grandparent Day is being postponed until Spring so there are options to occur outdoors. Since the opportunity for viewing the school musical will have passed, guests may be treated to a chorus/band performance.

\*PTG will host a chili/baked potato buffet lunch for staff on February 14.

### **BHS Liaison Report**

-ORK and AIR - Lynn Lyons will be presenting to just the students - one group from Lurgio and two groups from BHS - on Monday, April 18th. Bob doesn't know which groups will be selected to attend.

-Lots of advisory cart items have been brought in to school. All but 2 items were signed up for by volunteers. Sue emailed librarian Jessica Gilcreast to see if they are still missing items.

-Items have already been delivered for Thursday's grab and go conferences dinner on Thursday Feb 10. Setup by 3:30 in our usual spot.

-Parking Raffle - Bob confirmed that we will have 2 spots again this year to raffle off. We told him we hope to do online and some in person sales.

-Confirmed with Bob that we will not be doing a Graduation seats raffle.

-Told Bob the PTG Treasurer will be dropping off a check this week for the ORK- Historia Antiqua which was happening in March.

-5/9 will be our teacher appreciation week even though the national one is week of 5/2 (due to vacation week). Bob and Sierra stated that they liked all of the events from last year and would enjoy having them again this year. Bob said the school sponsored teacher appreciation lunch may happen during the national teacher appreciation week, but he definitely wouldn't have it on our lunch day.

Monday: Snack Attack- Make your own GORP (Trail mix) bar.

Tuesday: Coffee, Muffins, Yogurt & Fruit

Wednesday: Frozen Treats Stock teacher's lounge freezers with frozen goodies.

Thursday: Lunch: turkey, ham, veggie sandwiches, chips, fruit and water

Friday: Sweet Treats: cookies, brownies and cookie bars, raffle gift cards.

-Our next meeting will be 3/14 at 1:30

### **UPCOMING TOPICS**

- Staff Appreciation Week: May 9-13th, initial discussion
- Board positions for next year...3-year term limits, open roles (board, district, school)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**February 2022:**

Wed Feb 9 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting at SAU  
Mon Feb 28 – Fri Mar 4 No School

**March 2022:**

Tues Mar 8 No School  
Wed Mar 16 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting at SAU

**April 2022:**

Fri Apr 1 Scholastic Book Fair set-up (PWS/RBS/MEM/McK)  
Mon Apr 4 - Fri Apr 8 Scholastic Book Fair (PWS/RBS/MEM/McK)  
Fri Apr 8 PTG Book Fair Donation to Libraries (varies by school)  
Wed Apr 13 9:00am – 11:00am PTG E-board Meeting at SAU  
Mon Apr 25 - Fri Apr 29 No School

**MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD AS WRITTEN 3/14/22**