



## PTG E-board Meeting December 13, 2023 at the SAU **MINUTES Final**

### ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

#### Attendance:

Co-President - Kelli Darling, Maria Tomolonis; Secretary - Sue Jennato;  
Treasurer - Kelly O'Donnell; VP Fundraising - Lena Griggs; VP Publicity - Tejal Saraiya  
BHS - Sonya van der Meer Lurgio - Jess von Wallenstein  
MEM - Christina Cuzzi, Allison Gerstrung RBS - Nicole Peterson, Becca Durrell  
PWS - Arasely Robinson  
Board/Admin - Molly McCarthy, Bob Jozokos  
Superintendent - Mike Fournier  
School Board Liaison - Kara LaMarche  
Absent:  
MIS - Amy Dion

### SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Kara Lamarche

Board worked on policy updates

Next Community Engagement event is 12/13 6:30pm at SAU

### SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Mike Fournier

#### Busing:

- Nationwide shortage of bus drivers. Bedford is impacted locally
- Drivers are STA employees, not BSD employees
- Conversation has been had with other bus companies
- Communication to parents about bus issues will continue as best and timely as possible

#### Intruder Alert Systems:

- System installation is almost complete
- January 12th during workshop day is expected to be a test drill for staff
- Discussed concerns about the sound of the alarm for sensory students
- Communication will go out to parents

#### 23/24 Calendar:

- Draft of 23/24 calendar reviewed
- Lots of elections impacting days off
- Highlights - Meet and Greet Fri 8/23, first day Mon 8/26, first week of school is full week, long Christmas break, Fri 6/13 last day of school
- Being reviewed by Admin and Teachers union
- $\frac{3}{4}$  of districts start before Labor day

### PRINCIPALS UPDATE - Molly McCarthy, Bob Jozokos

Most students are ok with the video (technology) updates happening at the HS

New sports season has started

\*\*\*\*VOTE\*\*\* APPROVE NOVEMBER MINUTES - November minutes approved by board as written

### FUNDRAISERS:

SKI, SKATE AND MORE SALE

- Thank you to those that volunteered
- Expected to be behind budget by about \$3,500
- Rigatoni pie sales donation and custodian invoice still due
- Discussed if we could look at the date to host the event earlier. This can be looked at, but is driven by vendor availability and other area Ski Swaps and sales.
- Also talked about promoting the “more” part of Ski, Skate and More sale.
- Some concerns recently over the quality of items being dropped off for the sale and how to handle that. Committee will discuss further

## COLOR BLAST FUN RUN

- Looking for new committee members, meetings will begin in January

Planning for this event will start in January

## BUDGET:

Due to running about 20% behind in Support, Gift Wrap and Ski, Skate and More sale. PTG is trying to gauge how the rest of the year will look from an expense side.

- ORK/AIR - Remaining projections for year, please come prepared to report on these at the January meeting

Liaisons have been asked to meet with their principals and be prepared to discuss an ORK/AIR forecast at January board meeting

- Reimbursements - Beginning of the year receipts need to be submitted before Christmas break in order to receive reimbursement this year.

Receipts for reimbursement for beginning of the year events must be submitted before winter break or they will not be able to be reimbursed

- Community Speakers - No cost or low cost will be pursued, other spending on hold due to budget/income results
  - Kevin Hines Video Event - Access to Kevin’s documentary has been received, this can be pursued as a possible no cost community event
  - Deputy Matt Flemming - Internet Safety - following up on date options
  - Media Power Youth
- Scholastic Book Fair - Projections based on fall school level book fair sales

Liaisons asked to check with their schools to see how fall 2023 fairs did compared to last year’s fall fair and report back in January. RAL reported about 15% less this year vs last year.

- Love Your School Support Drive - \*\*\*\*VOTE\*\*\*\* Board approved having a Love Your School Support push, online donations only.
- RAL has decided not to host GrandFriends Day this year
- Discussed the possibility of also doing a year end Support push via social media and December newsletter

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT - January 18 at McK

- Please discuss and remind Principals

Remind Principals to finalize book choices

Police details is needed. This has been budgeted for.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Open Positions:** Looking for early awareness this year of board level open positions due to term years for many important roles opening up after this year.

Discussed expected open board positions and positions coming to term. Co-President and Treasurer will be open, additional roles will be open likely as well

## TREASURER UPDATE

Update on venmo process

Venmo process has run into a roadblock as Venmo cannot accept a PO box for a mailing address, it cannot be verified. Kelly to see if we can use the SAU mailing address as an option

## MARKETING UPDATE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS: [PTG CALENDAR](#)

## LIAISON NOTES

### PWS Liaison Notes

The all-school meeting will be on the 22nd. The teachers will sing some holiday songs for the kids. The kids will join in for jingle bells. The 4th-grade class has a play coming up in the new year and also a concert. The 3rd-grade class will be working on a PWS newspaper with Marc.

We signed the contract for Zach Umperovitch to work with the 4th graders. He will also be doing a little project with the 3rd graders. I have a copy of the contract for you to look over.

The 4th grade Coming to America event was amazing.

The Girls Inc. program finished up and Cheryl is hoping to start a new one soon.

We have a new nighttime custodian. Her name is Sherry.

### RBS Update:

We have a lot going on as we wrap up 2023!

- Coming to America day was on 12/1 and a huge success.
- We completed our toy drive on 12/8 and we had lots of participation
- School wide popcorn day was on 12/8
- Kids are in the process of decorating classroom doors which is generating a lot of excitement!
- Coat Drive is currently underway and we have asked for all donations by Thursday, 12/21
- Two spirit days coming up:
  - PJ day on 12/21
  - Festive Sweater on 12/22
- All school meeting on 12/22
- We will be having a coffee cart for the teachers on Monday, 12/18.

## Memorial Elementary School – December 8, 2023 Principal Meeting with Mr. Schappler

-Important Dates for Memorial:

- Stuff the Turkey Food Drive Ends December 20th
- Adopt a Family –Ends December 15th
- STAR Testing – January
- Invention Convention for 3rd Graders – February

- Tall & Small Dance – February 16th

-Memorial students and families have donated over 2,000 items for the Annual Stuff the Turkey Drive.

-Coming to America for the 4th Graders was a huge success and the students had fun and learned a lot.

-The first seminar presented by the BEEP teachers to the BEEP parents was a hit and the parents are requesting for more seminars to be held in the future. The goal is to have one in the first of the new year.

### **McKelvie December Liaison Notes**

December started with an all school assembly for Move-A-Thon prize winners and a total of \$41,000 was raised from Move-A-Thon. These funds will help to install a gaga pit, update the library, restocking playground equipment as well some wish items that students had asked for in the classrooms.

The PTG and parent donations provided a festive Hot Cocoa Cart on December 19th and the school is busy with Spirit Week this week

### **RAL liaison meeting notes from November 30, 2023**

Attended by: Ed Joyce, Linnea Hilchey, Maddie Racine, Jess von Wallenstein

- Ed Joyce has decided to not have a Lurgio Grandfriends' Day moving forward
- PTG provided treats for final staff meeting prior to Winter Break 12/6
- The 8th grade will be celebrating Solstice Day 12/22 with teacher-led activity sessions
- PTG created amazon wishlist and sign up genius to support Solstice Day
  
- The Lurgio musical this year will be Frozen, Jr.
- Advisory will be collecting donations to form 52 Holiday Baskets to help those in need
- Lurgio Spirit Week next week
- Stand by Me student presentation will be 2/8 at 8am and they have requested a few PTG members to attend

## **BHS PTG Report December 2023**

- **Cookie Caper** for the entire school (students and staff) will be on Friday this week.
- **Supplies for events:** BHS has asked that the PTG help the school to be more eco-friendly. The PTG will no longer need to supply utensils or cups for water or coffee for staff related events.

**Minutes Approved By Board as written 1/10/24**