

PTG E-board Meeting February 7, 2024 at the SAU -MINUTES FINAL

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Co-President - 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 MIS - Amy Dion

MEM - Christina Cuzzi RBS - Nicole Peterson (via Zoom)

Board/Admin - Molly McCarthy, Bob Jozokos

Superintendent - Mike Fournier

Absent:

Co-President - Kelli Darling

PWS - Arasely Robinson MEM - Allison Gerstrung RBS - Becca Durrell

School Board Liaison - Kara LaMarche

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Kara LaMarche-Sue Jennato

School Board continues with policy updates

24/25 Calendars finalized and published

Update on District Goals given at last school board meeting

Deliberative Session held on 2/6/24 - approx 50 people attended

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE - Mike Fournier

Vote March 12th

Tutor.com added for 4th grade

Counselor Appreciation Week

Question regarding why the budget is up if enrollment is down...Budget increase is linked to salaries and benefits. Staff count is down one at Memorial and one at PWS and is up .5 at RBS. Reduction in staff means less student choice.

PRINCIPALS UPDATE - Molly McCarthy, Bob Jozokos

PWRN a success

Peer to Peer update - SAU office working on coordinating fingerprinting for those volunteers that have signed up

****VOTE*** APPROVE JANUARY MINUTES Approved by Board as written

FUNDRAISERS

LOVE YOUR SCHOOL

- Dates: Now until 2/16
- Donors will be entered into a raffle for a 4-pack of Color Blast passes

Love Your School support drive will run now through 2/16

2 4-packs of Color Blast passes will be raffled off

Promote at upcoming school dances if appropriate

Online donations only

SCHOLASTIC SPRING BOOK FAIR (Budget - \$12,000)

Dates: Fri., March 29 (set-up), book fair: April 1 - 5

Book Fair hours needs to be advertised

Volunteers are usually an issue especially after school and evening hours Schools can reach out to volunteers from other schools (ie RAL and BHS) for help Can we get student volunteers from BHS?

COLOR BLAST FUN RUN (Budget \$27,000; Sunday 6/4/23)

- Registration opens March 15th
- Next Committee Meeting scheduled for 2/9 @9am
- Sponsor Update

Registration prices will increase slightly from \$20Adult/\$10Child to \$23Adult/\$12Child to account for increase costs

Verbal commitment for 2 Platinum sponsors (Dr Johonson and London Family Ortho) and 2 Gold Sponsors (TFMoran and StretchLab)
Official sponsor drive kicks off starting Friday

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT - Lots of positive feedback!

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS

- Deputy Matt Fleming: Internet Safety
 - March 6th 6:30 pm RAL media center
 - Education for parents on safety with social media etc.

This event will be geared towards adult education Will promote via social media, p-notes, flyers at schools etc

GRANDFRIENDS DAY: Dates tbd by each individual school.

- Liaisons should be starting to think about reaching out to coordinators about this now.
- Packaged food is allowed! Can also get food made from businesses (Flight, Inside Scoop, Pressed, BJ's)
- Each school can reach out to food services as they are willing to work with us and we
 might get better deals with them than through outside vendors

Maria to reach out to Mike to confirm what Food Service will cover for food items for these events and then let liaisons know so they can share with GF Day coordinators for planning.

OTHER BUSINESS:

• ORK/AIR projections: Please submit if you have not already done so Reviewed ORK/AIR spreadsheet that Kelly O put together. This will be shared with liaisons. It appears that schools will spend most of their ORK/AIR budgets

We need to keep a watchful eye on expenses as we are running \$8K behind in income There are some expenses we expect to underspend, ie Community Presentations, District It's a GAS, along with some beginning year expenses.

We may need to utilize reserves if income trend continues

 Greet Bedford: Photo scheduled to be taken at the start of next months meeting (March 13th at 9am)

Greet Bedford will do an article on Bedford PTG. Photo of Board to be taken on March 13th

UPCOMING TOPICS:

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK - Week of May 6th (nat'l is week of may 1st) PROPOSED FUNDRAISERS for 23/24 YEAR BOARD/DISTRICT OPEN ROLES

Co-president

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- VP fundraising
- VP Publicity

These open roles will be advertised in March newsletter

TREASURER UPDATE

ORK/AIR spending focus

Request for reimbursement request for beginning of year expenses to be turned in before December break yielded one additional request. Request for these events are now considered closed

PWRN - Food donated. Additional expenses pending. Will likely underspend

MARKETING UPDATE

Focus is on Love Your School Support Drive. Will then focus on Deputy Fleming presentation

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

Stand By Me donation presentation by student committee 2/8/24 - Kelly O, Maria and Amy to attend on behalf of PTG Board

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PTG CALENDAR

Memorial Elementary School – February 5, 2024 Principal Meeting with Mr. Schappler

-Important Dates for Memorial:

- Invention Convention for 3rd Graders February 20th
- Tall & Small Dance February 16th
- Spring Book Fair April 1st -5th
- Spring Fling April 12th
- Grandfriends Day May 16th
- School wide Writing Assessments March
- Coffee Carts Throughout the year

-Memorial is working with a few seniors from BHS this year with helping them on their Senior projects. One of the high school seniors is to create a mural that is in the school's cafeteria. Mr. Schappler stated that the kids are really enjoying seeing the progress of the mural.

Another senior has created a collection box to accept toiletries and other items for the Beech Street Shelter in Manchester.

- -With the help of the student who is painting the mural, Memorial is updating the school's eagle mascot to be a little more modern. Once the new eagle mascot design has been approved, Memorial plans to have some school gear designed and will be available for purchase at an online store. More information to follow later.
- -Memorial will be using all of its ORK/AIR funds for this school year

PWS Liaison notes:

- Girls Choice Dance is February 16th
- Boys Choice Dance is March 8th the
- Family Night is March 21st
- The 4th grade play is February 21st and 22nd. More than 50 students are participating in the production of "The Not So Mysterious Disappearance of Cinderella"
- Kindness Week was a great success, it included an all-school meeting and a new craft display in the front lobby.
- Cheryl and Marc have been discussing accepting differences with students. Students have learned new ways to accept others' differences and make others feel welcome.
- Fourth graders were encouraged to apply for "jobs" at PWS. This job entails teaching and aiding 1st and 2nd graders during their P.E. Gymnastic sessions throughout 4weeks. A few students have been selected after having to fill out a job application. which had students include their qualifications and references.

McKelvie Liaison Update:

McKelvie Maskers has announced the Spring Musical. They will be performing The Lion King Jr. on May 10th and May 11th.

We will have a "Love our Staff" Coffee Cart on Valentine's Day to thank everyone for all their hard work and celebrate Valentine's Day.

Plans have begun for Grandfriend's Day in the Spring.

RAL liaison meeting notes from January 31, 2024

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

- · ORK/AIR expected expenditures for the remainder of the school year include:
 - o Historical mural to be painted by Sue Olejarz & students
 - Expected to be \$3000
 - Still looking for a sensitivity speaker
- · Frozen, Jr. play will be next weekend, Feb 16th & 17th
- · Midnight Madness will be May 3rd
 - o Volunteers: 6:30-9:30, 9:00-12:00
 - 10-15 volunteers/time slot
 - Send out sign up Genius at the beginning of April
 - o Incentives: VIP parking? Coffee bar?

BHS PTG Report February 2024

- **Grab n' Go Dinners for Parent Teacher Conferences**: On Thurs., Feb. 8. All slots filled for items.
- Breakfast for Teacher Workshop Day: In lieu of a coffee cart, PTG will provide breakfast on March 12
- Advisory schedule: Advisories now meet three times instead of four times a week. Change made to the weekly schedule at the end of January. A survey showed that too much was trying to be done during the W.I.N. Wednesday block. Senior projects and clubs are now meeting on a different day of the week (instead of Wednesday).

Minutes Approved by Board as written 3/13/24