



PTG E-board Meeting November 9, 2022 at the SAU-Minutes

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Co-President - Maria Tomolonis, Kelli Darling; Secretary-Sue Jennato; Treasurer-Kelly O'Donnell; VP Fundraising-Lena Griggs; VP Publicity-Tejal Saraiya

BHS - Sonya van der Meer

Lurgio-Shailagh Klicker

MEM- Christina Cuzzi

PWS - Meg Duhaime

RBS - Becca Durrell, Nicole Peterson

Board/Admin - Molly McCarthy, Ed Joyce

Superintendent - Mike Fournier

School Board Liaison - Mindy Bator

Absent:

MEM- Allison Gerstrung

MIS - Amy Dion

School Board Liaison - Mindy Bator

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Mike Fournier

NHSAS testing - new way of reporting results. Information has been provided to families to access scores

Tripod - Assessing teachers in grades 2-12 will be happening late Nov/early Dec to provide feedback to teachers.

School board is deep into the budget season. Target is to remain flat. One ask will be for adding a social worker to the district.

Thanks to the PTG for the 6 Google Kits donated

No word yet on safety grants that have been applied for.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Mindy Bator (absent)

PRINCIPALS UPDATE - Molly McCarthy, Ed Joyce

APPROVE [OCTOBER MINUTES](#) -approved by board as written

FUNDRAISERS

SUPPORT DRIVE (Budget \$12,000)

- Thank you emails - to be sent out soon via email to those that have donated

Donations have slowed down, but we are close to meeting budget.

GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER (Budget \$10,500)

Total SALES were \$28,793 (raised \$11,456)

Sale was successful and expected profit will slightly exceed the budget.

Sales are low at grades 6-12 as brochures are not sent home. This is traditionally the case.

Discussed whether or not we should look to send brochures home at McKelvie next year along with elementary schools. Discussed how upper schools can still order, just not linked to a student account. Discussed how to better promote that option next year.

- Sale has ended

- Bonus prize same as years' past - Meadow Farm Prizes shipped to schools for distribution by school-level coordinators, waiting for Inside Scoop coupons. Expecting 136 gift cards.

SKI, SKATE AND MORE SALE (Budget \$18,000)

- Equipment drop off Nov 18, 5-8pm. Sale Nov 19, 9-2pm at BHS
- Sign-ups are still open, shop the sale early! [Volunteer Link Here](#)

Volunteers still needed especially Saturday afternoon

Consignors to date are running about 20% behind last years numbers

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT - Wednesday, January 18th - [more details coming soon](#)

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS

- Results of Survey: [LINK TO RESULTS HERE](#)
- John Hamilton - HOPE -[Camp Hope America](#). Trauma informed care, resilience, how to move forward from adversity. Community presentation and possibly in conjunction with a student present. Discussed what grades would be best for messaging, possibly grades 7&8. Initially targeted early December, but will follow up with John on his availability for early January instead for more time to coordinate and promote. Board approved using \$1,000 worth of Community Speaker budget for this speaker. Speaking with students would be an additional \$1,000 and would need to be funded by the school if we go this route.
- Scarlett Lewis - Choose Love -[We have been in contact with Scarlett Lewis's team for availability and cost. Her message is forgiveness, courage, connections, etc. Possibly target for spring.](#)
- Mike Anderson - District used to speak w/ staff - also w/ kids about Self Motivation - [will meet with Mike to determine messaging, cost and availability](#)
- Katie Hurley - Mental Health impact on kids and teens - [waiting for information on cost and availability](#)
- Randy Pierce - Motivational speaker who draws upon his life experiences to inspire, entertain, and teach. Emphasizing goal-setting, problem-solving, teamwork, and communication - [waiting for information on availability and cost, used to just request a donation to his organization that helps the blind.](#)
- Media Power Youth - Smart/Safe media choices - [Could they do hands on training/workshop style? Managing technology vs how to safely use social media.](#)
- Matt Fleming - new possibly. He speaks to the dark web and keeping kids safe on the internet. Ed Joyce to follow up
- Kevin Hines - new possibility. Suicide prevention. Jane has been asked to look into.

The board supports the overall direction and leads presented.

OTHER BUSINESS:

IT'S A GAS - Memorial Team to update on changes that are being requested

Memorial It's a GAS volunteers have suggested some artists/mediums updates to help diversify the IAG program. The board discussed that the IAG program was revamped 2 years ago and 12 new artists were added. At this time we will keep the program status quo.

We will work on creating a process to possibly modify the program further in the future.

Discussed using an art teacher to help and forming a committee to review, as any changes would be implemented at all 3 elementary schools. Also, since this is for all students in the classroom, we discussed if changes should be brought to the BCC (Bedford Curriculum Committee). Further review would be needed to first establish a program change process. Also

it would be beneficial to have a District Wide IAG Coordinator to help with this effort. No changes would be made this year.

Memorial Coordinators created this proposal list of artists:

[LINK HERE FOR PROPOSAL](#)

TREASURER UPDATE - OCTOBER P&L - Kelly O'Donnell - Previously discussed fundraisers financials. Ski, Skate and More is focus. Reminder on ORK/AIR budgets.

MARKETING UPDATE - Tejal - Focus is on Ski, Skate and More Sale

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

Nancy Lundquist, Memorial's Volunteer Coordinator, has been recognized by NHPIE (NH Partners in Education) as one of 3 Volunteers of the Year in NH.

Memorial Elementary School – Meeting with Principal Schappler on November 4, 2022

-Mr. Schappler stated that the first All School Meeting was a success. Everyone welcomed it back after two years of not having one. The meeting is set for the first Tuesday of the month.

-Important Dates for Memorial:

- Annual Food Drive – Has started and is off to a great start
- Veterans Day Wall and Letters to Veterans
- Annual Adopt a Family – December – Memorial has currently 17 families participating this year

-Nancy Lundquist, our Memorial's Volunteer Coordinator, has been recognized for the Blue Ribbon Volunteer of the Year award for New Hampshire.

-Memorial is continuing their relationship with Bowman Place, a local assisted living community in Bedford. This past month, some students participated in creating cards and artwork in the spirit of Halloween for the residents. Mr. Schappler said the response from both the students and Bowman Place residents was positive and he and the school look forward to taking part in more activities together.

-Mr. Schappler and Christine Heath (4th grade teacher and PTG teacher liaison), mentioned that they are planning on bringing back some events that Memorial had prior to COVID. They are both excited to do so.

PWS Report:

Peter Woodbury School is excited to be celebrating its 50th year. Planning is underway for a recognition event at the school in the Spring. A banner will be hung soon outside of the school. As part of this ongoing recognition throughout the year, Family Fun Night will be held with the theme "Past, Present and Future" in March.

Veteran's Day was celebrated at the school on Monday with an all school meeting. The meeting included a Flag Ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, students in Fourth grade read about

Veterans Day and the chorus performed This Land is Your Land accompanied by a veteran who plays the guitar.

The school yard is being revamped with two updated baseball fields by the Bedford Little League and our wooden boardwalk walkway was updated and repaired through the help of volunteers.

RBS Liaison Report

2nd grade completed their Monarch Butterfly lesson at the end of October and had a parade to celebrate

Class Halloween parties and costume parade were a success

We did a coffee cart with sweet treats for the teachers on 10/26

Planning for a coffee and pie cart for teachers on 11/21

Principal's Council is working on the following:

- Popcorn day for students 12/6
- Cookbook fundraiser

McKelvie Liaison Report

Move-A-Thon went great! The kids all had a great time and the all school assembly to announce the amount raised and award prizes will be on Tuesday, November 22nd. Two classes enjoyed a pancake breakfast on November 4th for their fundraising efforts for Move-A-Thon.

Lots of exciting plans for ORK/AIR funds coming up at McKelvie. Mark Bennett is a comic book artist and he will be working with all 6th graders during their IA rotation for 2-3 days per rotation.

Author Gordon Korman will be visiting McKelvie for an All School Read where all 5th and 6th grade students will be reading the same book.

McKelvie students wrote over 800 cards for Card for Soldiers. This is for soldiers serving overseas during the Holidays.

Lurgio November 2022 Update:

October highlights: Successful 50th group of Bedford students made their way up **Cardigan Mountain**. Huge thanks to the many hands who made it possible. **Witch Way 2 Wellness Day** surpassed their fundraising goal for outdoor improvements and pod area tech enhancements. PTG funded the keynote speaker, **Noelle Lambert**. Thank you to the entire Lurgio and PTG community for their support and engagement in this event promoting wellness for all. **The Student Council** also ran a **Glow Dance** which was enjoyed by students last Friday.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences are happening tonight (Nov 9) and next Thursday (Nov 17). More info can be found in ParentSquare. PTG is hosting a dinner for teachers to fuel up

before tonight's conferences.

In **athletics**, Girls Volleyball and Boys Soccer celebrate D1 Tri-County Championship titles. Winter sports registration is underway.

BHS PTG Report Nov. 2022

Grab and Go dinners for the teachers from the PTG for October Parent Teacher Conferences were appreciated. A big hit as always. Sign up was filled; great parent participation.

Student Volunteer Help at Ski, Skate and More Sale. Process of keeping Bob in the loop was good. Sign ups were filled quickly once the form went out to the various honor societies and Amy Woods.

Cookie Caper - date to be set for that at our next meeting

Principal Report:

Intercession sign ups starting. Thank you for the donation to give scholarships.

Advisory carts continue to be a big hit. Thank you for supporting replenishing supplies through ORK/AIR.

Usual ORK/AIR spending for speakers, etc. will happen as the school year rolls along, but nothing big is planned for the entire student body at this time. PTG Liaison let BHS know about the new PTG Program Research Coordinator.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTG CALENDAR

APPROVED BY BOARD AS WRITTEN 12/14/2022