



PTG E-board Meeting January 11, 2023 at the SAU - MINUTES FINAL

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Co-President - Kelli Darling; Secretary-Sue Jennato; Treasurer-Kelly O'Donnell;

VP Fundraising-Lena Griggs;

BHS - Sonya van der Meer

Lurgio - Shailagh Klicker

MEM- Christina Cuzzi

RBS - Nicole Peterson

Board/Admin - Molly McCarthy

Superintendent - Mike Fournier

School Board Liaison - Paul Brock

Absent:

Co-President - Maria Tomolonis

VP Publicity-Tejal Saraiya

MIS - Amy Dion

RBS - Becca Durrell

MEM- Allison Gerstrung

PWS - Meg Duhaime

Board/Admin - Ed Joyce

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Paul Brock

2/7 is the Budget Deliberative Session

3/14 Voting

Paul reviewed the operating budget, default budget, wage contracts and security bond.

The Integrated Building Security Bond-improve building security at all 6 schools. Includes

Intercom systems at 2 schools; intruder alert and internal cameras at all 6 schools.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE - Mike Fournier

John Hamilton presented at BHS, RAL and for the community on Monday.

Tutor.com available for all students. Currently a free program.

Graduation Alliance - free resource for at risk of failing, disengaged and chronic absent students. Provides a "coach" for students.

Draft school calendar for 23/24 reviewed/discussed.

Increase awareness and resources being put into sexual violence prevention.

Suicide prevention training happening for staff at the upcoming professional development day.

PRINCIPALS UPDATE - Molly McCarthy

Professional development day coming up for staff.

Mike Anderson continues his work with schools taking social emotional skills into academics.

His services will continue to be used in 23/24 focusing on McKelvie and RAL

****VOTE*** APPROVE DECEMBER MINUTES Minutes approved by Board as written

FUNDRAISERS

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

- Dates: Fri., March 31 (set-up), book fair: April 3 - 7

Lena will take on role of District Level Book Fair coordinator

Need to reach out to Scholastic rep to confirm details

Each school may set their own hours as long as the run dates are the same.

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

- First Committee Meeting 1/6/23

Next meeting 2/6 at 12:00 at the Town Library. New committee members welcome.

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

PRINCIPAL WINTER READING NIGHT - Wednesday, January 18th

The current budget did not account for police details. Also meal for principals was donated last year and this year that is not the case. Discussed with board that the event is expected to run about \$50 over budget.

Board discussed ways to help with the spending by possibly creating a sign up genius so parents could help supply snacks and water for the students attending.

Next years' budget will need to be increased to cover the turn costs.

RSVPs are running about ½ as what the event had last time it was done in person.

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS

- **John Hamilton** - A HOPE Filled Perspective 1/9

This event was well attended. Overall feedback was positive.

- **Scarlett Lewis** - Choose Love

February 23rd date has just been confirmed with BHS theater. Discussed how to start promoting the event now...Save the date posts; Ask Tejal to draft something and share with Molly for all schools to put on their FB pages.

- **Media Power Youth**

Several options for in person technology/media presentations and programming. Options like how to navigate apps usage; creating a family media contract; to student workshops. Costs are very reasonable. Sessions can be tailored to K-5 and 6-12 grade levels. This will be pursued for likely spring time.

Kevin Hines Suicide Prevention Speaker - contact has been made with Kevin's booking contact. He has availability in the fall. Discussed funding options. Possibly present at BHS for students (this is being pursued with Bob) and evening presentation for families. Plans will continue to move forward to bring this to fruition.

GRANDFRIENDS DAY: Dates tbd by each individual school.

- Liaisons should be starting to think about reaching out to coordinators about this now.

Discussed how best practices could be shared. Suggested encouraging the GFD coordinators at each school to meet to review what they do.

Open items:

Ask Mike about funding from food service for meals and/or pastries to help determine what schools can offer.

Ask Mike about food donations from the community for this event...can they happen, are their limitations?

McDonalds has donated coffee in the past.

Discuss further at next board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

VOTE

SURPLUS UPDATE Current Surplus is - \$22,212

- ** New Option ** Already installed Cameras/Alarm at BHS \$6,603.91

This amount has already been paid by the SAU but have asked if PTG would consider reimbursing them.

- BHS Theater lights \$5.5K - In proposed operating budget for March
- Vision screener \$3.6K - In proposed operating budget for March
- Evacuation backpacks approx \$2K

- AED's: \$917/each, (so x8=\$7,336 and x6=\$5,502)

Initial counts: BHS - 2 Commons and Gym, RAL- 1 Cafe. MIS - 2 Cafe and Gym, RBS 1, PWS 1 - Cafe, MEM -1 Cafe

Follow up - Is grant money available for AEDs?

Combination options for spending:

- AED only = \$7,336 (14.7K remains in budget)
- AED+Door Camera/Alarm = \$13,939 (\$8,061)
- AED+Door Camera/Alarm+Evac Backpacks= 15,939 (6,061)
- Remaining money could be put towards
 - Funding for Mental Health programming/training including things like drug/alcohol awareness, suicide prevention, sexual/dating violence prevention etc. amount TBD (proposal would be to use whatever monies remain after some of the above listed combination of options is chosen, see amount in parentheses).
 - Or held over for next year in the event that the operating budget doesn't pass at which point in the fall we could cover the 2 additional items with the remaining funds combined with next year's projected surplus.

The board voted to fund AED needs (final # confirmation needed from Mike), Evacuation backpacks (need quote) and to reimburse the district for the Cameras/Alarms already installed at BHS (paperwork needed to show what was paid out by BSD). Expected total to be approximately \$16,000. Memo will be drafted to the district to outline the specific usage for these funds. Intent is to cut a single check to the school district for all of these items.

TREASURER UPDATE

Support running just budget

MARKETING UPDATE - Tejal absent, no update

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

PWS Meeting Minutes for 1/11/23

Our third grade students are working on their Inventive Thinking Unit. With help from the ORK and AIR funding, they are looking forward to a visit next week from Zack Umperovich who demonstrates Rube Goldberg concepts. Fourth graders can also choose to participate in the Invention Convention which kicks off in about two weeks. Our principals will participate in Principal Winter Reading Night on Jan 18th and read Knight Owl. Mike Anderson will return on Feb 7 for more teacher workshops and training. PWS is also looking at some ideas to update and replace the school name sign on the front of the building. The current tile mosaic sign will be rehung in the school library.

Memorial Elementary School – Meeting with Principal Schappler on January 3, 2023

-Mr. Schappler was excited to have the students and staff back after the holiday break

-Important Dates for Memorial:

- Chorus performance – January 18th
- Valentine's Coffee Cart – February 14th
- Annual Spring Fling Event – March TBD
- Grandfriends Day - TBD

-The annual Adopt a Family was a success again this year. Mr. Schappler was very pleased

with the generosity of the Memorial families as well as the Bedford community with their gracious donations.

-The Coming to America day with the 4th graders was enjoyed by the students, staff and volunteers.

MCKELVIE LIAISON NOTES:

McKelvie is back in the swings of things as the end of Q2 nears. Q3 Intramural sign ups are this Wednesday night at 7pm.

Production of a School Play is in the works and audition information will be coming out soon, with auditions before February break.

McKelvie will host a Student Talent Show, with information also available soon.

We will have a Valentine's Day Coffee Cart at McKelvie on Monday, February 13th.

Lurgio January 2023 Update:

January 4, 2023 meeting attended by: Ed Joyce, Maddie Racine, Shailagh Klicker

-Excited to host John Hamilton for student and community presentations on 1/9/23. Some RAL ORK/AIR funds will be used for the RAL student presentations.

-Legally Blonde Jr. rehearsals are up and running. Students interested in being part of the Stage Crew have been invited to an info meeting 1/12/23.

-Basketball, Wrestling and Spirit teams are all busy in their respective seasons.

-Eighth grade Parent-Teacher Conferences will occur at the end of January in advance of High School schedule planning. Seventh grade Conferences will occur later in the year. More info to follow from pod teachers.

-PTG event funds were used to donate baked goods to a staff gathering on Dec 21 as well as donate various granola bars for a Staff Meeting on Jan 4. PTG families donated cookies and candy canes and volunteered their time to support a lunchtime treat for students on Dec 21 as well.

-Plans are underway for a Literacy Week to occur Feb 20-24, 2023. ORK/AIR funds are in the process of being secured to fund visiting authors and illustrators.

BHS PTG Report Jan. 2023

- **Cookie Caper** for students and staff the day before the holiday break was a hit. All volunteer slots were filled and there were plenty of cookies to deliver.
- **Community Presentation Speaker, John Hamilton** spoke to 9th and 12th graders during extended advisory blocks on January 9, 2023. ORK/AIR funds were used towards his daytime session with the students.
- Date set for **Grab and Go dinners for the teachers** from the PTG for February Parent Teacher Conferences. Sign up will go out next week to parent volunteers.
- **Principal Report:**
 - Google Meet Kits that were donated by the PTG to the schools are much appreciated and have already been used several times at the high school. Here are examples of its use:
 - IB Social & Cultural Anthropology class being able to talk to a researcher/author/college professor about her work and also work on their interview schools (a skill needed in the field of anthropology)

- Math teacher invited Joe Keegan to speak to his Sports Stats course. Joe Keegan talked about how he collects and analyzes data on a daily basis for a professional lacrosse team.
- Science teacher had author, Anthony Doerr, speak to his Radio Waves through Time class

UPCOMING EVENTS:

[PTG CALENDAR](#)

APPROVED BY BOARD AS WRITTEN 2/2/23