



PTG E-board Meeting September 11th, 2024-Minutes FINAL

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Co-President - Maria Tomolonis, Christina Cuzzi
Secretary – Kelli Darling
Treasurer - Christina Navarrette;
VP Publicity - Tejal Saraiya
VP Fundraising – Robyn Birren
BHS - Sonya van der Meer
Lurgio - Jess von Wallenstein
MEM - Allison Gerstrung,
MIS – Greia Marlow
RBS- Nicole Peterson
PWS – Lena Griggs
School Board Liaison - Kara LaMarche
Principal Liaison- Phil Schappler, Bob Jozokos
Superintendent - Mike Fournier

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Kara Lamarche

Meeting on Monday night, visitors from high school who brought up international travel proposals- one was an international college tour- the idea is to bring students overseas to bring them more exposure to colleges overseas. Potential trip to Kenya, was denied due to safety reasons.

Approval for finalizing approval for Lithuania Sister school

All schools have had positive opening reports, great communication about active threat system

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE - Mike Fournier

- Transportation- looking to finalize round two of requests
- Interviewing three people for Transportation Coordinator
- Full Day Kindergarten- three feedback sessions, you do not need to be a parent or have a young child to attend.

PRINCIPALS UPDATE- Phil Schappler, Bob Jozokos

All schools have been doing the active attack drill and sounding the alarm so kids can hear what it sounds like. RAL and BHS are tied together for drills- they are planning the first drill. Outstanding opening. Senior Sunrise was great, awesome turnout

Most of the schools have had Open Houses, some are staggered by grade

APPROVE MINUTES * VOTE *** - Approved as Written**

- APPROVE MAY 2024 MEETING MINUTES
- APPROVE AUGUST MINUTES

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

SUPPORT DRIVE

- Started 9/1
- PTG flier and envelopes sent home K-4

GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER

- Sale runs 10/4-10/18
- Packets going home K-4. Online ordering only for all schools – email has gone out to all coordinators with information
- Inside Scoop incentive

SKI, SKATE AND MORE

- Equipment drop off Nov 22, 5-8pm. Sale Nov 23, 9-2pm at MIS
- Considering new recommendations for a food vendor
- Committee meeting TBD

EXPENSES:

- ORK/AIR: Please continue to encourage spending by the schools. Process for submitting requests
 - Staff member → Principal (for approval) → Staff Member → Treasurer → Liaison and Co-Presidents
 - Copy of [newsletter](#) sent to Liaisons and Principals
- Event Budgets - Please share these with coordinators and Liaisons

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

STAFF WELCOME BACK EVENT RECAP – [went well, all positive feedback](#)

MEET THE PRINCIPALS - Friday 9/20, 9:30-10:30am @BCTV – [link to ask questions in Principal Notes](#)

NEW FAMILY WELCOME - Wednesday, 9/25, 6:30-7:30 at Town Library

- Need one rep from each school
- Please bring following items
 - Volunteer Form QR code
 - Any promo stuff from school
 - List of upcoming events at their school
- Invite Principals
- Information folders for families – added new information on how to open a library card

OTHER BUSINESS:

[IT'S A GAS: McKelvie Update](#) – voted to update the name to iARTT (Illuminating Artists Renowned through Time)- we will need to update materials to reflect the new name change

TREASURER UPDATE

- Will be switching accounting software to Quickbooks Online.

- Signed up for Techsoup and we've been approved (had to be verified for our 501(c)3 status. I encourage everyone to go to techsoup.org to see if there's anything that will help the PTG. There are all kinds of fundraising programs and other software. If there's anything anyone would like to get, have them send the request to me. I need to order it through our account.
- We received a double donation of \$200 from someone and I asked if I should reach out to the donor, since it seemed like a possible accident. I did send an email to them and have not yet received a response.

MARKETING UPDATE-

- Support Drive is underway
- Please remember to take pictures of events at school

LIAISON REPORTS

PWS

- Open house on 9/19 grades 1-4 adults only
- Open house on 9/26 kindergarten adults only
- Book fair Monday 9/16-9/20
- We are not having a coordinators meeting we will be sending a welcome email.
- We will be sending a monthly PTG statement to the teachers through the daily secretary update. We will include coffee cart dates, upcoming fundraiser and the fundraiser coordinators contact info.
- We will have PTG coordinator name tags this year to hopefully help teachers put a face to the names they are seeing in emails.

MEM

- Open House – September 9th
- Book Fair – September 9 – 13th
- Volunteer Orientation – September 20th
- Bingo Night – October 23rd
- The teachers and staff were appreciative of the Welcome Back breakfast
- The start of the school year continues to be very smooth and Open House this Monday was a success
- The school has received many compliments on the new landscaping in the front of the school
- The implementation of Pick up Patrol is going well and the school has received a lot of positive feedback

RBS

- Good start to school year with welcome back breakfast
- Open House pushed back to 10/1. Will report back on success of a

later date as compared to previous years

- RBS needed more envelopes for support drive, we were not provided with enough to cover all classes
- First popcorn day scheduled for 9/27

McKelvie

- Open Houses went well last week! As they've done in previous years, open house is adults only and is offered on two nights - Wednesday for 6th grade parents and Thursday for 5th grade parents.
- McKelvie Volunteer Orientation will be on Monday, September 23rd at 9:30 AM in the school cafeteria.
- Scholastic Book Fair will be M-F November 18th-22nd.
- Our next big event is the Move-a-thon which will be held on Thursday, October 24th.
- Met Jen Asdot and she has great plans already for ORK/AIR. I didn't review those in detail at the board meeting, but programs so far include a music therapy program for Intensive Needs (details TBD); Marek Bennett visit for 6th graders; and she has additional speakers/groups in the pipeline that are TBD.
- We're all very excited to have iARTT (formerly It's A G.A.S.) at McKelvie.

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BHS Liaison Notes

- Welcome Back Breakfast (on August 21) went well. Early start to the day for volunteers, but nice to welcome back the staff from the summer break.
- Grab n' Go Dinners for September: Sign Up Genius for food items went out last week. The PTG will provide dinners for teachers on Sept. 26 when they stay late for these conferences. It is early this year and will revert back to October next school year.
- School Year Beginning: it has been a great opening. Second year of the "put away the cell phone" policy and minimal pushback from students about being required to put their cell phone into a classroom cell phone holder when entering a class.
- Printer Usage: New system asking students to enter an ID number for printing at school. More efficient with less backup and use of paper.
- Wednesday Schedule Stays the Same: BHS will keep the What I Need (W.I.N.) Wednesdays for a second year. Considering a change for the following school year so blocks can be the same on all days, but need another year to figure out how best to make that work.

UPCOMING EVENTS: [2024/2025 PTG CALENDAR](#)

[SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD AS WRITTEN:](#)

[10/09/2024](#)