



PTG E-board Meeting October 9, 2024- Minutes FINAL

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Co-President- Maria Tomolonis, Christina Cuzzi

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

Absent:

Secretary- Kelli Darling

School Board Liaison - Kara LaMarche

LETRS Program Presentation

K-8 Curriculum Coordinator, Checker Hansen, along with the reading specialists, presented the LETRS program to the Board. LETRS stands for "Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling." This is professional development that many of our teachers have been undertaking and is based on the Science of Reading. It was a great presentation and the Board was happy to learn more about this highly regarded program.

2024 WIN and BASE Camp Feedback

Assistant Superintendent Laliberte provided the Board with 2024 WIN and BASE Camp Feedback which was overwhelmingly positive (as usual!).

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE - Mike Fournier

- Kindergarten Update - 3 Feedback sessions - increasingly more assertive on what they want.
 - Positive feedback - some concerns on timeframe of Kindergarten hours
 - Incoming K students have different needs - more socialization
- Youth Well NH - Beyond the Screen Oct. 24th (BHS) - 2nd screening of Beyond the Screenager
- 10/17 - RAINN - Parent Presentation; signs and symptoms and how to prevent students from being assaulted.
- Teacher Negotiations occurring
- Security audit of all schools - Dept. of Homeland Security very impressed
- Town is following same process as schools for budgets. Town will have a deliberative session and residents will vote in March elections.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE- Bob Jozokos, Phil Schappler

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*** VOTE *** APPROVE [September Meeting Minutes](#) -Approved as Written

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS- SUPPORT DRIVE

- Update on Support Total Waiting on final update as to where we stand. We are under budget and where we stood last year.
- Will include the EIN with support drive next year
- Discussion around more tangible communications highlighting fundraising goals to families to drive participation (Welcome Back Campaign/Letter)
- Will explore NH Charitable Gaming Fundraiser for BTG. Nicole and Christina N. exploring.
- Nurses, librarians and guidance offices appreciated donations and shared thank you notes. Can we include testimonials to help drive Support participation.
- Consideration for Love Your School in February Will request that Liaisons discuss w/ principals again this year to ensure there are no conflicting fundraisers happening around Valentines day.

GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER

Sale runs 10/4-10/18

- Packets sent home K-4. Online ordering only for all schools
- McKelvie will do a code this year and will publish it in P-Notes for anyone that wants to participate
- Bonus prize - Coupon to Inside Scoop for 5+ items sold for elementary schools

SKI, SKATE AND MORE

Consignor Links Open 10/11 and will close 4pm 11/17 (Before Drop-off Begins)

- Equipment drop off Nov 22, 5-8pm. Sale [please endorse location change](#) Nov 23, 8:30am-1pm at MCK
- First Committee meeting upcoming - 10/9
- Volunteers needed sign up genius will be coming out soon

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

RECAP:

Meet the Principals - BCTV link available in P-Notes

Thanks to all the principals for attending

New Family Welcome - Went well, thanks to the principals for coming and to our new support person Jessica Walsh for all the arrangements

Thank you to everyone who attended,

More traffic than expected

UPCOMING:

American Heart Association - 12/5 6:30pm Hands Only CPR

Presentation in the BHS auditorium and then break out to cafe for hands only demonstration

Robyn working with Police and Fire to coordinate

Local media will attend

Local family who experienced benefit of CPR will share story

Principal Winter Reading Night - 1/23 6:00pm (1/25 snow date)

Reminder there is one time ONLY

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Where are tri-folds and bulldogs located right now
 - Bulldogs are at PWS; maybe Lurgio
- Chris Herron presentation at BHS (current using 2500 of their ORK/AIR funds to pay for this, additional 2500 coming from BeBold, would PTG be willing to also chip in 2500 from our Community Speaker budget to help fund in light of the fact that we do not have anything on the horizon for this year for comm speaker expenses.
 - Maria to ensure providing extra funding doesn't conflict with our bylaws
 - General board support to provide the additional funding

TREASURER UPDATE

- Addressed a couple over budget situations
- Need PWS Support Envelops
- Venmo has a charity option - Christina N. will explore

MARKETING UPDATE

- Ski and Skate signs to go out next week. Other marketing moving forward
- Bedford Trunk or Treat (10/26)- does PTG want to do a Trunk? Tejal will host the Trunk, Maria will donate decor

LIAISON REPORTS

PWS

- 4th grade field trip on the 17th
- First coffee cart on Thursday hosted by 4th grade parents
- Yearbook orders went out
- Starting up a school store as a fundraiser
- Picture Day went great. All the classes were done in an hour. Volunteers got a picture package valued at \$40.
- Parent only open house on 9/19. Went well and we will be doing it again next year.

MEM

Important Dates for Memorial:

- Bingo Night – October 23rd
- Coffee Cart – October 30th
- Red Ribbon Week – Last week in October
- Stuff the Turkey – November 7th – December 20th
- We had a good turnout for the Full Day Kindergarten Information Session
- The 4th graders had a field trip to the Little Brick School house where the students dressed up and
 - learned about what school was like in the 1800s.
- We had a successful Volunteer Orientation where we had a lot of new parents and both Ms. Wroblewski and Ms. DeRoche came to speak about the upcoming Spring Fling and Tall Small Dance
- Discussed having a Memorial School yearbook and have created a committee, so keep an eye out for more information

RBS

- First popcorn day was a success
- Open House on October 1st- worked out well having it at a later date (there was more to show the parents)
- RBS Harvest Fest on October 5th went well
- Book Fair yielded over \$9,000
- Working on what we can do to bring more organization to iARTT materials

McKelvie

- The Volunteer Orientation Meeting on Sept. 23 went well. We had a handful of eager volunteers ready to pitch in on our different committees.
- Kaitlin Solloway is our new Support Coordinator
- Upcoming events include Move-a-Thon on Oct. 24. If anyone has a child at MCK, please sign up to volunteer!
- Our first Coffee Cart (Halloween theme) will be on Oct. 28.
- Veterans Day Event will be on Nov. 7, 9-11:30ish. The event was a success last year. We'd like to invite any and all veterans who would like to participate! Please email Jen Asdot at asdotj@sau25.net or call the school 603-472-3951

RAL Liaison Notes

- Cardigan will be October 7 - 11
 - Food prep underway, supported by PTG volunteers
 - Will also support in-school during Cardigan week
- Which Way to Wellness will be moving to February, likely with different name
- Teacher Conference Dinner
 - PTG to provide dinner, date TBD

BHS Liaison Notes

- **Grab n' Go Dinners for Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences** went well. The PTG has noted some slight modifications for the next one.
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- **BHS Artwork at Deerfield Fair:** Student artwork was displayed at the Deerfield Fair and many were awarded place ribbons. Overall, the school district placed second.
- **NEASC Collaborative Conference:** At least 10 parents needed to attend the meeting on Oct. 28 from 12:30-1:15 p.m. A Sign Up Genius link has gone out to BHS Volunteers and posted in weekly news to parents.
- **Spirit Week and Homecoming:** It was a spirit filled week leading up to a pep rally at the end of the week and Homecoming Dance. Tickets to the Homecoming Dance were not sold at the door and were required to be purchased beforehand. Attendance exceeded previous years.
- **2025 NH Teacher of the Year:** Congratulations to BHS High School Spanish Teacher, Candice DeAngelis for being named the 2025 NH Teacher of the Year! She was selected from over 300 nominees and will now be in the running for the National Teacher of the Year.

OCTOBER MINUTES APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY BOARD: 11/20/2024