



## PTG E-board Meeting November 20, 2024- Minutes FINAL

### ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

#### Attendance:

Co-President - Christina Cuzzi  
Treasurer - Christina Navarrette  
Secretary – Kelli Darling  
VP Fundraising – Robyn Birren  
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:

Co-President - Maria Tomolonis  
VP Publicity - Tejal Saraiya  
BHS - Sonya van der Meer

#### **SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE** - Kara Lamarche

If you are interested to see more on the budget, tune into the meetings lots of details and presentations

Special Education- just had budget meeting- very big portion of the budget goes towards this department

#### **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE** - Mike Fournier

Finalizing budget for school year

Looking like we will probably have Kindergarten on the ballot in March, also likely to have a teacher's contract (still in negotiations)

All schools are going through Homeland Security audit

Food Services Director left, promoted Nicole Gray

Starting an ROTC adjacent (NNDCC) at BHS

#### **PRINCIPAL UPDATE**- Bob Jozokos, Phil Schappler

BHS- Girls Volleyball- 5<sup>th</sup> championship, 101<sup>st</sup> win in a row

Football is in semi-champs

Elementary- fine tuning budget in case Kindergarten goes onto the ballot- they would need to hire 7 additional teachers

Principals are back to meeting as a group, on a more consistent basis

\*\*\* VOTE \*\*\* APPROVE [October Meeting Minutes](#)- Approved as written

## **UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS-**

### **SUPPORT DRIVE**

- Update on Support Total (\$6,861)

### **GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER**

#### **2024 Final Numbers**

MEM- \$2,103.50

PWS- \$3,480.85

RBS- \$2,730.55

MIS -

Upper- 107.85

Total -

### **SKI, SKATE AND MORE**

- Consignor Links Open through 4pm on 11/22 (Before Dropoff Begins)
- Equipment drop off Nov 22, 5-8pm.
- **Please endorse the location change (McKelvie)**
- **Volunteers needed**

## **EVENTS/PROGRAMS:**

### **UPCOMING:**

American Heart Association - 12/5 6:30pm Hands Only CPR (BHS Auditorium)

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **TREASURER UPDATE**

[990 \(tax form\) was filed](#)

## **MARKETING UPDATE**

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **PWS**

- Halloween parade was a success
- cardboard challenge was a fun event for 4th grade.
- 2nd grade had a field trip to the Concord Capital Center for the Arts to see My Fathers Dragon.
- Veteran's Day program was fantastic. Nine Veterans joined us with their student. The students made lots of cards to donate.
- Upcoming events:
- November 22nd Boys Choice Dance
- December 6th is Ellis Island
- December 12th Build a Mascot fundraiser
- Making a cookbook filled with teacher and parent recipes coming out soon. And we are opening a school store to sell some new PWS apparel

## **MEM**

### **Important Dates for Memorial:**

- Stuff the Turkey – November 7th – December 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Teacher Conferences - November
  - Coffee Cart – October 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Coming to America for 4th graders – December 6th
  - Adopt a Family - December
  - Kindness Week - January
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- Bingo Night was a success. All tables were filled and lots of prizes were awarded
  - The Halloween themed Coffee Cart was well received
  - We had several families contribute images and stories of Veterans from their families to help create a Veteran's honor wall.
  - The initial response to the Memorial School yearbook has been very positive and we hope to continue to receive more requests for orders.
  - Our teacher liaison, Ms. Donahue, proposed an idea for a school and/or community speaker because of some of the questions she was hearing at teacher-parent conferences. One of her ideas is to have a forum/discussion format at one or each of the elementary schools that could speak to parents on strategies to setting and/or loosening boundaries, to addressing behavioral issues, to assisting with managing screen time, to helping set routines, etc. There is a Parent Kit available from the author of Anxious Generation that may be something that could be investigated or something along these lines.

## **RBS**

- Halloween coffee cart was a hit, pie coffee cart scheduled for November
- Beaver Brook, Little BRick Schoolhouse, Pulpit Rock field trips took place
- Food and Toy Drive in process
- Stock Market game for 4th Graders in process
- Girls Inc. program pilot taking place with small group of 4th Grade girls
- Ellis Island Day scheduled for December 6th
- 4th Grade Chorus concert scheduled for the beginning of December

## **McKelvie**

- Move-A-Thon went well! The big reveal for Move-A-Thon is next Tuesday at the assembly. Money is still coming in so Jen does not have a final figure yet.
- Halloween Coffee Cart was a success and much appreciated by all the teachers and staff.
- The Veteran's Day Celebration had 45 veterans from our community in attendance which is amazing for this being only our second celebration. The kids asked thoughtful and respectful questions and the veterans had a wonderful time talking to student and each other.
- Book Fair is going on this week.
- ORK Music Enrichment has started with a group of Intensive Needs students.
- IArt being a big hit with kids.
- Auditions for the school play are in December. They are moving the production to March this year, so as not to compete with the BHS production that always tends to be the same weekend. Each morning Jen makes an announcement of what show we will NOT be performing, to get kids excited. The big reveal for the play will be Tuesday of next week.

## **RAL**

- Teacher Conference Dinner organized by PTG 11/14
- Student Council planning a student treat the week before winter break
- PTG to bring in breakfast treats for staff for December Staff meeting
- Moving Which Way to Wellness to February and rebranding as Winter Wellness
  - Keynote speaker
  - Rally in high school gym
  - PTG to bring in volunteers to assist
- Glow dance was a great success, next dance 1/31
- Will begin collecting for food baskets in December
- Lurgio musical - Beauty and the Beast
- Midnight Madness - potentially setting up parent committee

## **BHS**

- Cookie Caper (which is for everyone in the school building - students and staff) scheduled for December. Sign up link has gone out to the volunteer list. Will be publishing it in the general news this week.
- ORK/AIR expected spending on an AIR project and Chris Herren visit will use up most of the remaining budget for the school year.
- Budgeting season for the schools and district. Costs across the board have gone up. Two large items not on the budget every year - NEASC visit and textbook replacement.

**NOVEMBER MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD AS WRITTEN:  
12/11/2024**