

BHS PTSO Minutes
May 2, 2023

Attendees: Shannon Taylor, Julie Farley, Patty Daly, Jacob Jaffee, Lori Hungerford, Kristina Rodgers, Michele Van Derrick, Lisa Marinkovich, Abdul Saidi, Beckey Anderson, Deb Rudnick, Lindsey Marshall

Shannon called the meeting to order at 6:34.

No corrections to the minutes so they stand approved.

President's Report – Shannon Taylor

- Yard signs – about ½ have been distributed. Next round of distribution will be May 15 after dismissal. Still don't have a place to recycle the stakes, we are looking into it.
- Opportunity Grants – Science Department wants to bring in local author for Freshmen and host a field trip to visit with beekeeper. Totaling \$500. Deb found funding for beekeeper trip. We will defer for next year to be funded if requested.
- What to do with the balance of this year's budget? Do we need it for something or can we pass it on?
- Dessert Table for staff and teachers is a good idea for the end of the year event to show support.
- Next year do an Amazon wish list for the emergency fund of supplies for next year.
- Signups for Taco Lunch is going well. We will also need sign-ups for yearbook distribution.
- Island Cool is sponsoring Candy Fridays and doing a special night for GNO.
- Thank you to Beckey for doing such a great job breaking down all the senior activities by week.

Vice President's Report – Julie Farley

- Board for 2023/2024 PTOCC will be adding positions and offering more support. 2022-2023 PTSO Board is nearly complete.

Finance – Patty Daly

- Audit done for annual report.

Student Reps - Abdul

- Everyone is in the transitional period for next year.

Big congratulations to Abdul as he is next year's senior class president.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:06.

Bainbridge Schools Foundation - Grace

She will be back in the Fall to talk about how they support parents.

State of the district – Peter Bang-Knudsen

In review, we are very proud to focus on:

- Bringing the joy back.
- How do we help generate a greater sense of belonging and each student has one adult.
- Improving our district pillars
- Diversity Equity Inclusion – how do we truly create a welcoming environment.
- English Learning Plan
- Continue to look at courses we offer.
- Social/emotional/health – mental health of our kids is still a top concern.

Moving Forward

- Budget challenges – statewide challenges, housing less affordable is a big challenge – not attracting student families.
- We must cut over \$3M.
- What do we value – extracurricular activities, how do we rearrange number of schools we have. Strategic planning committee in fall.
- How do we provide the proper support for our kids when they need it. For our elementary schools, we've added Math support.

Different sources of funding – General Funding & Bond/Levy. There are 2 videos on our website.

- General funding - \$63M funding – day to day, salary
- Bond/Levy for building – capital fund – can only use that fund for the specific levy.
- BSF can only support the general fund.

Special Education

- We received additional \$400K for the district. We are building out our services.
- Hiring two Special Ed Directors - schools will be split in half.
- Starting a parent advisory committee to get a parent's voice for the school board.

Security

- It is a top priority, and we understand kids are concerned.
- Regularly do drills so people know what to do.

- Sensitive to those who really struggle with these because we don't want to trigger them.
- We can never know if and when something will happen and we have trained to do the best we can in an unpredictable scenario.