

# PTO Meeting 2/4/22 – General Session

8:30-9:00 AM

In attendance: Erica Beyer, Debra Dunn, Robin Cimprich, Grier James, Shaun Baseman, Meghan Shaffer, Peter Bang-Knudsen, Grace Feldman, Sarah Dunstan, Elias Gordon, Kate Jaffe, Jess Cochran, Maribel Gordon, Jacqueline Brasefield, Gillian Macdonald, Christina Cielusniak, Ariana Mohit

## **General Session – 8:30 – 9:00**

- 1 Peter Bang-Knudsen – Superintendent Update
  - 1 COVID update
- 1 Numbers are dropping rapidly.
- 2 Moving from a “pandemic” approach to an “endemic” approach.
  - BISD will continue to follow statewide guidelines, and now we’re looking at: how can we do this while bringing back the spark and joy among students and staff?
    - 1 Districtwide survey taking place now. You are encouraged to fill this out!
- 1 Dr. Debra Dunn – Principal’s Update
  - 1 Three new families to Ordway, and one family who moved away. We are still growing!
  - 2 Appreciation for the staff luncheon in January; overall, the staff felt appreciated and successful through conferences.
  - 3 Kindergarden welcome night – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - 4 El Velero info night – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>
  - 5 “Real” Valentine’s Day is coming, and there is much excitement and gratitude.
- 2 Q&A

- 1 Spring Carnival?
- 1 PBK: We are suggesting schools make plans outside, as we think those events are almost certainly able to happen.
  - 1 What are parent concerns for 6 months from now?
- 1 What might next year look like?
- 2 The success of spring activities and spring sports will continue to shift the conversation.
  - Student attrition rates.
    - 1 Qs for the PTO:
- 1 Lack of communication from PTO, about the PTO – we would like more info regarding future PTO meetings. I'd like to be able to have more involvement and would like to be helpful.
- 2 Request for more transparency, in regards to budget and other efforts of the PTO.

## **PTO Meeting 2/4/22 – Board Session (Closed)**

**9:00-10:29 AM**

In attendance: Robin Cimprich, Shaun Baesman, Grier James, Erica Beyer, Gina Stecher, Maribel Gordon, Kate Jaffe, Sarah Dunstan, Ariana Mohit, Stefanie Baldwin

### **Board Session 9:00 – 10:30**

- 1 Site Council – Shaun
  - 1 Overview of efforts to revamp the school garden. Estimate of \$2000 needed for new lumber and other supplies.
- 2 Enrichment Updates and Sustainability – Gina
  - 1 Upcoming Enrichment Activities
- 1 Details: Kids can opt to do an enrichment activity with a volunteer parent. These activities will be take place during the

lunch period, and no longer being offered as an after-school club.

- 2 Gardening Club – will be starting 3/1/22 during lunch period.
  - “Green Team Ambassadors” – student recycling and food waste crew! Start date TBD, as we are waiting on supplies from the district.
    - 1 Campus beautification bulb drive
- 1 Start date TBD, but will send out an ask in upcoming newsletter for parents to donate bulbs and/or join for a planting Saturday
  - 1 To-Do (Ariana): Confirm status and potential for compassionate playground project –
- 1 Volunteer Coordination – Micaela and Maribel
  - 1 Report volunteer hours with Sarah Dunstan – SUG and Google docs
  - 2 Bay Hay T-Shirt Distribution – Waiting on date from Bay Hay.
- 1 To-do (Erica): Follow up again with Bay Hay for a status report
  - 1 Carnival – Connected our potential Co-Chairs with Jen Bugge for Q&A about what is involved/what can potentially still be part of the carnival experience. Parents outside of the board will be added to the committee.
  - 2 Upcoming needs/asks: bulbs/gardening, Laura Nelson library needs, staff appreciation week, contact point for art teacher needs, Wine Down Wed., carnival
- 9 To-Do (Everyone!): Email Maribel and Micaela with their volunteer needs by Wed 2/9. Outline the opportunity, including a link if applicable, the number of volunteers requested, and the deadline for volunteer responses.
- 10 To-Do (Kate/Micaela): Add these to the PTO website.
  - To-Do (Maribel/Micaela): Email list to Kate by next Friday 2/11.
- 1 Goal is to have it all managed in a Google doc. Note that it will go out to 450 contacts.
- 2 Future goal is to have a “Volunteer ‘A’ Team” for last-minute volunteer needs
- 1 Treasurer’s Report – Robin
  - 1 Request to add Grier to bank account. Motioned and

seconded; voted to approve.

- 2 Teacher Grants – Communicating the opportunity today, 2/4.
- 1 Application is ready to go, and Robin will send into to Sarah to relay to teachers via email with the app attached.
  - 1 To-do (Kate): Add treasurer’s report to newsletter, Robin get to Kate
- 1 Ordway School Experience
  - 1 Thank you to everyone who contributed to Teacher Appreciation lunch
- 1 Observations/What worked well – wine & cheese! Using real plates! Staff were very appreciative.
  - 1 Community Building – “Wine Down Wednesday” at Fletcher Bay
  - 2 Social Emotional Learning for students and teachers
- 1 Janette Dodge, Ordway School Counselor to join the general session at March meeting – *Raising Resilience* link to be shared with Ordway community in the meantime
- 2 Proposed: ASL community building activity in partnership with BI High School ASL club – Erica.
  - 1 Could be a “choice” time on Fridays activity.
- “Only One You” book/rock project pushed to spring – Debra Dunn
- 1 Communications – Kate
  - 1 Calendar
  - 2 Upcoming communications topics – newsletter to go out 2/14
- 1 Thank you for the staff lunches.
- 2 Wine down Wed.
  - Bulbs/gardening project needs.
- 1 Laura Nelson library needs (?)
- 2 Yearbook Committee request for photos
- 1 Secretary’s Report – Stefanie
  - 1 To-Do (Stefanie): Send meeting min to Micaela/Maribel
- 2 El Velero Coordination – Ariana
  - 1 PAC Updates.

- 2 Info night coming up 2/16.
- 3 Curriculum – add'l classroom materials requested.
- 4 Growing a Spanish library for the EV kids.
- 3 New Business/Spring Planning
  - 1 Shifting PTO meeting time.
  - 2 Shifting PTO meeting invites.
  - 3 Providing flatware/plates for staff room.
  - 4 Parent asks – not just time, but donation opportunities available.
- 4 Adjourn – motion and seconded, adjourned at 10:29