

# PTO Meeting 3/4/22

9:00-10:00 AM

In attendance: Erica Beyer, Grier James, Annie Jamison, Robin Cimprich, Gina Stecher, Shelby Stoner, Janette Dodge, Jess Cochran, Kate Jaffe, Maribel Gordon, Meghan Shaffer, Robert Black, Sarah Dunstan, Shaun Baesman, Micaela Ross

- **Welcome/Format of Meeting/PTOCC Update – Erica/Grier**
- **Principal’s Update: Dr. Debra Dunn**
  - 1 Current student body is 350 students, about 10 more than Wilkes and Blakeley.
  - 2 Mask update: “optional masking” begins 3/14/22. Staff encouraged to do what feels comfortable.
- **In-School Volunteer/Other Needs and Updates – Sarah Dunstan**
  - 1 We are doing well with morning and lunch volunteers – thank you!
  - 2 Request to advertise for clothing drive. We do have a limited supply, but due to wet weather, we are running low. We are requesting items with elastic waistbands, t-shirts, socks – think simple!
    - 1 Looking for sizes ranging from Kinder-10 year olds, both boys and girls.
    - 2 Please deliver to the front office.
  - 3 To-Do: Meghan offering to help with the reader board
- **Guest Speaker Presentation – Janette Dodge, School Counselor**
  - 1 BSF put the counselors together to think about what they are seeing to compare how different ages/schools feel this school year.
  - 2 Today, we’re in a very different phase since even the initial return to school last Sept.
  - 3 There’s a real focus on the word “trauma.” Lots of changes

for the students – housing, schooling, learning. There’s a higher rate of depression at BHS. We are a district of “high expectations” academically, and that is having a big negative impact at BHS.

- 4 There was a lot of anger – anger from students, parents. We need to present information in a way that acknowledges anger comes from trauma.
- 5 Behavior challenges with students: we have had to rebuild trust with students, families, the public. Student have memory challenges, and need to relearn skills like compromise and cooperation with peers.
- 6 There’s a renewed focus on Social Emotional Learning (SEL), participating in “Go Zen” curriculum.
- 7 There’s a lot more unity and cross-collaboration between the schools (both between the elems, and also younger + older schools)

- **Communications – Kate:**

- 1 To-Do (Kate): Newsletter going out next week, and will include the following: teacher appreciation week, Wine-Down Wed., carnival, clothing drive, treasurer’s report, soliciting photos for yearbook, call for more volunteers (see Enrichment-related projects).

- **Treasurer’s Report – Robin**

- 1 Update on incoming funds. Overall, Feb. is a quiet month.
- 2 Background details provided regarding funds provided to the El Velero intern.

- **Secretary’s Report – Stefanie**

- 1 Monthly minutes will be available along with the treasurer’s monthly report on the PTO website (<https://bainbridgeptos.org/ordway/>)
- 2 To-Do (Stefanie): Update all recent minutes.

- **Enrichment Updates and Call for Volunteers – Gina**

- 1 dance club, Gina is leading 20 min of dance for each grade.
- 2 Many gardening donations and starts coming in.
- 3 “Green Team Ambassadors” program is starting next week

(3/7), includes recycling efforts both in classrooms and during lunch.

4 Basketball Club – starting soon. But the hoops are too high for these-aged kids.

1 Gina Project: ordering plexiglass backboards, and planning for a dedication to honor recently-passed parent of Ord and Sakai students.

5 Flag football upgrades – added flags and new equipment for recess.

6 Bee-keeping speaker – hoping to have her come in mid-March to mid-April as an enrichment activity.

7 Volunteering update – we don't have any volunteers yet, but Gina will coordinate with Maribel regarding same.

- **Volunteering – Maribel**

1 We have only 14 names signed up so far. Suggestion to send another ask out to all parents.

2 Reach out to Maribel or Micaela for the list of volunteers available  
([micaelakross@hotmail.com](mailto:micaelakross@hotmail.com) and [maribelcgordon@gmail.com](mailto:maribelcgordon@gmail.com))

3 Sign up to volunteer: <https://bainbridgeptos.org/ordway-ptovolunteer/>

- **Site Counsel and Campus Beautification – Shaun**

1 Site Counsel – no updates.

2 Gardening – one more bed needing prepped, and all others are ready for planning.

- **Carnival/Carnival Committee Formation – Gillian Fisher, Carnival Chair**

1 Date – 5/20!

2 Reach out to Gillian ([gillianfisher3@gmail.com](mailto:gillianfisher3@gmail.com)), who is actively recruiting volunteers who would like to work on this traditional Ordway community event.

3 Please reach out to Gillian if interested – many opportunities are available pre-event and during the carnival!

- **Reminder: Community Event – “Wine Down**

**Wednesday” 3/16, 5:00-7:00 PM**

- 1 Fletcher Bay Winery at the Coppertop location – no host/PTO-provided snacks. Join us!
- **Appreciation Days** – Call for Lead(s) and Committee formation for Education Support Professionals (formerly Classified) and Unclassified (Teacher) Appreciation Days (One volunteer can lead both as in the past)
    - 1 Volunteer coordinator: Ashley Seffernick
    - 2 **March 14-18, 2022 is Education Support Professionals Week.**
    - 3 **Teacher Appreciation Week** is celebrated during the first full week of May each year (5/2-5/6).
      - 1 It’s worth taking some time to think about the big picture—what do we want to do for teacher appreciation? Consider the overall personality of our community.
      - 2 Would the teachers like one big luncheon celebration or a low-key approach with a small gift for each staff person?
  - In past years, we have done events like renting the local movie theater for a private showing. Other ideas?
  - **Yearbook** – Submit photos and images to Tanith de Boer [deboer@gmail.com](mailto:deboer@gmail.com)
    - 1 Tanith works with Mrs. Graham, so feel free to connect with both!
  - El Velero – no updates this month.
  - Next month’s meeting: 4/1/22
    - 1 Email Erica with agenda items ([ericab@inhousellc.com](mailto:ericab@inhousellc.com))
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