



PTOCC MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2023
Ķalilc (Halilts) Elementary School

Attendees: Julie Farley (BHS-voting), Stephanie Page (Woodward-voting), Erica Beyer (Sakai-voting), Sydney Bond (Ordway-voting), Kate March (Ķalilc (Halilts)-voting), Michelle Hobbs (Blakely), Kelsie Thurrott (Blakely-voting), Diane Hoefl (Mosaic-voting), Jessica Wexler (Odyssey-voting), Caleigh Munoz (Odyssey), Lori Sinclair (PTOCC-voting), Sarah Morgans (PTOCC-voting), Sarah Martin (PTOCC), Christy Remedios (PTOCC)

Guests: Amii Thompson (BISD Assistant Superintendent), Peter Bang Knudsen (BISD Superintendent), Grace Feldman (Bainbridge Schools Foundation), Whitney Sharbek (Ķalilc (Halilts) Principal)

Call to order: Lori Sinclair called the regular meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., welcomed the group and thanked Ķalilc (Halilts) for hosting the meeting. Kate March read the Suquamish Land Acknowledgement.

Consent agenda: Given additional November agenda topics added during the meeting, specifically the central kitchen food mill for K-6 and a motion pertaining to Mosaic & HomeStreet Bank, it was decided to pull it from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Sarah Martin moved to remove the November agenda from the consent agenda, approve the October 2023 meeting minutes and accept the November Treasurer report. Erica Beyer seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Welcome from Ķalilc (Halilts): Principal Sharbek shared highlights from the renaming celebration held Wednesday evening. Wonderful celebration with dancing, songs, history of the naming process, meaning of the name, language lesson and those attending saying the name four times together as a community tradition.

PTOCC business: Global calendar use and access, PTOCC storage unit, central kitchen (K-6) food mill request, BISD School Board highlights, and PTOCC committee engagement

- Please continue to update and reference the **global calendar**. It includes common religious and U.S. public holidays from OSPI and all BISD School Board meetings. Scheduling a school PTO event on religious and U.S. public holidays should be avoided as well as school board meetings. If you are experiencing any access or technical issues, please contact the PTOCC Assistant Secretary.
- Sakai PTO presidents conducted an inventory of the **PTOCC storage unit**. Contents do not impact all school PTOs. Lori Sinclair will follow up directly with BHS and Woodward to clear out remaining items.
- The **central kitchen** requested funds for a food mill to help process locally sourced produce for K-6 schools via Sakai PTO. Such produce includes pumpkins which the staff made pumpkin muffins for students, the Ķalilc (Halilts) renaming celebration and the PTOCC meeting. The estimated cost of the food mill is \$800. Sakai PTO presented this as an opportunity for K-6 schools to collaboratively fund the request. There is no obligation but if interested, please contact the Sakai PTO president.
- Erica Beyer and Christy Remedios attended the most recent **BISD School Board** meetings. Highlights included 2024-25 budget, upcoming levies, review of a range of district policies, public comment regarding Moms for Liberty, Israeli-Hamas war and Bainbridge/Bremerton football game investigation.
- In Eve Blakemore's absence, Sarah Morgans shared the **Safety & Preparedness Committee update**. This committee has representation across all school PTOs. The last meeting included introductions, recap of committee purpose, district discussion share, review of the student release form and next steps. Some members have experience in this area so an added benefit. Subgroups will be created to tackle specific initiatives. Anticipate the next committee meeting will be in November.
- Sarah Morgans and Christy Remedios discussed representatives for both the **Finance & Administration** and **Communications & Advocacy Committees**. It is important to have all school PTOs represented but also recognize the commitments and requests made by our collective communities. Use this link to enter PTO committee representatives.
 - o Communications & Advocacy will not meet in-person. Communications will be handled via PTOCC meetings and e-mail. Two priorities for this school year are: February levies and district gratitude efforts.

- o Finance & Administration will meet 2-3 times in-person, or as decided by the committee. Two priorities for this school year are: PTOCC dues for 2024-25 and consider PTOCC participate in funding opportunities such as Kitsap Give.

Community Representatives' Updates

Bainbridge Island School District (Amii Thompson and Peter Bang-Knudsen)

- Budget work is happening earlier compared to other years as the district faces a 3.5-4.5M budget deficit.
- Anticipated that budget reductions will impact K-12.
- Similar to COVID with an all hand-on deck, nothing more important approach.
- Simultaneously, school board meetings engage in difficult conversations including but not limited to the Israel-Hamas war, Bainbridge/Bremerton football game, Moms of Liberty and more.
- District reductions will lean on the district improvement plan, what's best for students, future forward steps, operational efficiency.
- District commits to communicate with the community. Upcoming BISD newsletter will outline the timeline.
- Recommendations will be presented to the school board with a 90-day review period.
- Aggressive timeline to formulate viable options.
- Options need to look at both technical and adaptive aspects.
- There is so much going on in our community and world – our focus is on the students and helping them think through complex, hard situations.

Comments:

- Some PTO communities are fielding a lot of questions. Families are not blind to the hard decisions to be made. Important to be open and keep the conversation going. We support you.
- There is a cascade effect of worried teachers down to students. Reductions will impact staff and the district recognizes and is communicating with staff and unions.
- Perception of budget reductions alongside levies. The budget reductions are between \$3.5-4.5M. Without levies increases to \$16M.
- With any school reconfiguration or closure, remaining PTO funds will be worked through.

BSF (Grace Feldman)

- Foundation is doing great work supporting students and the district.
- Recently, hosted the ice cream scoop at IslandCool Ice Cream Halloween night.
- Upcoming BSF events: holiday photo, get together at Sisters' Cider House
- Save the date! BSF Gala will be on February 10 at IslandWood 12/7 BFS
- Sarah Morgans noted that the 2023–24 PTOCC budget has funds for a donation to the gala for a case of wine or whatever BSF would suggest that PTOCC donate instead, and we will await their suggestion.

Helpline House

- Helpline House Turkey Trot and Giving Thanks Community Meal
- Helpline also needs teenage appropriate books for holiday drive

PTO Updates

Bainbridge High School

- Great fundraiser \$17,000 with big donation and corporate match
- Homecoming success with smaller attendance
- Committed to winter formal and anticipate better attendance
- Opportunity grants starting
- Big basketball community event on 11/17 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Blakely

- Fundraiser jogathon, went well, kids loved it and parents did as well
- Thanks to ħaliic (Haliits) for their support
- Fundraising committee now has a footprint to follow moving forward
- Unity Day scheduled on a different day with Taproot Theatre
- In lieu of a big harvest fair, it will be popcorn Friday and add pumpkin muffins and cider

Eagle Harbor

- Started Sisters' Cider House events

Mosaic

- Parents night out was fun and well received – held at the Commons

Odyssey

- Started big give earlier this week
- PTO meeting last night
- Harvest fair
- K-4 stem night
- Parent survey to collect why choice, concerns – posters and informal with post-its

Ordway

- Annual boo bash dance – next year costume exchange
- Halloween parade
- Pacific Science assembly, hands on exhibits – very well received
- Day of the Dead celebration
- Parade of condiments to Helpline House along with food this year
- Fundraiser ongoing but next year may do something different

Sakai

- Successful COHO Run
- Upcoming Sisters Cider event – last one there were a number of new family connections
- Upcoming Clay Roberts parent session how to say no and not lose your friends
- To celebrate the COHO Run, parents decorated the school like Hogwarts

Woodward

- Fallapalooza event – only 90% of goal and left link open
- Glow show super electric – may suggest carnival next year
- Veterans assembly today

ħaliic (Haliits)

- Dance-a-thon was super fun
- Would like to schedule a separate meeting on fundraising and pull together some knowledge next year around RallyUp

MOTION: Sarah Morgans made a motion to approve \$1,000 of PTOCC reserve funds to be held in the Mosaic HomeStreet checking account in perpetuity or until Mosaic closes their account or PTOCC requires use of these funds to meet their operational obligations to allow them to avoid banking fee. Jessica Wexler seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.