



PTOCC MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2024
Sonoji Sakai Intermediate School

Attendees: Eve Blakemore (BHS-voting), Stephanie Page (Woodward-voting), Erica Beyer (Sakai-voting), Lara Deits (Sakai), Sydney Bond (Ordway-voting), Jennifer Campbell (Ordway), Christina Cielusniak (Ordway), Kate March (Halilts-voting), Kelsie Thurrott (Blakely-voting), Charlie Laymon (Mosaic-voting), Jessica Wexler (Odyssey-voting), Timi Cecka (Odyssey), Caleigh Munoz (Odyssey), Heather Minton (EHHS-voting), Lori Sinclair (PTOCC-voting), Sarah Morgans (PTOCC-voting), Sarah Martin (PTOCC), Christy Remedios (PTOCC)

Guests: Amii Thompson (BISD Superintendent), Drew Crandall (Sakai Principal), BYS (Inez Jones), Moonlight Market representative

Call to order: Lori Sinclair called the regular meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., welcomed the group and thanked Sakai for hosting the meeting. Lara Deits read the Suquamish Land Acknowledgement.

Consent agenda: **MOTION:** Erica Beyer moved to approve the December 2023 meeting minutes and accept the February Treasurer report. Sarah Martin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Welcome from Sakai: Principal Crandall provided some Sakai highlights and upcoming events. Sakai is in the midst of the annual Sakai community food drive for Helpline House. In March, there will be the Leaving Our Island luncheon, one of the most special Sakai traditions. Towards the end of the month, students will also participate in the annual salmon release in the stream behind the school.

PTO Updates

Bainbridge High School

Overwhelming success with the Kleenex drive. When you can connect the parent community with a specific request and use Amazon wish list, it can be wildly successful. Teacher grants for the science department in play. Supporting student future needs with college fair and cash for college speakers. Pi (e) day coming up soon, a staff favorite.

Blakely

Big BINGO night – standing room only with families, plenty of volunteers, gift card raffle from local businesses. Bringing back teacher grants this year. Book, art and maker faire planning underway.

Eagle Harbor

Students and families created gift baskets of love for teacher morale and show support through the hard stuff. Baskets delivered by the students made it all the more special. School consolidation work has been an opportunity to let people know how special the choice programs are, the rigor of the educational program and decrease any of the stigma associated with it.

Mosaic

Valentine's Day party in the Commons with 30-40 people so great turnout. Planning a pool takeover event. SCAC representation has also been an opportunity to share about the Mosaic option and the benefit of still bringing in money for the district with less resources. Encourage everyone to share about all these options to offset loss to private schools because families didn't know what was available.

Odyssey

Successful bake sale for Mary's House with \$700 raised. Sisters' Cider House fundraiser and Big Give campaign. Bringing back the school dance in April with a DJ – limbo, sock hop, contra calling Mora ice cream, small silent auction and more. Also, bringing back the yearbook!

Ordway

Kicking off fundraiser in February with a community kindness theme featuring many acts of kindness. Will help fund outdoor education and staff appreciation. Includes questions of the day and small prizes for students, kindness cards sent home with students that will be distributed, hearts of kindness to Madrona and senior center, glow dance party and more. Leap year celebration for students with crowns, buttons and school dance party. BINGO night in March.

Sakai

Ordered and delivered the new food mill to the Central Kitchen, and thanks for collaborating. Submitted for a Rotary Grant to help fund 2 new sports courts for pickleball and soccer tennis on the playground. Fingers crossed! Planning an Eagle Harbor book fair and using the Mora ice cream as a special reward/treat, post the fall fundraiser in the spring when weather is warmer.

Woodward

Staff lunch during the student led conferences. Spirit wear push is underway as well as student leadership doing their own spirit wear through their club. Funding teacher grants that will be open from December through April. Living Voices this past December. Purchased raincoats for the PE teacher (s). Job fair is coming up so students can explore and be inspired. Deep dive month and have refugees come and speak with students.

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Like others, mostly focused on SCAC and keeping the school community updated. Huge spirit wear order with Bay Hay with the new logo (preorder and paid in advanced with checks). Next PTO meeting's focus will be asking the community for feedback on PTO. Valentine's day send-off love fest with party vibe before conferences and mid-winter break.

Follow-up items:

Ordway Yearbooks: In the process of going through the PTO supply area, Ordway found extra yearbooks from past years. They have approximately 40 yearbooks from 2019-2020 and 20 yearbooks from 2020-2021. Can you help get the word out to parents who may want one?

Ķalilc (Haliits) Spirit Wear: If anyone is interested in ordering spirit wear with the new logo --- [Click to order!](#)

BISD 303 Spirit Wear: Charlie suggested there may be interest in BISD 303 spirit wear for current community and alumni.

Bay Hay: Since many PTOs use Bay Hay for spirit wear, is there an opportunity for PTOs to pool orders, resources, online ordering methods with Bay Hay orders to be more efficient, lower costs, etc.

PTOCC Business

Although we don't have an April PTOCC meeting scheduled, depending upon the SCAC work we may revisit and add a meeting to the schedule. To be determined. PTOCC highlighted the importance of collective advocacy at the community, legislative district and state levels. The public-school funding model is insufficient and needs to be addressed and improved. Although there was broad level interest expressed at the beginning of the school year, the landscape has changed. PTOCC would like to ask each PTO to identify someone in their community to participate in the advocacy and communication committee.

Follow-up item:

Please email the PTOCC Secretary with the name and email of your school PTO representative for the advocacy and communications committee by our next meeting on March 7. If a name is not submitted, the PTOCC Secretary will invite the PTO president to the launch meeting. This request will also be sent in a separate email to the group.

Community Representatives' Updates

Bainbridge Island School District (Amii Thompson)

All things advocacy efforts and district budget.

Advocacy: The regionalized levy did not make it out of committee. Like many bills, it helps some but not all so there was an equal number for/against it. Amii, Kelly and Mark were at the capitol and met with Nance, Timmons and Hansen. Goal is to support and work alongside when thinking of solutions that support our schools. Our representatives need educational expertise to find the right solution. There are 295 districts in WA state – all in some level of financial distress. The current model is not sustainable – only 75% state funding and covers for who they think we should have and quite limited. Many resources for us to draw upon moving forward.

District Budget: District staff have spent hundreds of hours digging into the budget and working alongside financial consultants with school and district budgets and financing. Many questions have been asked including but not limited to the following: How was the 3.5-4.5 determined -was it correct and how was it determined? What processes need to be put in place moving forward? What do we need to be doing differently? Basing budget and enrollment projections in October is difficult.

This work identified forecasting assumptions in the model that needed modification. The district needs to make different decisions to course correct, spend with intention, put systems/process in place and maximize the tech levy funds as much as possible. One example is how staff time is spent on committees. Start budget savings now – needs versus wants. Levy collection is crucial. More detail will be shared at this evening's school board meeting.

Bainbridge Youth Services

Inez Jones is the new BYS representative. She mentioned the recent showing of the Screenagers series had a great turnout. During the introduction to the movie, the Kitsap Public Health Department noted drug use is increasing in Bainbridge Island's youth population. BYS always need tutors – all kids. Watch for the next round of parent support groups being offered. BYS has noted an upward trend in Woodward students requesting counseling

Moonlight Market

The Moonlight Market wanted to check in with PTOs as a resource for fundraising efforts and/or have a booth family friendly event. Please reach out to Moonlight Market with any interest or questions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.