



PTOCC MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2024
BISD Board Room

Attendees: Julie Farley (BHS-voting), Erica Beyer (Sakai-voting), Sydney Bond (Ordway-voting), Jennifer Campbell (Ordway), Christina Cielusniak (Ordway), Kate March (Halilc (Halilts)-voting), Michelle Hobbs (Blakely-voting), Timi Cecka (Odyssey), Caleigh Munoz (Odyssey-voting) Sarah Martin (PTOCC-voting), Christy Remedios (PTOCC)

Guests: Amii Thompson (BISD Superintendent) and BYS (Inez Jones)

Call to order: Christy Remedios called the regular meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., welcomed the group and read the Suquamish Land Acknowledgement.

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

PTO Updates

Sakai

- **Grant Award:** Rotary awarded a \$10K grant for two additional pickleball courts and a soccer tennis area.
- **Cherry Blossom Festival:** Students celebrated Hanami with lunch under cherry blossom trees.
- **Salmon Release & Events:** Students released salmon, the PTO sponsored a successful contra dance night, and there was a student talent show.
- **Staff Appreciation Week:** Themed in the 90s, featuring lunches, a social evening gathering, and many snacks.

Ordway

- **Carnival:** Exclusive to the Ordway community, piloting item charges for potential island-wide rollout.
- **Mega Fair:** Science, maker, and book fairs held on the same night; parents appreciated the convenience and opportunity to see multiple things.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Featured various themes and "What I Love About My Teacher" posts.
- **World Otter Day:** Upcoming celebration on 5/29.
- **Author Events:** Local authors Amanda Noll and Suzanne Selfors visited.

BHS

- **Staff Appreciation:** Successful funding request (via Give Butter) from community for full taco bar event, including appetizers.
- **Spirit Week:** Activities to include a dunk tank and a battle of the bands.
- **Grad Night:** Working through recruiting volunteers for the overnight celebration and working with the district.

Blakely

- **Events:** Hosted a maker fair, and held a book fair during lunches and after school.
- **Kindness Week:** Organized by the counselor and 4th grade kindness committee, including recess activities.
- **Spirit Wear & Enrichment:** Early preparation for spirit wear and plans
- **Teacher Appreciation:** Including a taco bar and a spa day theme.
- **Field Day:** Scheduled for the week before school ends.
- **Bike to School:** Event on May 17 given 4th grade outdoor ed the following week.

Halilc (Halilts)

- **Earth Day:** April activities included recess stations, planting, and bracelet making.
- **Garden Cleanup:** Fun and successful event to rejuvenate the school garden.
- **Bingo Night:** Hosted with great volunteer support from National Honor Society student volunteers.
- **Parent Night Out:** Great event with 40+ attendees with childcare at the Boys and Girls Club.
- **PTO Survey:** Top requests included more parent nights out with childcare and staff appreciation.
- **Kindness Week:** Coin drive raised \$1,200 for a school in Kenya, matched by the PTO.

Odyssey

- **School Dance:** Successful event featuring a live fiddle band, despite coinciding with the windstorm!
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Planning underway
- **Yearbook Project:** 7th and 8th graders working on the yearbook with mentor support.
- **Volunteer Management:** Heavy volunteer involvement (150 hours/week), aiming for more structure with the Konstella platform to streamline communication and task management.

Follow-up Items

- **Enrichment Programs:** Elementary schools met to collaborate on enrichment programs for next year. Efforts to secure volunteer support, ensure equity, and collaborate with contractors and explore Parks and Rec for free programs. Ongoing work to follow. Christy will share the district invoice for stipend reimbursement.
- **Fundraising Platforms:** The group identified the different fundraising platforms and future effort to evaluate and potentially focus on using the same ones. Currently use Mighty Cause, Give Butter, and RallyUP (most use to-date); review fees and effectiveness.

PTOCC Business

Sarah Martin reviewed the proposed 2024-25 PTOCC budget and dues structure.

- Expenses detail what we pay for, including bookkeeping. Note that not every PTO is using bookkeeping yet and there will be more upfront time and expense during onboarding.
- The Finance & Administration Committee met to review potential dues structures with the goal of making it codifiable and equitable. The group landed on basing dues to a specific percentage of overall fundraising efforts (excluding pass-through items).
- Sarah shared a draft version stating not all school fundraising information was shared yet.
- Aim to finalize bookkeeping processes within the next school year.
- The group felt that the concept of tying a percentage of fundraising to determine dues was a good approach. beneficial.
- Question if web development was included. No, not currently represented in the budget but could obtain a quote.
- Question about how much can be held in reserves as a not-for-profit. PTOCC will need to ask the accountant.
- The group will vote on the proposed 2024-25 budget and dues at the June PTOCC meeting.

Christy Remedios updated the group regarding the current status of PTOCC officers for the 2024-25 school year.

To-date, the following have generously offered their time for next year:

- Lori Sinclair, Past President
- Sarah Martin, President
- Megan Livingston, Junior Vice President
- Sydney Bond, Secretary

There are ongoing efforts to fill Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary positions. The goal is to have representation across as many of the district schools as possible.

Community Representatives' Updates

District Update

Budget and Staffing Update:

- **Certificated Staffing:** Positions such as SLPs, special education staff, and nurses must be presented at the first board meeting in May, which is tonight, along with administrative staffing.
- **Classified Staffing:** This week, we began staffing for classroom paraprofessionals, office staff, and bus drivers, focusing on efficiencies.
- **Ongoing identification of budget discrepancies.** New CFO brings remarkable expertise and a strong understanding of school accounting.
- **Ongoing deficit management work.** Purposeful spending choices at both district and school levels are essential.
- **No reduction in force planned and will be shared at the board presentation this evening.**

BYS

- **BYS event to be rescheduled.** Sun is out and people are busy at this time.

BHS

- **Excited to announce a new Executive Director will start in late summer.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.