

Bay Trail PTA Meeting - Minutes

November 30, 2023

Called to order - 7:04pm

- Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Jessica Trong, Danielle Santoro

Principal's Report – Dr. Rob Snyder

- MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of supports) process survey being created
 - Building-wide team made up of counselors, mental health staff, assistant principals and teachers
 - Academic and behavioral strategies for students with needs
- Best Buddies Café was open for business!
 - The student run café is open once a month, and offers a chance for teachers to stop in during their day for a quick snack
- SDM (Shared Decision Making) Meeting
 - Discussions included creating a central place for teachers to post assignments, notice of quizzes, etc beyond Infinite Campus.
 - Give parents an easier way to follow their student across classes
- DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Meeting
 - How can we make Bay Trail's physical space more inclusive
 - Opportunity to listen to the student voice on what they would like to see
 - Next meeting will be 12/20
- Building-wide happenings this month to help families in need
 - Adopt a Snowman – both teachers and students can select a “snowman” to adopt – bring in new, unwrapped gifts
 - Building Holiday Helpers - Providing Gift Cards
 - Giving Tree – hosted by Library with donations to benefit Saints Place (for local refugees)
- ENL (English as a new language) professional development opportunities coming up for staff
- Winter Concerts are coming up – December 5th – 7th - hope to see many families there!
- The Annual Winter Celebration will be held the last Friday before break (12/22), during the last 2 hours of the school day. Fun and games available for students
- The next Lockdown Drill will be held Monday, 12/18 at 2pm

Teacher's Report – Danielle Santoro

- Enrichment class students participated in a Field Trip to the Planetarium on 11/29
- Moxie Strings group performing with students Friday, 12/1 with a free concert open to all families in the evening
- Music staff are busy prepping for Winter Concerts
- Kathleen Maney shared updates from the Roost, including how some of the PTA donated funds were used
 - Just Games gift cards for students– entries earned through fellow student nominations for being caring and supportive people in the Bay Trail Community
 - Inflatable Eagle costume (Kathleen shared a video clip of her in the costume at the meeting – hilarious!) to surprise winners in class! Bringing laughs and smiles to the school
 - Purchased a special “Staff of the Month” parking sign. First winner will be announced at the upcoming staff meeting
 - Well Done Wednesday initiative – 6th graders won the school competition by turning in the most tickets, and choose to slime Mr. Eccleston as their reward! November's competition winners will get to select 3 staff members to receive a pie in the face
 - Purchased sunglasses to be used as swag - will be given to “Student of the Month” and those students who help out during Ticket Drop Tuesday
 - 4 Staff Trophies with different themes to be handed out to winning staff on a rotational basis
 - Scavenger hunt for teachers with a prize box at the end with special thanks to those who work behind the scenes to make all this possible (Office clerical staff, custodians, etc)

BOE Report – Krista Khan (*Absent – no Board Report*)

- All Board meeting agendas and minutes are accessible online by visiting the Penfield CSD website and clicking on the School Board tab. Links in the left navigation bar will direct you to individual resources. [Penfield Board of Education](#)

Treasurer's Report – Michaela Wall

- Reviewed opening and current account balances
- As of 11/30, we have 83 memberships purchased for the 2023-24 school year. If you haven't yet purchased your membership, you can visit our online store at: [BT PTA Membership](#)
- We raised \$570 from our Spirit Wear sale - items will be in before the holiday break
- 4 donations totaling \$190 received for the Catch All Closet – PTA will be using the funds to purchase winter clothing items
- Battle of the Books funding
 - Program runs for 6-weeks at the end of the year to encourage student reading, includes Friday celebrations with snacks, and rewards for winners – already in 2023-24 budget, so we will be able to support again this year

President's Report – Jessica Trong & Kate Torok

- PAB (Parent Advisory Board) meeting held on 11/13 and was hosted virtually by PACE. Main topics of discussion included:
 - Dr. Putnam discussed the district owned parcel at Atlantic Ave going out for RFP (Request for Proposals). Board will choose from collected bids
 - Harris Hill PTA is coordinating Bus Driver Appreciation Day this year. All school PTA's contribute – funding approved in our 2023-24 budget.
 - Constant Contact usage – Bay Trail account has been de-activated
- Flower Sales at upcoming winter concerts.
 - We received a \$150 donation from Wegmans to offset our costs
 - Small bouquets will be available for purchase at the concerts each night, \$5 each – cash only, first come first served. Bundle options include all red, all white, or red/white mixed carnations.
 - Unfortunately, we weren't able to garner support for volunteers, so the executive board members will be manning the table each night – we could certainly use your help with future events!!
- Other fundraising opportunities
 - On-going bottle/can redemption through local facilities – donations to come to Bay Trail on a rolling basis. PTA board will reach out to local facilities to ask about participation availability.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:49pm

Meeting Attendees: Kate Torok, Jessica Trong, Mindy Staba, Michaela Wall, Rob Snyder, Danielle Santoro, Kathleen Maney, Sae Park – Virtual Attendees: Caroline Elliott-Loughney, Erin Cammarata, Gary Secor