

Bay Trail PTA Meeting - Minutes

January 25, 2024

Called to order - 7:04pm

- Approval of November Meeting Minutes: Jessica Trong, Kate Torok

Principal's Report – Dr. Rob Snyder

- DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) Meeting
 - Focus on Black History Month; guest speakers and door decorating contest to highlight prominent individuals
 - Next meeting is 2/1/24
- SDM (Shared Decision Making) Meeting
 - Discussing the re-engagement process after suspension
 - Next meeting is 2/28/24 at PHS, 3pm
- Grade Level Meetings
 - Focus on harmful language and protocol for students to follow
- 2024-25 schedule building in process
 - 6th graders are working on selecting a language to begin in 7th grade (Spanish, French or German)
 - 7th & 8th graders preparing to pick electives for next year
 - 8th graders already picking electives for PHS, 9th grade
- Upcoming school events
 - 8th grade dance – 5/10/24 (PTA will solicit for chaperones/volunteers)
 - 8th grade moving up day – 6/21/24 (PTA will solicit a committee to plan and run event)

BOE Report – Krista Khan

- Textbook presentation from Kaitlin Baranowski & Katherine Varley (7th Grade ELA)
- State of the district presentation (Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Gebhardt, Dr. Maloney, Mrs. Magee and Dr. Potter))
- Budget presentation (Dr. Driffill)
- 2024-25 Proposed school calendar (Dr. Putnam) – addition of Lunar New Year as a holiday
- PHS Girl Up Club raised \$3600 for a rainwater collection tank at a school in Uganda
- Holiday giving drives at various schools very successful – positive and generous
- 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.
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Teacher's Report – Danielle Santoro

- Dylan Gramlich (7th grade Social Studies) – Highlight on Revolutionary war programs, including learning to fire cannons – many students enjoyed learning in a fun way
- Roost updates:
 - Naming contest for the new Eagle mascot (1st 2 weeks of February)
 - Chili cook-off for staff
 - Marvelous March prize baskets (sports, go wild, gaming and take-out themes)
 - Would like to tag BT PTA in event notices on X (fka Twitter) – do we have an account?

Treasurer's Report – Michaela Wall

- Reviewed opening and current account balances
- As of 1/25 we have 87 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 have a fundraising goal of \$1,500 for the remainder of the year
- Spirit Wear offered again in the spring with more generic Penfield gear available to purchase

Treasurer's Report – (Continued)

- Flower sales from winter concerts
 - Total cost was \$900 (150 bouquets) – Wegmans donated \$150, bringing PTA cost to \$750
 - Sold 110 bouquets for a total of \$555
 - -\$195 profit loss/expenditure

President's Report – Jessica Trong & Kate Torok

- PAB (Parent Advisory Board) meeting held on 1/8 and was hosted by Harris Hill
Main topics of discussion included:
 - Bus Driver Appreciation Day (coordinated by Harris Hill PTA). All school PTA's contribute – funding approved in our 2023-24 budget.
 - SEPTA – would like more support in raising awareness of events
 - PHS PTA - Screenagers series and possible collab with BT PTA for future events
- Other fundraising ideas: Color Run, Lip Sync Battle, Plant Sale in May
- PTA Meeting schedule change
 - PTA will switch to a rotating in-person/virtual schedule for the remaining 2023-24 meetings
 - February 29th will be held virtually: Google Meeting Link (meet.google.com/unc-jnda-vzc)
- Bottle/Can Fundraising update from 11/30 meeting – Mindy Staba
 - A donation account for the Bay Trail PTA has been set up at the Upstate Bottle Return facility in Penfield – donations accepted now, just mention Bay Trail PTA
 - Planning large kick-off event to occur after the Super Bowl – more info to follow

Open Forum - Penfield United Methodist Church Service Partnership – Reverend Kim Ferrel & Carrie Becker

- The church is open to service partnerships with the local schools
- Possible collab to help support the Ukrainian and refugee families at Bay Trail

Meeting Adjourned – 8:08pm

Meeting Attendees: Kate Torok, Jessica Trong, Mindy Staba, Michaela Wall, Rob Snyder, Danielle Santoro, Krista Khan, Kim Ferrel, Carrie Becker and Jennifer Campe – Virtual Attendees: Gary Secor