

**Bay Trail PTA Meeting – Minutes**  
**March 28, 2024**

**Called to order - 7:03 p.m.**

-Approval of February Meeting Minutes: Kate Torok, Michaela Wall approved meeting minutes from February

**Principal's Report - Tracey Savine, Interim Principal**

- Ms. Savine reported that her first week in the building was a good one. She was able to visit many classrooms and meet many of the students and staff.
- She reported that students got eclipse glasses earlier in the week in time for break and the eclipse.
- The “March Madness” initiative wrapped up; many students earned tickets from the staff for safe hallway behavior and citizenship, arriving to class on time, and coming prepared to school. The drawing is after the break and many great prizes are up for grabs. She thanked the PTA for its support of The Roost which oversees these incentive initiatives.
- She also reported that the March DEI meeting took place on Wednesday, March 27, and they are continuing to develop action items for several upcoming recognition months including Autism Acceptance Month, Deaf History Month, Ramadan, and Arab American Heritage Month. She will share more information as it develops. The next meeting is on Thursday, April 25, from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the Bay Trail Library and is open to all. She reported that this committee is growing and working closely with Dr. Tasha Potter.
- Ms. Savine shared that state testing (grades 6-8 ELA exam) is coming up scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18.
- She concluded her report by sharing upcoming events:
  - Bay Trail Strings Concert - Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. (PHS Auditorium)
  - 5th Annual Penfield Education Foundation 5k Run/Walk: Sunday, April 21 at 9 a.m.
  - Student Field Trip Opportunity: for students who are interested in women’s history, opportunities to learn about Susan B. Anthony and women’s rights will be offered during Flex time in April. Students should check their student Outlook email to sign up.

**BOE Report – Krista Khan**

- The most recent Board of Education meeting included several presentations that Ms. Khan reported on including:
  - PHS Eclipse Club presentation: visited elementary schools and taught lessons about the eclipse, created tri-fold pamphlet for more education.
  - Construction update: provided overview regarding high school renovation bid process, transportation facility in progress.
  - STEAM faculty presented about its Dream Lab, and ways they can be in classrooms and help teachers with ideas of how to teach STEAM; requires additional staffing and funding.
- She also reported that Penfield students recently came in first place in the DECA Awards, qualifying for the international competition. DECA prepares emerging leaders and

entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.

- She also shared that Dr. Daniel Driffill, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance, provided an update on the budget development process; noting that there will be a vote on May 7 for three propositions including the adoption of the annual budget, the purchase of additional school buses, and the approval of School Board candidates for the three available seats.
- Ms. Khan mentioned the success of the charity basketball game at Indian Landing – students vs. staff \$986 raised to support local K9 companions.
- A member raised a question about whether the district is still looking at changing the grading system; Ms. Savine reported that the Grading for Equity Committee is still in preliminary discussions regarding standards-based grading. The Board commented that we will bring this question to the next PAB meeting to learn more.

#### **Teacher's Report – Danielle Santoro (not in attendance, but Ms. Savine reported on her behalf)**

- Ms. Savine recognized the PTA support of Arts In Education.
- She provided a brief update about The Roost including April prizes returning to grade level buckets – glamourize a guitar, paintballs at guitar area some current activity prizes up for grabs.
- She also noted that thanks to The Roost, Tree Town Coffee Truck will be at the school for staff on April 18 and there will be social gatherings at Rising Storm in April and June.
- She concluded by sharing that they have been working with students to develop morning music playlists – appropriately screened by club advisors and themed including:
  - April – Teacher Chosen Music Month
  - May – Asian Pacific Islander Month Theme
  - June –Pride Month

#### **Treasurer's Report – Michaela Wall**

- Reviewed opening and current account balances.
- Membership remains at 87 members for the 2023-2024 school year.
- The PTA contributed a total of \$435 to the Battle of the Books program.
- Recent expenses include:
  - \$435 to support the Battle of the Books program
  - \$3,000 to support the Arts in Education grant
  - \$200 will support the Transportation Appreciation Event on April 23
- Recent revenue includes:
  - \$1,563.05 – Clix School Photos
  - \$570.00 – Match Play – Fall Spirit Wear Fundraiser
  - \$43.00 – Box Tops for Education
  - \$32.43 – Tops for Education
- In the midst of the leadership transition, the PTA spoke with Mr. Eccleston regarding any support or appreciation the PTA could offer to the staff and the idea of a staff breakfast was born. Michaela reviewed the budget and shared that the PTA could support up to \$750.00 for a staff breakfast. Since this is not a budgeted expense, the idea was raised at the meeting, and members in attendance voted to move forward. The board will work with Ms. Savine on the details and date.

## President's Report – Jessica Trong and Kate Torok

- Jessica offered a brief report from the most recent PAB meeting including:
  - PACE (Parents Advocating for Challenge in Education) is offering a April Professional Learning Opportunity for Faculty/Staff and Caregivers, bringing Jonathan Plucker, Ph.D. of Johns Hopkins University, to town on April 17 at Calkins Road Middle School at 7 p.m. Dr. Plucker is a prominent scholar and presenter in the fields of creativity, gifted education/talent development, the excellence gap, and education policy.
  - There was also discussion about the new processing fee for the MySchool Bucks; Dr. Putnam said he would bring it back to the main office for additional discussion.
- Mother's Day Fundraiser – the PTA is exploring a potential flower fundraiser for Mother's Day. More to come.

Kate reported on several upcoming events and initiatives:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week – scheduled for May 6-10**
  - The plan will be to collect thank you notes for teachers, counselors, and administrators that the PTA will put on social media and on our website. Notes will be collected online.
  - We will also request parent donations to fund daily snacks/treats including: breakfast pizza, donuts, morning snacks, coffee, etc.
  - The PTA is looking for a volunteer chair to take the lead in organizing this week of events.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Day – Scheduled for Friday, June 21**
  - Thanks to all who have signed up to volunteer so far. The PTA will call a separate meeting with those volunteers to bring all up to speed.
  - The Board is in the process of securing vendors for the event.
- **Spirit Wear Fundraiser** – Thank you to Tonya Frank, who has volunteered to chair our Spring Spirit Wear Sale. Details includes:
  - Website with spring Penfield and Bay Trail apparel will be live week of April 15
  - Orders taken April 15-April 26
  - Orders delivered to Bay Trail week of May 27
  - We will communicate pick-up details as we get closer
- **Scholarship Committee** – Thank you to Patience Prinzi for volunteering to chair the Bay Trail Scholarship Committee. Details include:
  - Two graduating seniors who attended Bay Trail will receive a \$500 scholarship
  - We received 25 applications
  - Committee will review applications and select finalists by April 15
  - Recipients will be presented with a certificate and a check at Convocation Night at PHS on May 29 at 7 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned** - 8:03 p.m.

**Meeting attendees:** Jessica Trong, Kate Torok, Michaela Wall, Keith Wall, Krista Khan, Tracey Savine, Christine Nail, Sae Park, Jennifer Campe