



PARKVIEW PTO

DRAFT General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Handouts

- Draft PTO General Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2019 (for approval)
- Treasurer's Report (08/01/2019-07/31/2020), as of November 12, 2019
- Updated Bellingham Promise Flyer
- School Levy Quick Facts Flyer (one copy)

Agenda

- Welcome
- Committee for Traffic and Safety
- PACS update: Kaatri Jones
- Elementary Equity Update: Amy Chesbrough
- Upcoming Events
 - Book Fair: 11/18-11/22
 - Parkview night at Village Books: 12/3
 - Movie Night: 12/12
 - Thanksgiving Help
 - Winter Wishes
- Update from Vice-Principal
- Vote to Approve October 2019 Minutes
- Guest Speakers: Patrick Durgan and Jessica Sankey

Welcome

The meeting is called to order by Jennifer Seltz at 6:35 pm with a welcome.

Committee for Traffic and Safety

The PTO is looking for volunteers for a PTO Committee for Traffic and Safety regarding the construction of the new school. Members would be responsible for attending the Cornwall Neighborhood Association meeting and keeping track of what happens with the City of

Bellingham Planning Commission and communicate this information back at the PTO meetings. This is an opportunity to give parents a voice in the process.

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Update: Kaatri Jones

Kaatari Jones attended the last PAC meeting on behalf of the PTO. The committee discusses a variety of topics each month.

- Emergency and Safety webpage (<https://bellingshamschools.org/families/school-day-information/emergency-and-safety/>) is a resource showing some of the ways Bellingham School District works to keep students and staff safe at school. The web page also includes a link to the Safe Schools Alert Tip Line (<https://bellingshamschools-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/>).
- There is a new K-8 social and emotional curriculum. In elementary school it is called the “Caring School Community” and in middle school it is called “RULER”.
- The school district has also focused attention on its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion program and updated the Bellingham Promise accordingly.
- The PAC also discussed the state Levy’s , what they do and don’t cover, and how local tax money helps to fill that gap.

Elementary Equity Committee Update: Amy Chesbrough

Amy Chesbrough attended the Elementary Equity Committee meeting on behalf of the PTO. The Elementary Equity Pilot Program is now live, and we sent our checks to the fund (~\$3900) and are waiting to receive our portion of the fund back (~\$1500). Ten of the twelve elementary schools are participating, and Amy thinks the other two will be on board shortly.

The Committee is looking to gather vignettes from schools to show how they used the money. This opened up a discussion at the PTO meeting on how to evaluate the Pilot Program and what else we can do as a community to increase equity across schools.

Upcoming Events

- Book Fair: 11/18-11/22. Could still use some additional volunteers.
- Parkview night at Village Books: 12/3. Parkview receives 20% on purchases and Ralph Hayden (plus some special guests) will read stories.
- Movie Night: 12/12. The movie is *Ice Age: Collision Course*. Popcorn will be served and the event is free.
- Thanksgiving Help. Still looking for turkey donations.
- Winter Wishes. There will be a change this year, the District would like us to collect gift cards in \$25 increments to allow caregivers to shop for their own gifts. Eventually this program will flow through the Family Resource Center to increase equity across schools. Deadline to donate is 12/9.

Update from Vice-Principal: Michelle Hess

- The Veteran's Day Assembly had a good level of participation and we received good feedback from the community.
- Parkview started Breakfast in the Classroom and the program is working well. The idea is to increase equity at school and to make sure all students are fed and set up for success.
- It is the end of conferencing, so Michelle encouraged anyone who has not yet had a conference to sign up or get in touch with their student's teachers.
- Michelle urged everyone to participate in the annual survey.
- This week all 4th and 5th graders will participate in the King Arthur Flour Bake for Good Program. Each student will get a bag with all of the ingredients to bake bread and there will be an assembly and demo. The idea is that students will go home and bake two loaves of bread and bring one back to donate to people in need.
- Mylo will send out the first construction related email the week of Thanksgiving. There was a suggestion to include neighbors on the update emails, and also for the PTO to join the Cornwall Nextdoor neighborhood as a way to gather emails for those updates.

Vote to Approve October 2019 Minutes

Minutes were approved.

Guest Speakers: Patrick Durgan and Jessica Sankey

Patrick Durgan, Executive Chef and Director of Food Services, and Jessica Sankey, Director of Wellness, discussed how and why the Central Kitchen was created, some of their struggles and successes, and their philosophy of making scratch made, delicious food that everyone wants to eat, with options for those with dietary restrictions.

The PTO raised a concern with the amount of sugar in the free breakfast items offered in the classroom. Mr. Durgan discussed the challenges of scratch made food for Breakfast in the Classroom. There are no federal nutrition requirements for sugar, but there are many other requirements they need to comply with. He also discussed some of their future goals for the program.

Adjourned

Jennifer Seltz adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.