

## Bay Trail PTA Meeting - Minutes

September 19, 2024

### Called to order - 7:01pm

- Introductions of PTA board and those in attendance

### Principal's Report – Tracey Savine – *absent from meeting*

- Update shared through email (see attachment)

### BOE Report – Krista Khan - *absent from meeting*

- Board Bulletins sent through ParentSquare - also available at [Penfield Board of Education](#)

### Teacher's Report – Danielle Santoro

- After school clubs will be starting soon
- School musical will be running in November (Elf Jr)
- Roost program not running in 2024-25
- Mrs. Mietus hosting "Be Your Own Boss" class – requesting guest speakers (see attached)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will be attending music field trip to Seabreeze in Spring

### Treasurer's Report – Michaela Wall

- Reviewed opening and current account balances
  - Expenses for new checkbook, updated insurance certificate, printing reimbursement, locker shelf inventory, and Family fun zone at homecoming (shared expense with Harris Hill PTA)
- IRS 990 form filed
- As of 9/19 we have 93 paid memberships! Highest amount in 2 years.
  - If you haven't yet purchased your membership, you can visit our online store at: [BT PTA Membership](#)  
All memberships purchased before October 1<sup>st</sup> are entered into drawing for \$50 Amazon gift card
- Fundraising income:
  - Locker shelves (107 pre-orders, 40 sold night of, 24 2<sup>nd</sup> round) @ \$3,420 total
    - Largest pre-sale to date! Sold out night 1, opened 2<sup>nd</sup> round of orders based on demand.
  - Portion of sales from 9-Cone-Cone, MatchPlay and Quigleys @ \$605.10 total (locker set up events)

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

- Homecoming Family fun zone was a success. Bay Trail hosted an airbrush tattoo artist from Arlena's Costumes and shared expenses with Harris Hill PTA
- Monetary donations made last year towards the Catch All Closet were used to purchase toiletries, and other supplies. Purchase was delayed as our school contact indicated the closet was well stocked at the time.
- Bottle/Can Fundraising: ongoing account with Upstate Bottle Return (all area locations). Just mention Bay Trail PTA and we will receive the full donation amount.
  - Potential Can/Bottle drive held later this fall
- New fundraising opportunities: Anne Tetamore presented new options
  - Local Goods fundraiser
    - Would begin sales in October, pick up in November ahead of Thanksgiving
    - Profit based on total # of items sold
    - Anne will share further information with PTA board
  - Savers (Webster)
    - Accept donations of clothing and furniture – payout "per pound"
    - Different pay out rates based on items
    - Centralized collection location needed with transport then to Savers – how to coordinate?

### **President's Report – continued**

- Flower Sales (Kate Torok)
  - Last year the flower sales were a wash financially - offered as more of a convenience to families. Uncertain if this would be undertaken again this year.
    - Possibly offered for Musical performances instead? Candy bouquets?
- Volunteer Kudos!!! –The PTA board would like to THANK and recognize the following volunteers for their assistance with School Picture Day: Patience Prinzi, Dara Slovik, Courtney Barbe, Kyle Vosburgh, Caroline Elliott, Taylor Kuberka and Tonya Holahan.  
Thank you all for assisting with this event! We so appreciate you giving of your time.
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
  - The 8<sup>th</sup> grade moving up day committee is looking for a chairperson and members. Planning meetings expected to begin after the holidays. Please reach out to [president@baytrailpta.org](mailto:president@baytrailpta.org) if interested.
  - PTA board to confirm 8<sup>th</sup> grade class size with Admins for planning/budgeting

### **Open Forum:**

- Last year, an initiative was discussed by Dr. Snyder to develop a centralized method of communication from teachers to parents regarding class test schedules, assignments, etc (through Teams, Infinite Campus?). Is this still in the works, what is the status? - PTA Board to add to October agenda
- DEI Committee update (Yonjong Choi) – the DEI Committee is looking for volunteers to attend meetings, and assist with supporting DEI planned celebrations.
  - Interest survey open for responses through 9/30.
  - Please see Mrs. Savine's weekly ParentSquare updates or the [PTA website](#) for more information
- Benevolence Program – Employer matches volunteer hours with a monetary donation to non-profit organizations. Are we able to utilize this as a potential extra source of “fundraiser income”? Needs further research
- Changes to lunch & schedules: *(information below provided to Tracey Savine and Krista Khan in email after meeting for their review/response – will be added to October meeting agenda for follow-up)*
  - Why was the format of lunch changed this year?
    - Scheduling purposes, or a way to control the few kids that cause problems?
    - Parents shared it felt like “all” kids were being punished for the past bad behavior of some
      - Why not take away privileges for those who can't follow the rules?
    - Student anxiety about not being with friends who are in a different time slot (only time to connect during the day)
    - How were “assignments” made, and why are change requests not permitted
      - Parents who reached out to inquire about switching times for their child were told the schedules are set and that no changes were allowed
      - Students are taking it upon themselves to “switch”, and what message is that sending?
    - Access to building during recess/Supervision
      - Some students reported that they were unable to re-enter the building for the restroom during recess, and had to walk to the front of the building (un-supervised)
        - Not sure if this was due to doors being locked or short staffing at entry points
  - Concerns over the reduced time (20 minutes)
    - Increased student anxiety about being late and missing part of their already shortened lunch
    - Not enough time for kids to get through the line if buying
      - Some parents shared that their child refuses to buy lunch anymore due to tight timing

### ***Changes to lunch & schedules - Continued***

- Not enough “down time” – concerns over their Social/emotional wellness being affected
- What happens with students who need extra time – will they be forced outside?
- Why is the Cafeteria divided – staffing?
  - First day of school, students reported having to sit on the floor
  - Less seating options for kids, and not enough room to separate themselves from students they may have issues with
    - Parents felt this smaller space could lead to more problems as everyone is forced to be “on top of each other”
- Schedule changes
  - Why all the last-minute changes, and AFTER students had already walked their schedules?
    - What prompted the issues this year – why wasn’t this noticed sooner?
    - First day anxiety was through the roof
      - Impact to students who had started to feel prepared after walking their schedule, only to have it change
  - Jazz band changes – students now lose recess time
    - Why was this moved from previous after school time slot?

**Meeting Adjourned – 8:07pm**

**Meeting Attendees:** Kate Torok, Jessica Trong, Mindy Staba, Michaela Wall, Danielle Santoro, Sae Park, Jennifer Campe, Nicole Felts, Erin Cammarata, Jennifer Luisi, Susan Guffey, Yonjong Choi, Anne Tetamore, Diandra Brown - Virtual Attendees: Brandi Grant, Laura Wilks, Ravi Mehta and Sarah Alexander