



Bishop School PTO Community Meeting Agenda
March 2, 2022 at 7PM
Join via [Zoom](#)

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Co-Presidents: Laura Tikonoff (2nd year) & Anna Pisania (1st year)
 - Co-Treasurers: Kyle Chiang (2nd year) & Lindsay Pacheco (1st year)
 - Fundraising Coordinator: Tai Sokoloff (2nd year)
 - Room Parent Coordinator: Lindsay Sweeney (2nd year)
 - Communications Coordinator: Amanda Maltais (2nd year)
 - Recording Secretary: Jessica Nordgren (1st year)

- Review and Approval of Minutes from January 2022

- **Bishop Principal's Update (Mark McAneny)**
- 6 weeks of uninterrupted learning. Love spring/March. Playground update - the info sessions has occurred. They are having another this week to have community input. Not losing the basketball court. Location could change. Court could be moved to the old red playground location. Will have a full court - not cutting it in half. Round table talk. Want to hear students' thoughts. Will the playground be ready by fall? Some community members wanted more accessibility. Yet to be determined. Trying to move it along as fast as possible.
- MCAS - really involved with lots of moving parts. Kids will take some online practice tests, check wireless systems. If families are away we will have makeup.
- Field trip - Dr. Homan messaged optional mask wearing. Combine classes for enrichment, open door, school no longer has to keep strict seating. No contact tracing. Yes to field trips but it's late in the year. Not expected to get back on track with field trips this year. More next year.
- School committee meeting tomorrow night - masks become optional. Date depends on case numbers this week. Next Monday or March 14th. Everyone is in a different place with mask wearing. Each family will have their own desire for their child. Wait until Friday to send out an update until after the school committee meeting. Staff will have the same language about masks and options. Shared talking points. Teachers can talk with students about it on Friday to prepare for the following week.
- Katie Martin has gone above and beyond. Want to show appreciation and special recognition. Mark wants to work with PTO on something special for Nurse Martin.
- **Questions** - (Stephan) Will teachers enforce individual families' mask decisions because of peer pressure? Mark will be the point person. Not going to put responsibility on teachers. Dorothy Schuette - tolerance and acceptance of students' individual choices explained by teachers to students. (Tai) - questions about continuing testing. Pool testing will continue.

- **Teacher's Update (Dorothy Schuette, PTO Teacher Representative)**
- Not much to share. Katie Martin has done a wonderful job. Teachers support recognizing her. Staff appreciated February break. March can feel long - but good for growth and consistency. Staff always feels appreciated by the PTO.

- **PBIS Presentation - Eva Liner, Assistant Principal**
- Blue Ticket! Positive behavioral intervention support- creates a framework to do this. Two years of work to create and plan.
- What is PBIS? To bring positive reinforcement to the school. This is from a 3 year grant for professional development. The Bishop PBIS team came up with the idea. Needs to be accessible to all grades - something all students can participate in. When implemented students achieve improved social and academic outcomes and schools show reduced disciplinary activity. Not a curriculum but a community matrix. Signs are displayed in common spaces in the building. What are the behaviors that show the three R's. Respect, Responsibility and Regard. Created with staff and student input. Broke the matrix into smaller parts, added visuals and put posters around the building. Visuals make it accessible for non english speakers. Focused on school wide behavior while not taking away from lessons in the classroom. Staff was trained and they had meetings throughout the year to check in about this. Work with faculty and students throughout the year to calibrate the system. Whether you are in K or 5th grade we have the same expectations for shared spaces. Each week 2 tickets get pulled. Winners then pick from the prize menu. Tickets not pulled get put on the wall for a week. Lindsay - What about students who are always well behaved vs. children who change their behavior ? Everyone gets a ticket by the end of the year. Laura - How is this measured to see the outcome of this program? Office referrals, attendance, TAT team that sees behavioral kids. See if this decreases over time.

- **Co-Treasurers Update (Lindsay Pacheco)**
 - January-February Budget Summary
 - Read a thon, spring fundraising.
 - Good financial position. Bear fair is back.
 - A Lot of grants - good for school and teacher. Raised \$54,654 so far this year.
 - Expenses \$43,005 year to date. 5th grade recognition, garden etc.

- **Co-Presidents Update (Laura Tikonoff/Anna Pisania)**
 - Read a Thon Update(Tai) \$15,000 raised so far. RAT is going really well so far. Families aren't logging in and updating minutes as much as last year. Don't know why people haven't been setting up accounts. Sarah and Grace thank you for their help with the fundraiser.
 - Upcoming Spring Events- excited for some upcoming activities. Will update the calendar shortly. Staff appreciation week, spring cleanup, cultural fest, bear fair, used goods, science night, field day and 5th grade recognition.
 - Bishop Garden Update- will start replacing the three beds. They will start once the snow is gone. Team of volunteers working. Currently working on getting educators for the spring.
 - Christina - new bishop sunglasses that will be for sale at the hot chocolate picnic.
 - Thank You Notes
 - **Questions** - (Stephen) - How are teachers talking about Ukraine? Not requiring teachers to have these discussions but teachers are talking about it in an age appropriate way. Not every classroom is prepared if it comes up.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Hot Chocolate Meet-Up - Saturday, March 12th

Read-A-Thon - Ends Friday, March 4th

NEXT PTO MEETING: WEDNESDAY, May11, 2022 @ 7PM