



Bishop School PTO Community Meeting Agenda
January 12, 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 November 2021 - minutes are approved.

- **Bishop Principal's Update (Mark McAneny)**
- Welcome back! Happy New Year! Teaching and learning is happening - teachers are digging in and working hard. Kids are learning. Don't want to neglect that we are in a big surge. Monday's we test and Tuesday we get the results. Takes most of the administration's time to do this process. Huge appreciation for Nurse Martin! Great collaboration and communication. Can't thank her enough for everything she is doing. Gratitude of the staff and community. Bishop is doing a great job.
- Red playground update: Principles of Bishop, Stratton, and Pierce are interviewing architects and design firms to design the new playgrounds. Tight timeline. Timeline to be completed by September. The main playground is also in the scope of planning. Assessing the ropes that keep breaking down. Keeping some structures as we replace certain parts. Parks and recreation are hoping to move the red playground from the corner. It's hard to monitor in its current location.

- **Teacher's Update (Dorothy Schuette, PTO Teacher Representative)**
- Teachers appreciate Mark's support. People are feeling very different with levels of concern. Still all working together and supporting each other. Kids are happy to be back even with slight changes within the classroom. Kids are more spread out and distanced. Emphasis on wearing the mask correctly. Having pretty normal days with a lot of academics.
- Teachers are very appreciative of all the gifts. Teachers especially appreciate the classroom parents. Checks for the classroom goes a long way too.
- Ms. Bell suggested a PTO segment of the newsletter for holidays or recognition.
- Ileana (parent) having high quality masks for students - can we send out a survey to the community who needs high quality masks. Mark - there was a bit of a shortage at first but now we are well supplied. A parent group got together to collect a bunch. Bishop has a good stock of kn95. Nurse Martin has extra masks too. Susan Perkins - people can email her for masks. Ileana - have a message translated in multiple languages to let parents know.

- **Co-Treasurers Update (Kyle Chiang/Lindsay Pacheco)**

- November-December Budget Summary - current finances are in good shape. Able to support the pto this year. Met the budget. Walk-a-thon was a great success. Expenses have been in line with projections.
- **Co-Presidents Update (Laura Tikonoff/Anna Pisania)**
 - Second Annual Read-A-Thon in February - info to come. February 14 to March 4. Great way to engage kids and track reading. Huge success last year.
 - PTO Grants funded in November/December:
 - Flexible Seating and Headphones for Ms. Brubaker's Fourth Grade Classroom
 - Lunar New Year Decorations
 - Second Teacher/Room Parent Checks distributed.
 - Bishop Garden Update - curriculum to match up with the garden. Working to identify replacing the beds - Mark met with the garden committee. Garden beds will be replaced in phases.
 - Thank You Notes

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day) - Monday, January 17th

Hot Chocolate Meet-Up - Saturday, February 5th

Read-A-Thon - Monday, February 14th- Monday, February 28th

NEXT PTO MEETING: WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022 @ 7PM