

# PTO BOARD MEETING 02/09/18

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9 FEBRUARY 2018 / 9:00 AM / WILKES LIBRARY

## ATTENDEES (16)

Alicia Bye, Lisa Kastner, Soomie Ahn, Becky Whitlock, Melissa Bang-Knudsen, Lindsay Browning, Megan Livingston, Courtney Cook, Dylan Mann, Katie Wilson, Jessica Garcia, Kelly Cancialosi, Mia Rodgers, Peter Bang-Knudsen, Jennifer Cannon

## AGENDA

- Welcome
- President's Report - **Lindsay, Megan**
- Superintendent Report - **Peter Bang-Knudsen**
- Events - **All**
- New Business
- Adjourn

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Lindsay, Megan**, Co-Presidents

1. The BISD School Board approved Amii's recommendation to discontinue the Multi-Age program at Wilkes
  - a. Question: Will the former multi-age kids stay together?
  - b. Answer: They will be kept together organically but with the new class size cap, the group will be too large to accommodate everyone
2. Class sizes restrictions are required by the State K-3, but with Wilkes being a K-4 program, it will most likely push the "20" cap to all grades, since it structurally makes sense
3. The Toy Assembly is scheduled for this evening at 6:30pm. Please spread the word.
  - a. The SignUp Genius for volunteers had a low response

# SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

**Peter Bang-Knudsen**, Superintendent BISD

1. BISD Strong Awards
  - a. Yesterday 9 awards were given for the BISD Strong Awards. It is “spreading joy across the district” as we recognize our “unsung heroes”
  - b. Strong Minds, Strong Minds, Strong Community
2. State of the Budget
  - a. This is the best year for our budget in my 9 years as Superintendent
  - b. We are “cautiously optimistic” with an increase in resources coming from the McCleary Decision from the State, however there are more “strings” with how the money can be spent
    - i. K-3 class size target will be 20, being reduced from an average of 24-25 students today
    - ii. The district will be hiring 7-8 new K-3 teachers
      1. Currently recruiting, which is earlier than previous years
      2. Bainbridge has a great “package” to sell our prospective teachers
      3. Quality teachers is BISD’s #1 asset
3. Blakely Elementary Construction
  - a. Construction has begun and is on schedule to be completed to reopen Fall 2018
4. Social Emotional Health Focus
  - a. 3 tiered pyramid approach to social emotional health
    - i. Tier 1 (bottom of pyramid): All kids are being taught “toolkit of strategies” ex. deep breathing
    - ii. Tier 2 (middle of pyramid): Group Support, an intermediate stage
    - iii. Tier 3 (top of pyramid): for struggling kids, 1-on-1 support, we have onsite resources ex. BYS
5. Expanding Options for Education
  - a. The current Spanish Immersion program is expanding
  - b. Commodore’s Odyssey multi-age program will double in size

- c. On the Secondary Level, they are discussing options to expand to 7 or 8 periods from the current 6
    - i. Allowing more class choices for kids
6. Questions & Answers

**Q1:** Why was the community services hours requirement dropped at the high school?

**A1:** It is still encouraged, but just not required. It is difficult to track as a requirement for graduation.

**Q2:** Will you be posting the new teaching positions online?

**A2:** Yes, in the next couple of weeks these positions will be posted.

**Q3:** Does WA State allow teacher credentials from other states?

**A3:** Testing for knowledge may be required

**Q4:** At Wilkes the PTO is funding and emphasizing “edible education”, can this become a district supported program?

**A4:** This could become a bubble-up from the school-level rather than starting at the district level. Keep “seeding” the idea.

**Q5:** Our PTO is being asked to fund new iPads, but we would like to know what the district will be funding before we make the investment.

**A5:** Good question. Circle back.

7. Open Office Hours

- a. Every Wednesday, I hold open office hours, please contact Lani Chaffee to schedule a time slot
  - i. Email: [lchaffee@bisd303.org](mailto:lchaffee@bisd303.org) or by Phone: 206-780-1052

## EVENTS

1. BINGO Night is scheduled for Friday March 9th from 6pm to 7:30pm at Wilkes Commons
  - a. Prizes for winners only to include Wilkes PTO gear

- i. Gifted stuffed animals in PTO closet may be donated to another group in need
  - b. Food Drive for Helpline House - bring cans or dry goods
  - c. Looking for "Point Person" to organize BINGO logistics
  - d. Future Idea: Have 4th Graders take over BINGO Night as a fundraiser for Island Wood Sleepover
  - e. NOTE: PTO owns Bingo cards and Bingo machine
2. Science Fair
  - a. Scheduled Thursday, April 26th
  - b. All Students: K-3 optional, 4th required
  - c. Types of Projects: Labeled Drawing, Observation Report, Models/Dioramas, Inventions, Demonstrations, Experiment, Technology
  - d. More information to come at the March PTO Meeting with special guest: Alison Hatletveit
3. Parent's Night Out
  - a. Saturday May 5th 5pm to 8pm - Adults Only
  - b. Fletcher Bay Winery
  - c. Organizer: Jennifer Cannon
  - d. Details TBD will include: per person charge (current estimate of \$15 per person has not been firmed up), food truck availability, tent rental, heat lamps, music options, etc.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Ideas for PTO sponsored "PED Talks":
  - a. Study skills
  - b. Screen limiting, Screen-agers, cell phone use
  - c. Early dates, birds & bees

## NEXT MEETING

- Friday, March 9th at 9am in the Wilkes Library.

Motion to adjourn at 10:55am, unanimously approved.