



Fox Point Bayside PTO Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018

Present: Robert Kobylski, Karen Grimm-Nilsen, Jodi Hackl, Sarah French, Katie Glaisner, Christine Duback, Bridget Carlson, Tina Kreitlow, Jessie Hilstrom, Jolena Presti, Megan Girton, Amanda Singh, Melanie Berg, Heather Klug, Flavia Mildenberg, Sayema Kahtun

Not Present: N/A

Meeting called to order at 9:04. Minutes from 5/31/18 meeting motioned to approve by Amanda Singh via email and seconded by Katie Glaisner via email.

Referendum Update - School District Superintendent, Dr. Kobylski

- Proud of high student achievement and everyone's part in our success. Pride pins donated and passed out to meeting attendees.
- Nov. 6th Operational Referendum update:
 - Previous referendum in 2015: A \$950k referendum was approved in 2015 which resulted in an increase in property taxes of an additional \$49/\$100k of property value.
 - Why a change to \$3.1m now? 2015 referendum didn't accurately cover 4yr period due to actual enrollment numbers and lower rental income from Dunwood than expected with YMCA vacating premises.
 - We are in a 4-year enrollment trough - in 5 years will trend up again. To account for that, we are not replacing retiring teachers but also not laying off to right size for the future.
 - Flyer shared with meeting attendees and will be mailed to constituents to explain district need for \$3.1m including budget deficit due to enrollment declines, antiquated technology, school repairs and maintenance, and replenishing fund reserves.
 - Property taxes would increase \$79/100k. Many schools going to referendum this year due to status of state funding.
 - History of budget situation: In 2007, district started deficit spending. Community valued small class sizes and did not want to decrease staff. In 2012, the Board of Education approved a referendum for 2013 but rescinded due to administration's concern about how it would be received. They decided it was better to reduce expenditures and staffing. Layoffs and increased class sizes resulted. The facilities budget was also removed. Over 100 parents turned out to the following board mtg to express their concern over this approach.

- Budget is 21% over revenue right now. If "no" vote, 20% reduction in everything we do will result, such as increased class sizes.
- Community info sessions are scheduled - first is 9/15 at 9:00 at Stormonth. See District Calendar for full schedule.
- Dr. Kobylski has offered to attend any neighborhood gatherings to explain further, if desired.

Stormonth Report - Principal, Karen Grimm-Nilsen

- Thanks for all the work so far on the many events that have already happened.
- Parent info night at Stormonth is Thurs, 9/20. New this year is a 5:30-6:00 session on restorative practices with Sarah French before grade-specific sessions start. Math, reading, writing info sessions also added opposite grade-level sessions.
- Reunification drill coming up 9/27.
- Mural work will be happening the week of 10/8.

Bayside Report - Principal, Jodi Hackl

- Transition activities for 4th graders seemed to help make a smooth transition for the 5th graders.
- A little behind on the blacktop project due to water still draining from the gravel base. Same with landscape restoration. Parent pick-up is so much nicer and safer. Signage is coming and so is the 5th/6th grade playground.
- First assembly of the year was Chris Poulos, BMX bike champion, who demonstrated tricks while talking about safety, kindness, practice, and positive actions. Shared with Stormonth students, as well. Very well received.
- Parent Information Night 9/13 - same format as prior years.

Teacher Representative Report - Sara French

- Rebranded PBIS - the Eye of the STORM is where things are calm and orderly. Pride tags handed out for backpacks. Students can earn more throughout the year for exemplary behavior and birthdays.
- A staff book study is underway for the book Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in our All-About Me World by Michele Borba. Examines change in social interaction since the introduction of Smartphones and how that has affected children's development. It will be expanded to parents this winter. More information at Parent Info Night.

President – Katie Glaisner

- Back to school picnic was easy to implement and better attended than expected due to weather with about 150 people attending. Good way to reconnect. Replaced PTO mingler. Idea offered to potentially alternate location with Bayside every other year.
- PTO closets have moved as school basement/office were cleaned out over the summer.

Katie would like a volunteer to help reorganize.

- Will the PTO be involved in the Valentine Dance at Bayside? It is run by student council. Decided to keep as non-PTO but can potentially tap into volunteer base. Idea offered to change to daytime dance party, instead, to limit social pressure.
- Chairs are asked to clean up files on the Google Drive and keep them organized.
- Several open chair positions remain -
 - Spring book fair
 - Concessions - or should this just be part of every event? Were contracts for vendors standardized, like for food trucks? Low priority chair need.
 - Cupcake Run (Helena Laven needs co-chair)
 - Passive fund raisers (box tops, Amazon smile)
 - North Shore Kids Safety Network (bike rodeo) - Heather Klug?
 - End of Year Party
 - 3rd/4th Grade Kids Night Out
 - Talent Show - none needed. A BMS staff member will head it or it will be cancelled.
- Bike/Walk to Bayside Day idea presented by Heather Klug in light of safety issues, specifically when crossing Brown Deer Rd. near Lake Dr. She has been working with the Village and police department to brainstorm how to make this safer. Has been told that crossing guards are a liability and no funds are available for improving intersection. We need to educate children about safe crossing practices. She offered to coordinate a date with BMS to make this new event happen. Thank you!

VP Ways and Means – Tina Kreitlow

- Flavia Mildenberg will be chairing the fall book fair. Pavilion has been rented for 3 days with a class preview day 11/12, fair on 11/13 and teardown 11/14. Flavia will coordinate with Sarah French to promote the Unselfie parent book study.
- Spirit Wear sale - Stormonth received 40 orders (80 items). Bayside had 41 orders (95 items). We receive \$1/item sold. Expected early Oct. to distribute.
- Club Choice begins 9/24. Orders due 10/15, pick-up 11/7. We receive 40% of sales.
- First restaurant night at Pizza Studio 9/26. 10% of sales donated.
- Monster Bash coming up - date TBD. Gunter needs a co-chair who will hopefully take over next year.

Treasurer Report – Bridget Carlson

- Fundraising summary presented. Income has come in from Amazon Smile, Cupcake Run (from Kohls), membership dues, directory ads, private donation, and Baskin Robbins restaurant night from last spring.
- Expense report and deposit forms sent out - please forward to chairs. Everything is electronic - please email forms and receipts to Bridget. Will move expense forms to PTO Team drive so everyone can reference past event expenses for planning.

Past President – Christine Duback

- Staff luncheon was a big success.
- Fund Allocation Committee is almost set. Still need teacher reps at each school and one more Stormonth Parent.
- Suggestion was made to use \$1500 for a GaGa Pit at Stormonth.

VP School Services – Jessie Hilstrom

- Bus riders program went well - Sara was very happy with the response of volunteers. There was at least one outdated bus route distributed - can we double check we get the latest update before the first day of school?
- Donna got SignUp Genius out for school pictures at Bayside which is happening 9/17. While not a PTO event, volunteers are helpful to monitor behavior in halls.
- Some confusion about new volunteer form format. It is to indicate general interest, rather than for specific events - if a parent is not interested in something, just delete request.

VP Programs – Megan Girton

- Conference dinners will be 10/18 at 4:00 at BMS and 4:30 at Stormonth.
- BAN 10/5 for 5th and 6th graders.
- Bayside Talent Show is pending teacher leadership. Not PTO-led.

VP Cultural Arts and Sciences – Amanda Singh

- Artist-in-Residence project starts week of 10/8. James Tomasello, artist from True Skool, will involve all Stormonth students in the project during art classes. Artist will do clean-up work and mount on wall in front entry after completed.
- Will touch base with Jodi Hackl regarding her ideas for a 2019/2020 project and if she would like PTO help this year.

VP Administrative Services – Jolena Presti

- Directory cover will showcase Artist-in-Residence project.
- Memberships still coming in.
- New this year is six coupons included in the directory, including 2 for raffle tickets at PTO events.
- Some confusion if people are members or not - no master list yet to easily check.
- 9/28 first newsletter - include event summaries and photos. Submit to Megan ASAP.
- Chair package has been updated.

Secretary – Melanie Berg

- Run prospective event dates by me to check against district calendar.
- Flyers can be posted on school bulletin boards - put in PTO mailbox and email me.

- Discussion of whether prior meeting minutes need to be printed and distributed at meetings. Will now send final pdf prior to meetings for approval and bring one hard copy for reference.

Open Comments

- Add mingler in Oct to try to get more event chairs?

Good and Welfare/Adjournment. Meeting ended at 10:45. Katie motioned, Meghan seconded.