



AGENDA

**Fox Point-Bayside PTO Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2020
9:00 - 10:30am**

Bayside Middle School

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Via Zoom: bit.ly/Nov4PTOmeeting

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1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Attendees: Jayme Cain, Maggie Cain, Bridget Carlson, Jeff Dellutri, Jodi Hackl, Xiaoting Hao, Jesse Hilstrom, Megan Smith, Rachel Weinberg, Adria Willenson, Laura Witkov, Stephanie Bennett, Helena Laven, Amanda Cohen, Charity James, Joe Stiglitz, Monica Arnstein
Not present: Jolena Presti, Amanda Singh
- b. Meeting called to order at 9:04.

2. District Report (*Dr. Jeff Dellutri*)

- a. As Trimester 2 approaches, the case counts do not allow for increased in-person schooling. Lots of contact tracing and quarantining over the weekend, many students and staff in quarantine and isolation. On Monday the district leadership met and struggled with staffing. Looked at other schools, specifically MJDS, who will be virtual between Thanksgiving and New Year's. The decision was made due to the success of mitigation efforts like social distancing, masking, frequent handwashing, cleaning protocols. Our COVID cases came from gatherings outside of school, not in-school events.
- b. We asked people to choose an education mode and stick with it. The survey on Monday will find out what people want to do moving forward. There might not

be too much shifting. Nov 30 begins the second trimester, so we'll continue with this model as long as we can. The process is consuming for administrators. Please don't have sleepovers and gatherings. Halloween effects are likely still coming.

3. Stormonth Report (*Laura Witkov*)

- a. Thank Yous: Cortney Roberts for conference snack bags for teachers, Rebecca Wahlberg and Helena Laven for Monster Bash Bags and Scavenger Hunt, Megan Smith for doughnuts at Laura's home. Adria Willenson - cookbook project is shaping up.
- b. New Ways at Stormonth is a 6-minute video was shown at the Board meeting that shows how Stormonth is operating.
- c. Lockdown Drills - Both were successful, happened in late October, one per cohort. Issues were uncovered - large windows that might provide visuals into classrooms were covered, a key was made for a teacher who needed it, etc.
- d. 3/4 Grade Student Survey. 68% response rate, asking students what they like about school, what can be improved. Looking for feelings of connectedness between students and adults and among the students. Laura also spoke with the 4th graders about things like digital citizenship, respecting others' privacy especially right now, etc.
- e. Fall Parties: Many kids enjoyed dressing up and having social time at the end of the day. Virtual kiddos also participated.
- f. Playground bids: new playground bids are coming in, to be installed next summer. Administrative team is meeting with the Ed Foundation and with different companies: making inclusive to special needs and wheelchair students. Student input is being solicited as well; they are requesting things like swings.

4. Bayside Report (*Jodi Hackl*)

- a. Jodi is wondering if Megan knows where she lives because she didn't get any doughnuts.
- b. Lockdown drills were successful. A 5th grader asked, "Where is our safe place?" He was asking about the evacuation place, so the students are thinking about that.
- c. Bake sale today and tomorrow for the basketball court, they have enough food to

sell.

- d. Spirit Days - Wednesday and Thursdays until Thanksgiving. Today is Professional Sports day. This breaks up the week and gives kids something to look forward to
- e. Student Survey: 32% of the Bayside students took part in the survey. Good information, sometimes very specific to certain students and families who don't feel at all connected. Admin team is working to reach out specifically to those kids to remedy. The goal is to give kids goody packages with books, materials for kids who are struggling, curriculum supplements, treats, etc. One teacher even sent a Door Dash meal to a child who felt isolated to cheer him up. At the 11/11 FAC meeting, Jodi wants to use some of the money for things like yard signs and other measures.
- f. Thank you for conference goodies, the teachers were so thankful. The sausage/ jerky sticks were a big hit.
- g. STEM Day - In a typical year, Nicolet kids come to Bayside to do a STEM activity. They involve FEAR group and other students, and work with 8th graders. This year they can't do it in person, but they made each child a kit they can take home. It's an engineering problem to solve. Pictures will be uploaded as they come in.
- h. Couple of quarantine cases this week. A parent asked for a guarantee of social distancing, but that's simply not possible. Kids just naturally come together at times during the day. Bayside does it best, but let's remember that kids are human, they need reminding and sometimes slip. There have been no cases spread in the building, so the measures seem to be working.
- i. Charity James added: has been doing check-ins with kids about their cohort and learning mode, what extracurriculars they feel a part of, how academics are going, their feelings about the workload. Feedback has been positive. Social connections - lunch tables are lonely. Encouraging kids to keep an eye out for kids who are consistently alone at the lunch table and reach out to them. Overall emotional well-being: they are happy they get to go to in-person school a couple of days, but they feel they don't have much to look forward to, everything is being cancelled.
- j. Joe just sent an email out; virtual Forensics is starting with the 7th and 8th graders. He also bought more age-appropriate playground toys for kindergarteners at Stormonth (pickleball, sand box toys).

5. VP Cultural Arts and Sciences (*Adria Willenson*)

- a. Cookbook Program: District-wide cookbook program with the 2 schools. On about 11/19, a letter will be drafted to go to district families. If kids are artists, writers, computer-savvy, photography - hoping they can all participate. 577 Households in the district, we hope to give everyone a cookbook free of charge, and also access to a digital version. Celebrity chef to do a launch, hopefully in May. Two companies are being considered: Morris cookbooks and cookbookpublishers.com.
- b. Pen Pal Passport Program for grades 6-8 (Stephanie Bennett):
 - i. Connect students with other students around the world for one-on-one exchanges, for about 3 months. They goal is to find a same-grade peer, and have them communicate via snail mail and digital, video chat, etc. Kickoff will be on February 1, 2021, when cookbook info collection ends. One idea is to get a booklet like a passport, do tasks on each page, get a stamp. A draft copy of the passport has been sent to Megan and Adria.
 - ii. How to police the program. Do we tie it to social studies? Library activity? Extracurricular? We are trying not to load more onto the teachers. Do we do a merit award at the end of the year? Gift cards from local businesses? Do we involve the family to police it, for good communication, topics to avoid, respecting time zones?
 - iii. Cultural Day: maybe move to May, and then maybe we can have it in person? Otherwise, we will do Cultural Day virtually. Passport program kids might lead it, or match them up with an adult volunteer. Kids have a keepsake (the passport), and a lasting understanding of the other culture.
 - iv. Is this a digital thing or do we need to print the materials? Do we need a budget allocation? Need to plan next steps to execute. Adria: budget will depend on participation, 279 kids in those 3 grades. Get a stamp for: recipe sharing, video chatting, PowerPoint presentation on Cultural Arts Day.
- c. Bayside: might do Art of Hula Hooping (Laurie Asch recommended).
- d. Cultural Arts Day and Special Interest Day at Stormonth - will it be done virtually? pre-recorded? We are working that out.
- e. Talent Show - The logistics to be determined.

- f. Phillip Gutter campaign, almost \$28K raised so far. Bake sale expects to pull in \$200. Coin Wars and Lemonade Stand ideas have also been floated.
- g. Hometown Heroes - Kids-to-Kids toy drive. Light show for families to drive through in December, looking for volunteers. Adria will post on the PTO Facebook Page.

6. VP Ways and Means (*Rachel Weinberg*)

- a. Monster Bash In-A-Bag recap - Helena and Becca did a lot of hard work - Rachel expressed thanks to their dedication. Was successful, fun, engaging. Helena updated: Megan, Robin, Jayme, Sara, Bridget, Rachel all part of the committee. Bag contained toys, candy, doughnut, crafts, scavenger hunt, costume contest, pumpkin carving raffle. We also had a playlist, and there was a 50/50 raffle. 382 bags were sold, and we were able to give 69 bags to reduced lunch program kids. Raised \$12,406, including the raffle, less \$3,731 in expenses. Netted \$8675, which is more than the Monster Bash usually brings in. The pickup wasn't ideal, we should have delivered the bags into classrooms. Stormonth kids really loved it, Bayside was less enthusiastic, less age-appropriate.
- b. Club's Choice recap: Pickup next Tuesday at Stormonth. Logistics TBD. Very successful, especially since we couldn't promote it at all with tastings like we usually have.
- c. Fall Book Fair: starts next week. Molly Hoehn and Robyn Wilgreen are co-chairs and Megan, and Rachel are all helping out. At Longacre all next week. Signups will keep crowds to a minimum. Volunteers needed.
- d. Be A Ninja Fundraiser with JK Lee: flyer going around, we can purchase masks, tees, long sleeve tee, or sweatshirt, proceeds go to the PTO. Also coupons for restaurants.
- e. Passive fundraisers: Box Tops are still being collected. Shutterfly Program: you can flag our PTO for holiday card creation. Amazon Smile as well.
- f. We may do another spirit wear sale in January / February.

7. VP School Services (*Jesse Hillstrom*)

- a. Yearbook update: Megan, Laura Crum (Stormonth Yearbook Chair), and Jesse met last week to discuss ideas for the yearbook this year. There are a lot of pictures being submitted, also coming in on Social Media. The virtual teachers

will be involved in getting pics of their learners. Bridget and Jesse will fill in gaps by taking photos in-school. Instead of a class picture, Mrs. Miner, Savannah - kids do self-portraits in art? Jodi and Laura are willing to help.

- b. Lunch duty follow-up for second trimester: First trimester went well, but second trimester isn't planned yet. At Bayside, only Bridget volunteered. Jesse will send out signup sheets. Laura reminded us that volunteers need to check in with the Raptor system.
- c. K4/K5 registration: in January. Laura has some ideas: at Maple Dale / Indian Hill all the Kindergarten registration is online, so they get a timestamp, it manages things with a first-come first-served for AM/PM assignment. They came in in person with documentation like birth certificates and property tax bills, etc. That would likely work well at Stormonth.

8. Past President (*Bridget Carlson*) - FAC update

- a. Meetings set up on the 11th with both schools. Survey is back, 35 returned from Stormonth, 48 from Bayside, will be sent to principals. Questionnaire was revamped a bit, in the past it was a holiday gift list survey and about glaring needs in the classrooms. Now, revamped to learn their needs in the pandemic. No truly shocking things - the teachers need some organizational items, Clorox wipes, etc. Scholastic dollars into the budget as well, if possible.

9. President Elect (*Jayme Cain*) - November social hour

- a. 11/18 6-7 PM Virtual PTO social hour - invite people! Will talk about the PTO, give parents a chance to connect as well. Maggie will have Suzette add it to the district calendar.

10. Treasurer Report (*Xiaoting Hao*) -

- a. Fundraising report: Book Fair expense of \$150 for facility rental, Club Choice check has been deposited for \$3,627 so far, another check will come soon. Membership dues \$6,603, not including staff membership, so that will go up. Monster bash \$2,279 expense, not including raffle. It will go up by \$1155, revenue is \$5,700 so far but a check will go in today. Spirit wear intake is \$571. Yearbook \$7,596 so far, that will go up closer to next year.

11. VP Programs (*Amanda Singh*)

- a. Teacher appreciation Month (Monica Arnstein, chair, updated): We are going to invite families to come to both schools to chalk up the blacktops with notes of appreciation to faculty and staff. Amanda and Monica will block off areas for each teacher, make it a path you can walk through. Do it on a weekend, have signups, self-policed. Bring your own chalk. No PTO supervision will be provided. The weekend before Thanksgiving is an option.
- b. Conference dinners (Megan updated): Cortney really wanted to provide something even for teachers who aren't on campus for conferences. Only spent about half the budget, so spring conference has some budget already. A more robust meal might be possible.

12. VP Administrative Services (*Jolena Presti, Megan updated in her absence*)

- a. Directory update: parts are at the printers. Anh is working tirelessly. Class lists have fluctuated a lot. Carla is working hard to keep on top of the class list situation. Membership numbers are a bit down, advertising does cover the print costs, with some funds provided from other buckets as well. 303 families signed up this year. A proof will be ready by Monday from the printers, we will print about 400 copies.
- b. Children's Wisconsin Sponsorship update: Rich Hanson, our contact, is very busy so we're working hard to get on this ASAP. Will they be our top sponsor next year? We hope so!

13. President (*Megan Smith*)

Nothing to report. Everyone covered it.

14. Secretary (*Maggie Cain*)

Nothing to report.

15. Open Comments

None.

16. Good and Welfare/Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:34. Motioned by Xiaoting Hao, seconded by Bridget Carlson.

