



## **MINUTES**

**Fox Point-Bayside PTO Meeting  
Wednesday, December 2, 2020  
9:00 - 10:30am**

**Via Zoom: [bit.ly/pto-zoom-mtg](https://bit.ly/pto-zoom-mtg)  
Password: 461478**

**Present:** Stephanie Bennett, Maggie Cain, Bridget Carlson, Laura Crum, Jeff Dellutri, Jodi Hackl, Xiaoting Hao, Jesse Hilstrom, Jolena Presti, Amanda Singh, Megan Smith, Joe Stiglitz, Rachel Weinberg, Adria Willenson, Laura Witkov

**Not Present:** Jayme Cain

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- a. Call to order at 9:02 - Happy Birthday to Laura!

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

- a. Along with North Shore and Washington and Ozaukee Superintendents and health departments, Dr. Dellutri is working on a joint letter to move teachers up on the vaccine priority list. Other state organizations are doing the same. The CDC made their recommendation yesterday, but the state does have some control on distribution.

### **3. Stormonth Report (*Laura Witkov*)**

- a. Little Free Library was a request from Mrs. Mullin's first graders from last year. The post is in the ground, but completion was postponed this spring. Mrs. Miner (art teacher) is going to coordinate with those students (now second graders) to paint the library in art class.
- b. Virtual learning is off to a strong start. Transition has gone well. Stormonth

increased the live session times throughout the day, now there are morning and EOD meetings. They also added in a live social hour for each grade level, including the virtual students as well. Assistants are monitoring those chats. Also offering live specials. Gym, guidance, music, art - will all be live. On Friday mornings, for grades 1-4, there are live sessions to help with catching up. The school is also implementing Virtual Connection Mentors, Jodi will discuss more. These are for kids who can't get connected, or forget their sessions, etc.

- c. The playground improvement plan is moving forward. They are focusing on two companies' bids at this point. Laura has also got feedback from students - about 130 videos on Flipgrid of what kids want to see on the playground.
- d. Friday pickups at Stormonth - hours extended to 1:00-4:00. PTO directories will go home this Friday, next Friday report cards will go home. If a household is unable to pick up, the materials will be in the school for them, or school will drop off to the homes. K4 and K5 kids who were in person, now all have chrome books to use at home.

#### **4. Bayside Report (*Jodi Hackl*)**

- a. Virtual is going well for Trimester 2. A few kids didn't have what they needed and were confused about Monday (day 1), but it was quickly resolved.
- b. Building is quiet at Bayside, but they are hard at work on things like yard signs, and other goodies for kids to keep them feel less emotionally drained by isolation. PTO funding really helped there.
- c. Basketball court - The physical construction will start in spring, but the back-end work is coming along. Neil Willenson has gotten fundraising off to an amazing start. We exceeded the initial fundraising goals. In January we'll see T-shirts and masks as a fundraiser as well.
- d. STEAM for Girls - Theresa Cyper (5th grade Social Studies and ELA) started STEAM for Girls in Cedarburg, which went very well. She is going to work on a program like that at Bayside. Jodi will make it open for everyone, but will be targeting specific kids to get them in the program, who might not see themselves in STEM careers due to gender or race. Nicolet trends are being examined with regards to which kids end up in those FEAR and STEM classes so we can create greater integration.
- e. Connection mentors: When kids get one, they tend to keep one. Some kids have

a hard time staying connected virtually, staying engaged - that doesn't go away, so it's a constant need.

- f. Nicolet High School (NHS): New Student Online Enrollment - 11/20 through 12/18. All students are new students when they enter the high school. Jodi recommends enrolling even if you have an eye on another school, even if you're open enrollment and likely won't get in (Nicolet accepts very few open enrollment students, although Chapter 220 students are automatically accepted). Teachers then make class / track recommendations based on their impressions. World languages has been particularly challenging this year, especially due to masks, and more kids might end up starting in Spanish 1 or French 1 than other years.
- g. Amanda asks if we are doing a student survey to check in on their feelings about school. Jodi - it was done at the end of October. The kids who were struggling were isolated and got extra touch points, contacts from Charity. Maybe it's a good idea to do it again, how they are doing with the transition to virtual learning.

#### 5. VP School Services (*Jesse Hillstrom, Laura Crum*)

- a. Yearbook updates: **Stormonth**: Every year there's a full school photo at Stormonth, but obviously not this year. Maybe we can do one later in the spring, but in case that's not possible we want to do something that shows all the school together if we can. One idea is for the kids to all paint rocks and then take a picture of all the rocks together. Maybe on the playground. We are working on logistics on getting the kids the rocks. **Bayside** - The art teacher, Savannah Forsythe, is doing this at Bayside and has a lot of energy behind the project. This year, there is a different publisher because of a new format (less like a scrapbook, more like a traditional yearbook), so we're trying to minimize the logistical differences between the 2 publishers to make it easier for parents who have kids at both schools.
- b. K4/K5 registration online - Laura will post things on the website about this.
- c. Lunch duty update - holding off until after the holidays.

#### 6. VP Administrative Services (*Jolena Presti*)

- a. Directory update - Directories are on their way out. We will net just under

\$1,100. We got the ads we needed.

- b. PTO Membership is down slightly, but still over 50%.
- c. Children's Wisconsin sponsorship: Megan and Jolena will be working with Rich to get the next check; this sponsorship is not definite with all of this year's challenges. Calendar year 2021 will be their donation timeline.

#### **7. VP Programs (*Amanda Singh*)**

- a. "Chalk It Up" recap - went very well, this might be something to repeat each year. Both schools looked great. It was nice to link it with Thanksgiving, but we got lucky with the weather this year. Moving forward we wouldn't need to use the Signup Genius when we're out of the pandemic, but it's nice to have the accountability.

#### **8. VP Ways and Means (*Rachel Weinberg*)**

- a. Fall book fair recap: Thanks to Molly, Robin, Megan for their hard work. Challenging but went very well. Response was good, feedback on the location was great, many gift certificates donated to the teachers. Thanks to the volunteers as well. We also donated lots of books to Next Door. Rachel would love to see the book fair back at Longacre in the spring.
- b. Passive fundraisers push - order holiday cards through Shutterfly, gifts through Amazon smile, and scan box tops.

#### **9. VP Cultural Arts and Sciences (*Adria Willenson, Stephanie Bennett*)**

- a. District-wide cookbook program: Letter sent out to district, link to the recipe submission site, deadline 1/11/2021. Robin also posted it on the PTO website. Also called for volunteers in other areas like photography, layout, etc. Submissions will be collected throughout. 12/10 - committee will meet to discuss publisher options. Let's make sure to emphasize that the cookbook will be given to everyone free of charge.
- b. BMS passport program (Stephanie Bennett) - Figure out how to introduce the program to the kids. There are 279 children in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. Do we present it through Social Studies? Extra Credit? Independent project? This will determine how many participants there will be. Also, we need to determine who at the school will oversee it, give stamps. Also need to determine the timeline.

We will put more structure around it in January, as we focus on the cookbook for now.

#### **10. Past President (*Bridget Carlson*)**

- a. Fund Allocation Committee update - Gotten some “thank yous” from teachers. Mr Campbell got a new microphone, Free Little Library is getting installed, exciting things. Next week there will be a meeting about spending the funds, something great is coming to Stormonth - updates later. Reaching out to isolated kids is a focus.
- b. Book Fair: We got \$900 in scholastic dollars from the Book Fair, but the books we purchased for the Stormonth teachers were actually bought with cash, as this was easier logistically. For that reason, a larger-than-usual portion of the Scholastic Dollars will go to Bayside.

#### **11. Treasurer Report (*Xiaoting Hao*)**

- a. Fundraising report and Profit and Loss statement
  - i. We got another deposit from Amazon smile - \$200 year to date, will go up after holidays.
  - ii. Book fair: deposit so far is about \$712, which includes \$408 starter cash. So the cash sale is \$303. Xiaoting expects to write a check to Scholastic at some point.
  - iii. Club Choice - check is still coming for the profit of the online sales. So far \$3669 revenue
  - iv. Directory - \$1800 so far, one more check will come for \$900. Anh has the check. Costs were \$1600. Mequon Copymaster has been very generous with the school directory printing discount.
  - v. Membership dues - revenue of \$6.181 so far, but that will go down by \$180 for the membership reimbursement (some families double paid).
  - vi. Monster Bash numbers are final - \$8551 profit in total, final number.
  - vii. Yearbook - costs so far come in at \$2800, which is the Bayside deposit (has cleared).
  - viii. Expense side - we already reimbursed the expenses from fall conferences dinners.

**12. President Elect (*Jayme Cain*), reported by Megan in her absence**

- a. December Newsletter deadlines/dates - articles due to her by Tuesday, December 8. Goal is to have it out before the Holiday break.
- b. If anyone has pictures from Monster Bash, Book Fair, or Chalk it Up - send those to her ASAP so she can include them.

**13. President (*Megan Smith*)**

**14. Secretary (*Maggie Cain*)**

**15. Open Comments**

**16. Good and Welfare/Adjournment**

- a. Amanda Singh motioned to adjourn . Jolena Presti seconded.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 9:47