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**Fox Point-Bayside PTO Meeting
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
9:00 - 10:30am**

**Stormonth School -OR-
Via Zoom: bit.ly/pto-zoom-mtg**

Present: Maggie Cain, Bridget Carlson, Jayme Cain, Jeff Dellutri, Jodi Hackl, Xiaoting Hao, Jesse Hillstrom, Heather Klug, Jolena Presti, Amanda Singh, Megan Smith, Joe Stiglitz, Adria Willenson, Rachel Weinberg, Laura Witkov, Kathleen Wallinder, Anh Clausen, Robin Burns, Dave Hirsch, Amy Bazelon, Janet Merk, Kim Mangarelli, Charity James

Not Present:

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Call to order at 9:02

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

- a. On Monday, the School Board unanimously approved a change in modality starting on February 15, we will change from hybrid to four-day in person school. Community seems happy, unhappy emails to Dr. D have decreased. Teacher concerns: PPE, plexiglass dividers, masks, whatever - assessments will be made. Plexiglass dividers will be installed in the lunchroom. At Stormonth, the separation will be easier, since each class has one dedicated teacher. One K5 teacher was changed to 2nd grade to make it work. Plus, the grades will be segregated from each other in the lunchroom. It's a lot of work, but the mid-trimester change is being worked on.
 - i. Question from Dave Hirsch: his kids have been virtual and they are

pleased with it. What will virtual look like going forward? He is particularly concerned that the Google Meets portions will change - they like them as-is. Jodi Hackl: We are going to try to keep virtual the same. 5th grade will especially remain similar. Teachers were adamant about keeping the kids clustered so they can give them a personalized experience. They are working to accommodate kids who want to change to in-person, and those kids are staying in their virtual cohorts, so there will be continuity. Grades 6-8 have been live streaming for quite awhile. The teacher has 2 modalities going on simultaneously. This works because of the lesson structure - mini-lesson, then guided practice. She asks that parents reach out to them with feedback. Jodi is very interested in collaborative problem-solving for the benefit of the kids.

- ii. Question from Heather Klug: She is very concerned about the 20 minutes of close-quarters, mask-less exposure at lunch. She is frustrated that the change is happening mid-trimester. She is not comfortable with full in-person 4 days because of lunch. She is considering picking them up and taking them home at lunch for the last half of the day. Response from Jodi: Plexiglass will be installed, 4 kids maximum per table. Also putting 25 desks in the band room, where the individual desks will be 6 feet apart. 7th grade (largest) has 80 kids, there will be enough room for them in the lunchroom. Laura: 4th grade lunch was moved back by 10 minutes, so only one grade level will be there at a time. Largest group is 68 (2nd grade). They will be 6 feet apart. Lunchroom supervisors will be standing back unless a child needs help. Seats will not be assigned, but they sit within their class. She is also looking for volunteers for supervising indoor recess so teachers can have a break, especially since the kids can't be in the hallways or the board room for recess.

3. Stormonth Report (*Laura Witkov*)

- a. Mr. Scanlon had a free throw contest for older students with area schools in the gym yesterday and Monday this week, kids were very excited about it.
- b. Ice skating was possible last week and this week. Mr. Sigler, a student teacher, has been great with the kids.

- c. All-school incentive for January: Just climbed Mount Stormonth. Mr. Story stuck skis in the snow and created a path, food-coloring trails, Oreo cookies at the end. Virtual kids also did a version, virtual climbing experience, and Oreos for them as well.
- d. MAP: Growth and gains are happening, which is great to see. MAP scores come out soon.
- e. February 15 changes: K5 virtual kids will be combining into one class with Mrs. McGill. Ms Apfelback will be forming a new 2nd grade class to maintain better distancing. Virtual kids transitioning in will be together, and other parents are being asked to volunteer to change their kids from the other classes.
- f. March 4, 5, 11: Conferences, will be held virtually again.

4. Bayside Report (*Jodi Hackl*)

- a. Changing schedules mid-year is hard, system limitations make it more difficult. If a change is made in the middle of a trimester, all of the grade data will disappear. So as much as possible is being done on paper, and the computer based systems aren't being updated because it will be wrong and confusing. Please call the school for questions on schedule. After 2/12, the portal will be shut down for parents and students until 2/17. 2/25: Conferences coming up, the system will be back up and live before then. In order to facilitate the transition, the teachers have agreed to end the trimester early so we can make the switch. The 7th and 8th graders will lose out on a few days of their elective, but they will gain on the next trimester elective.

5. From the Desk of Joe Stiglitz

- a. MAP testing for virtual students happening this week Friday
- b. PBIS items going on a Bayside
- c. Doughnut parties that some kids earned
- d. Schedule note for Stomonth: right now they'd have 30 minutes per Special per week, now they'll have an hour each, except Guidance / SEL will stay 30 minutes.

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

- a. Rachel is very appreciative of all the work that went into this in the past few days. It might be worth it to do some sort of recorded presentation to parents.

- b. PTO is ready to supply the classrooms with what teachers might need, or volunteer. Please reach out.
- c. Outdoor Winter Fun Night - February, early March? Rachel would like volunteers to help work on it. Outside at Longacre at the rink? Will update on dates ASAP.
- d. Cupcake Run Planning update (Jayme Cain): Hoping to have it in June. Jamie Carlson has volunteered to be the co-chair, the plan is that Jamie will stay on next year and Jayme will roll off to be PTO president.
- e. Milwaukee Pretzel Fundraiser: Milwaukee Pretzel Company wants us to participate in a fundraiser, selling their huge pretzels. They are also part of the Rolling on the Green Fundraiser, an item in a swag bag. Probably in April.
- f. Spring Book Fair - We are beginning to plan this

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

- a. Cookbook Program Update - 101 submissions were received over a wide variety of cultures. Teachers are going to reach out to underrepresented cultures to get more. Gift card drawing was won by Julie Niffam. Next step is choosing a publishing company, organizing the students based on their area of interest.
- b. BMS Hula Hoop Program - Mrs. Tarrantino teaches hula hooping and will lead. To ensure social distancing, we might stretch out over a full day, or 2 days with the specials schedule. 2/16 is the next meeting to finalize that.
- c. Special interest day at Stormonth - still trying to come up with ideas on that.

8. VP School Services (*Jesse Hillstrom- update by Megan Smith*)

- a. Yearbook Updates:
 - i. They have worked with Mrs. Minor about continuing art projects, self portraits to sub for class pictures in the yearbook.
 - ii. Rock painting - talking with the K4 teachers about this - maybe also in Art class?
 - iii. There are bugs in the yearbook photo submission form, but they are working it out and pics can be attached to an email for submission
- b. Safety week in May - we are starting to look at that

9. VP Programs (*Amanda Singh*)

- a. Her family has been so happy with the situation, big thank you to the administration, teachers and staff.
- b. BMS Block Party in the spring / BAN: Everyone seems burnt out on virtual events, so a block party for all 4 grades seemed like an alternative. Food trucks and a DJ, picnics, ice cream truck, etc. Jodi thinks it sounds delightful. Maybe break up by grade for numbers purposes. She really wants 4th graders to be able to come do a BAN with the 5th graders as well, she'd love to see that happen.
- c. Spring scavenger hunt - for the Stormonth kids - the scavenger hunt last year was so much fun - maybe do that again this spring.
- d. Teacher appreciation: Bridget suggested a coffee cart, another snack bag kind of thing. Maybe the week of February 15, later in the week. We'll make sure to avoid the week of March 4, which will be the Conference dinner. We will deliver to the teachers lounge to minimize contact, and then maybe have a few PTO members walk around to do a quick in-person thank you to personalize it.

10. VP Administrative Services (*Jolena Presti*)

- a. Sponsorship Planning - Most sponsorship recruitment has gone through the events. Jolena would love suggestions on how to get corporate or other sponsorship without events. Childrens does sponsorship via calendar year, so they did \$5k in 2020, we are trying to secure sponsorship for 2021. Bridget: Midwest Orthopedics has approached us in years past, so someone in our community is connected to them. We didn't pursue it because we had exclusivity with Children's. Might want to circle back around with them.
- b. Should the PTO help with PPE? Dr. Dellutri: The district feels very comfortable about the acquisition of PPE and does not need PTO contributions as of right now.

11. President Elect (*Jayme Cain*)

- a. Spring Newsletter Deadline - March 16

12. Past President (*Bridget Carlson*)

- a. Stormonth FAC funds: Ms. Miner is moving forward on the Kiln. Will be energy

efficient and will last up to 50 years. An electrician needs to come evaluate the venting.

- b. Bayside FAC funds: Jodi made so many signs and quarantine bags, that was very appreciated and successful. She also did some teacher wish list items - cool pencils, etc.
- c. Photos for the newsletter would be appreciated.
- d. For next year, there will be an official grant process again next year because there will likely be a larger surplus.
- e. Scholastic dollars: \$988 was recently debited from our Scholastic account, which Bridget is investigating. There seems to have been a counting misunderstanding from the committee on how it's reconciling. Money was used to purchase books for the Stormonth teachers - we thought that would be last year's balance, but this year's balance might have included last year's balance, which would mean we have less Scholastic dollars than we thought. We need to finalize and close out the Book Fair and then we'll know the balance. We do have an outstanding gift certificate for \$150 that was given to a Cupcake Run family that needs to be redeemed - Bridgit will work it out with the family who won it.

13. Treasurer Report (*Xiaoting Hao*)

- a. \$70 from Maybel's Labels
- b. \$120 from Shutterfly, increased our income from passive fundraiser to \$390, which is close to our annual goal of \$400.
- c. Fall Book Fair - we got another \$80 from Kohl's Volunteers for a total of \$200, which completely covers our Book Fair costs.
- d. Box Tops - we have one check for \$136.
- e. Additional Membership and Yearbook money has also come in, and the checks for picture days for both schools, \$2630, which is above the budget expectations.
- f. Thanks to Adria and Neil Wilenson, we received a \$500 (minus \$15 Paypal fee) donation from their Kids2Kids Christmas Wonderland Charity Night.

14. President (*Megan Smith*)

- a. 2021-2022 Chair & Board Planning - think on whether we can re-up for another term. VPs should reach out to the Chairs. Robin is stepping down as

Communications chair, there are a few others that are also open. Ways and Means - Helena and Becca for Monster Bash - are they staying on? Rachel will talk to them.

15. Secretary (*Maggie Cain*)

- a. No updates

16. Open Comments

- a. Rachel Weinberg: we may need more funds for the 8th Grade Promotion process this year. She will be in touch with Xiaoting and Megan. Bridget wants to be sure the promotion committee knows that they already have a budget from the PTO of \$400. Rachel will circle back around to make sure they know.
- b. Jodi - talking with Charity about having an orientation on February 12 for kids who haven't been in the building yet, especially incoming 5th graders, but all ages will be encouraged to attend. Details in this week's messenger.

17. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn at 10:25 by Jolena Presti, seconded by Jayme Cain

18. Approval of the Minutes

- a. Motion to approve on February 11 by Jesse Hillstrom, seconded by Jayme Cain