



AGENDA

Fox Point-Bayside PTO Meeting
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
9:00 - 10:30am

Join via Zoom here: bit.ly/PTOMtgsZoom

1. Welcome and call to order

- a. Call to order: 9:05 AM
- b. Present: Kitty Brin, Jayme Cain, Maggie Cain, Dr. Jeff Dellutri, Anne Earnheart, Jodi Hackl, Xiaoting Hao, Jesse Hillstrom, Megan Smith, Kari Sisson, Britten Brenner Stenson, Nicole Stickler, Joe Stiglitz, Laura Witkov.
- c. Not Present: NA

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

- a. The district is working hard to fill staffing shortages

3. Stormonth Report (*Laura Witkov*)

- a. The FAC committee met this morning and discussed funds allocation.
- b. Gift cards gathered by the PTO were distributed over break to district families in need.
- c. COVID19 Update: COVID numbers are updated by the district nurse on the dashboard on Tuesdays and Fridays. Right now 3.5% of students and 8.8% staff have tested positive. Staff shortages are a struggle as we try to stay in person. COVID mitigation strategies are in place.
- d. School Musical update: on March 16 and 17, we will present the spring musical, which will be The Grunch. Auditions are this week and next.

4. Bayside Report (*Jodi Hackl*)

- a. COVID Update: Eight staff members are currently out. Staffing shortages are serious but currently manageable. Right now 6.6% of the students and 13.1% of staff have tested positive.
- b. Cancellations of extra curriculums: Boys Basketball is trying to get a few games in, but many other schools have canceled outright for January. Camp MacClean retreat for 7th graders was also canceled. The 8th grade Washington DC trip is still scheduled to be open to fully vaccinated students (booster not required at this point).
- c. Students who are out for quarantine have a personalized experience - some are not working if they don't feel up to it, some keep up with Google Classroom, some have quick zoom meetings with teachers. Some subjects are exempt like gym, art, and science labs.

5. President Elect (*Kari Sisson*)

- a. Please send anecdotal stories about the gift card distribution for the next newsletter.

6. VP School Services (*Jesse Hillstrom*)

- a. We need a volunteer for the Bus Rider program for next year
- b. Walking to school / school safety - Jesse is considering proposing a low-key safety day activity to remind the children about safety walking to school. Laura shared an email

from the Fox Point Chief of Police about safety at Stormonth. Without sidewalks, crosswalks and signage can't be installed. Crossing guards: The village does not have funding for hiring staff, and staff shortages are already a problem in other communities. Parent and staff volunteers are a possibility, but the village would not be involved. Volunteers cannot stop traffic or step in the road due to state law.

7. VP Administrative Services (*Anne Earnheart*)

- a. No updates

8. VP Ways and Means (*Nicole Stickler*)

- a. Fall fundraising efforts were very successful

9. VP Programs (*Britten Brenner Stenson*)

- a. Peppermint Pop Up Winter Event - the ice rink is being created this week. Activities will include ice skating, a snow obstacle course, and snow fort building. Stone Creek donated coffee and hot chocolate, and there will be packets of toppings for sale (marshmallows, peppermint sticks, etc).
- b. Conference Dinners will be boxed dinners on Thursday, March 3
- c. Eighth Grade Promotion events will need volunteers but the PTO is not officially involved in organizing this event. The PTO will provide general funds as usual.
- d. Last year, the district rented a coffee cart as a random act of appreciation / kindness to support the teachers. We will explore doing that again this year

10. VP Cultural Arts and Sciences (*Kitty Brin*)

- a. No updates

11. Past President (*Megan Smith*)

- a. Membership Toolkit: The website continues to be updated and populated
- b. Fund Allocation Committee
 - i. The FAC met with Stormonth this morning and allocated \$5900 of the \$8100 total for the following projects:
 - 1. Wiggle chairs and weighted vests for one K5 and one 1st grade classroom as a pilot to test effectiveness with wiggly children
 - 2. Earth Ambassadors program for K5 (kale garden, composting, recycling)
 - 3. Specials will receive funding for collaborative programs for 1st and 4th grades, like the Folk Festival
 - 4. Supplies for Market Day which is part of the third grade classroom economy program. We will purchase supplies for all kids to make their items in school rather than at home.
 - 5. Two virtual field trips for 4th grade: an archeologist specializing in Wisconsin effigy mounds, and a Fort Ticonderoga virtual field trip
 - ii. The FAC meets with Bayside FAC tomorrow. Functional space concerns seem to be at the forefront
- c. Scholastic Dollars: current balance is \$8,651

12. Treasurer Report (*Xiaoting Hao*)

- a. Updates on Club Choice profits, Membership Directory printing costs and ad sales, Membership Dues, School Pictures profits, Gift Card donations, Coffee Bar deposit
- b. The Certificate of Exempt Status has been provided by the Department of Revenue. It

has been posted, and can be used as needed.

13. President (*Jayme Cain*)

- a. Two people on the PTO board have expiring terms, Jesse Hilstrom and Maggie Cain. Maggie volunteered for another 2 year term as secretary.
- b. To create a VP of Communications board position, we must vote in person. Since today's meeting was virtual, this will be an agenda item for next month.

14. Secretary (*Maggie Cain*)

- a. No updates

15. Open Comments

- a. None

16. Good and Welfare/Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:27, moved by Nicole Stickler, seconded by Jayme Cain

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