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Fox Point-Bayside PTO Meeting Wednesday, April 6, 2022 9:00 - 10:30am

Bayside Cafeteria -- OR --

Join via Zoom here: bit.ly/PTOMtgsZoom

1) Welcome and call to order

a) Call to order: 9:06 AM

- b) Present: Kitty Brin, Jayme Cain, Maggie Cain, Dr. Jeff Dellutri, Jodi Hackl, Xiaoting Hao, Elisabeth Koerner, Megan Smith, Britten Brenner Stenson, Joe Stiglitz, Amanda Singh, Kari Sisson, Nicole Stickler, Laura Witkov.
- c) Not Present: Anne Earnheart, Jesse Hillstrom,
- 2) District Report (Dr. Jeff Dellutri)
 - a) Education will transform in our district as a result of the referendum that was passed, then the change will continue at Nicolet.
 - b) Framework for our Future is also trying to address the silos that we have in the district and transform our schools. We are surveying teachers, parents, and the community, to develop a baseline for continued assessment. It's an exciting time in the district.

3) Stormonth Report (Laura Witkov)

- a) Recent events: Second trimester has concluded, and report cards were sent; the Grunch performance and the Snow Show were great successes; conferences are also complete, and our teachers appreciated the dinners and treats. There was an in-person Storm Rally on Friday, the first since the pandemic began, which is very exciting.
- b) The First Grade specials show will be coming up in May, a pajama outdoor performance.
- c) Forward testing starts next week. 3rd graders do ELA and math, 4th also do science and social studies.
- d) Fourth Grade field trip to Madison will take place on Thursday, April 21, a first since before the pandemic.
- e) Youth Frontier, who puts on the Kindness Retreat, is booked through this year. Laura is hoping to schedule something for fall.
- f) Arbor Day celebration will be on Friday April 29 in collaboration with the Fox Point Forester, the Fox Point, Garden Club, the band, the Earth Ambassadors groups, and a girl scout troop. We will

- plant and learn about trees, and give out seedlings.
- g) Staffing changes, enrollment, and budgeting for next year are all underway. K4 and K5 new family tours are being planned. April 21 deadline for homeroom accommodation requests.
- h) Summer Pathways Tennis, coached by Coach Koppa, the Nicolet tennis coach, will be part of Summer Pathways for the first time.
- i) The all-school photo will be today.
- j) Service Learning Projects K4 and K5 completed their project for the Make a Wish foundation, collecting and delivering over 200 items (toys, games, art projects, costumes, etc.) to children.
- k) Lunch and Recess Supervisors are always appreciated.

4) Bayside Report (Jodi Hackl)

- a) Forensics has concluded a very successful season with a record number of student participants, over 30.
- b) Scholastic Art and Writing an 8th grade student won a gold medal in the national contest in the 13- to 18-year-old age category.
- c) National History Day and the Science Fair about 100 presentations were given. One student is moving on to the state competition with his paper on urban freeways.
- d) School Musical auditions are underway for Beauty and the Beast.
- e) Dodgeball and Doughnuts was last night for the top fundraisers for Clubs Choice. Thanks to the PTO!
- f) Artist in Residence Gongtopia is going on this week, the children are learning about meditation, and the staff will experience it tonight. Frogwater will perform on May 7.
- g) Washington DC trip has concluded. Several children took advantage of the PTO scholarship.
- h) Forward testing is next week, the week of April 11.
- i) Joe Stiglitz: 4th grade transition process has begun. Mr. Stiglitz has been connecting with the students often to get them fired up. The (complimentary) t-shirt order form is going out today.

5) President (Jayme Cain)

- a) Bylaw Review a team is working on reviewing and revising the bylaws. We will bring them to the May 6 Board meeting for approval.
- b) The PTO Nominating Committee meetings are also underway. We are focusing on finding someone to fill the VP of School Services and President Elect positions. We want to make sure people realize that being on the board isn't an unmanageable time commitment, and that there are many ways to contribute (financial, time, sponsorship, etc.). It might be best to contact the committee before soliciting someone for a leadership role to avoid double solicitation, but use best judgment.

- 6) President Elect (Kari Sisson)
 - a) No updates
- 7) Past President (Megan Smith)
 - a) FAC About \$3100 in funds (about \$2,000 from Bayside, about \$1100 from Stormonth) will roll over until next year.
 - b) Scholastic Dollars remaining almost \$4200 remains. Bayside has about \$300 left, Stormonth has about \$2400 left, and about \$1500 is reserved as a cushion to be divided between the schools after the spring Book Fair.
 - c) Membership Toolkit the current priority is the Cupcake run signup page, which will go live on Friday April 8. Next Megan will populate a page for Teacher Appreciation Week donations, then pizza sales.
- 8) VP School Services (Jayme Cain on behalf of Jesse Hillstrom)
 - a) No updates
- 9) VP Administrative Services (Jayme Cain on behalf of Anne Earnheart)
 - a) No updates
- 10) VP Ways and Means (Nicole Stickler)
 - a) Restaurant Nights were a success. Lou Malnatti's brought in \$229.25, Dr. Dawg funds aren't in yet.
 - b) Spring Fundraising: planning is underway
 - i) Spring Book Fair will be on May 2-7, along with Teacher Appreciation Week. That week will also include the K5 Pajama Party Play, and the Second Grade Jazz Series (both on May 6) to draw in families. Pizza Sales Third Coast Provisions would like to partner with us to have frozen Flower Child pizzas available for sale at the Book Fair. We are evaluating their capacity to fulfill the orders and will finalize.
 - ii) Cupcake Run: This year's Cupcake Run will be on Saturday, June 4. Registration will open on April 8 on the Membership Toolkit website.

11) VP Programs (Britten Brenner Stenson)

- a) BANs 4th and 5th on May 13 to coincide with 4th grade transition. 6th and 7th grade BAN will be on April 29. Britten is working on potential updates to how children pay for food, also easing the entrance process
- b) Teacher Appreciate Week (Amanda Singh): Last year, over \$3100 was raised in addition to the \$1000 budget from the PTO funds. We are working to keep that energy going this year. Coffee Popups on 2 days, and then gifts for the teachers the other 3 days. Raffle Prizes for each teacher and staff, which is about 150 people. Teacher lounges will be decorated and refreshed each day;

gifts might need to be assembled – there are many volunteer opportunities.

- 12) VP Cultural Arts and Sciences (Kitty Brin)
 - a) The Artist in Residence events are coming up, as Jodi spoke about earlier.
- 13) VP Communications (Elisabeth Koerner)
 - a) Chair positions for next year will need to be filled. The positions that are open include School Communications, Social Media, Bulletin Boards / Website, and Monster Bash Communications lead. Two chair positions for next year have been filled Cupcake Color Run communication lead and the Membership toolkit / PTO Website.
- 14) Treasurer Report (Xiaoting Hao)
 - a) Passive Fundraising is exceeding budgets.
 - b) Next year's budget is being finalized. We are increasing the field trip, conference dinner, and 8th grade promotion budgets.
- 15) Secretary (Maggie Cain)
 - a) No updates
- 16) Open Comments
 - a) None
- 17) Good and Welfare/Adjournment
 - a) Britten Brenner Stenson motioned to adjourn at 10:17, Nicole Stickler seconded.