



MINUTES

Fox Point-Bayside PTO Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 2 2022

9:00 - 10:30 am

Stormonth Boardroom

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Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/Sept2021PTOMtg>

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Call to order at 9:05
- b. Present: Nicole Boico, Jayme Cain, Maggie Cain, Jamie Carlson, Dr. Jeff Dellutri, Anne Earnhardt, Xiaoting Hao, Elisabeth Koerner, Britten Brenner Stenson, Kari Sisson, Nicole Stickler, Laura Witkov, Elana Karan
- c. Not present: Jodi Hackl, Jaci Ruben

2. District Report (Dr. Jeff Dellutri) –

- a. **School financing news:** The Bayside Stormonth school system received an additional 2M in funding from the state in October. As a result, the district's property tax needs will decrease.
- b. Monthly community meetings will be starting now that the referendum situation is coming to a close.

3. Stormonth Report (Laura Witkov)

- a. Stormonth experienced a **natural gas leak** this morning, November 2. The building was evacuated. The Fire Department came, and notified WE Energies. The situation is currently safe and the children are back indoors.
- b. The **FAC Grant** meeting was yesterday, and some grants were approved.
- c. **Yale Wiffenpoofs** concert was excellent
- d. **Audubon partnership** is providing each grade level with at least 3 field trips this year.
- e. The **Spooky Lab** was last week. It was a motor lab that every class experienced, with games like skee ball, sensory boxes, etc.
- f. **Conferences** went smoothly. **Conference dinners** were very much appreciated. If a parent prefers in-person conferences, that request will be honored. The board recommended maybe having one night in-person conferences and one night of virtual

conferences, particularly for Stormonth.

- g. 2nd graders attended a **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra** concert on October 25. First graders will attend on November 8, K5 will attend on November 15.
- h. The **Food Drive** is coming up, organized by Senora King in partnership with Nicolet Spanish club. Non-perishable food items will be accepted.
- i. The **Veterans Day Assembly** will happen on November 11. Veterans are invited to attend an assembly, sing songs, see artwork, etc. Breakfast will be at 9AM.
- j. Anne asked if we could consider changing **lunch / recess duty** so that the volunteers can stay with their children, and Laura agreed. Sign ups will be available through the end of the school year.

4. Bayside Report (Jodi Hackl)

- a. On Friday Bayside Middle School accept the National Blue Ribbon School award in Washington, DC. Jodi Hackl, Joe Stiglitz, and Dr. Dellutri are traveling to receive it.
- b. Bayside students and staff enjoyed a concert assembly by the **Whiffenpoofs** of Yale University on Oct. 28th, directed by a former Bayside student, Ben Kramer. Thank you to the PTO (Special Programs funding) for sponsoring this music program for our students!
- c. On Nov. 10th, our 7th & 8th graders will be attending the NHS production "**Clue: On Stage**" presented by the Nicolet Theater Department. Thanks to the PTO for covering the busing for this theater field trip.
- d. **Bayside Activity Night** for 7th & 8th graders is being held on Friday, Nov. 11th, sponsored by the PTO.
- e. The PTO **Conference Dinner** was a delicious treat for all of our teachers on October 20th! Our staff thanks you for the wonderful chili and fixings to power them through their evening conferences!
- f. **School Picture retakes** and makeups will take place on Nov. 9th. Thanks to the PTO for providing parent volunteers for this day and also for our original school picture day on Oct. 13th.
- g. Students and staff enjoyed a visit from **author Jason Reynolds** on Thursday, Nov. 3rd. Students in each of the grade levels received a free copy of one of his books.
- h. On Tuesday Nov. 8th, Bayside students will have their own "**Election Day**" with voting booths set up outside of the cafeteria during all lunch periods. Students will learn about the election process by going to the "polling place", presenting their student ID and casting their votes for the US Senate and Governor's race. The results of our Bayside election will be announced at the end of the school day.
- i. Thanks to the generosity of the PTO Fund Allocation Committee, our teachers will be able to enjoy using these items listed below to enhance student learning! (just to name a few)
 - i. Cello for Bayside Orchestra
 - ii. Small Whiteboards for math collaborative learning
 - iii. Flexible seating for math and science classrooms

- iv. Tourniquets and flashlights (for emergency bags)
- v. Emergency Backpacks

5. President Elect (Jamie Carlson)

- a. **Newsletter:** the format will be changed a little to allow for more pictures
- b. Please provide many **pictures** of BANs and other activities. Photos will be sent to Stormonth to ensure we are respecting family wishes via photos on Social Media.

6. VP School Services (Nicole Boico)

- a. **Ped and Pedal** at Bayside: We did not do Ped and Pedal this fall. We don't have a chair, but are hoping to do it in May.
- b. **Yearbook Pictures:** Please take many pictures for the yearbooks. Laura Krum is the chair for Stormonth, Jesse Hillstrom for Bayside. We need a better process for collection and storage of photos.

7. VP Administrative Services (Anne Earnheart)

- a. **Membership Directory:**
 - i. Manual corrections are being done in Membership Toolkit. It has been sent for final formatting.
 - ii. The Board said they would be interested in learning how to use Membership Toolkit and requested that Megan Smith come in to do a training.
 - iii. Anne suggested that we consider adding more people to the Membership committee to ensure that Membership Toolkit is updated and maintained regularly. Right now it's just Megan Smith.
- b. **Increasing membership activity** - what social activities can we plan to increase connections? It sounds like a good activity for the President Elect, possibly under Programs. Budget: PTO Mingler and Back to School Picnic budgets could apply. About \$500 remains. Jamie Carlson will collect ideas.

8. VP Communications (Elisabeth Koerner)

- a. no updates

9. VP Ways and Means (Nicole Stickler)

- a. **Dine Out Night** at Cousins Subs 4-7 at the Glendale location on November 15
- b. **Book Fair** Setup at Longacre Pavilion will take place on November 28, with shopping from November 29 through December 1. Cookies and Milk will be provided as an after school snack. The cookies will be provided by a Stormonth mom with a small business who will give back 10% of the sales to the PTO. Community Celebrity readers will be there to read a story (firefighter, garbage collector, etc). There will be no food trucks this year.
- c. **Club's Choice** (Elana reporting) We raised \$6156, a 38% increase over last year. Also an increase in online sales. Direct emailing parents seems to have been effective. However,

we had 63 sellers this year, there were 78 last year. Top seller sold 91 units. Last year's top seller had 58 units. Monster Bash seemed to compete for attention and dollars with Club's Choice this year. Pickup will be on November 10 from 3-5. Volunteers are needed. Ideas for next year's campaign:

- i. Elana is thinking of pushing it back to November 6 to avoid competing with the Monster Bash.
- ii. We should consider giving an incentive to all sellers, rather than just the top sellers.

10. VP Programs (Britten Brenner Stenson)

- a. BAN is on Friday November 11 for 7th and 8th grade. Volunteers are needed
- b. Kinderdate Night for K4 and K5 will be on December 16. The exact time is TBD

11. VP Cultural Arts and Sciences (Jaci Ruben)

- a. no updates

12. Past President (Jayme Cain)

- a. Scholastic Dollars: These funds have all be spent
- b. Fund Allocation Committee: Monday and Tuesday the FAC met with Stormonth and Bayside, respectively.
 - i. Stormonth approved 8 items totalling \$4700. Some items are on hold. For example, some Eagle Scouts want to transform the Stormonth courtyard with ADA gardens, a butterfly garden, etc. That will be funded. Some items were denied, such as the K4 furniture request. That will be funded, but from the building budget rather than the FAC.
 - ii. Bayside: approved \$7000 worth of items, listed in the Bayside update section, above. \$13918 remains.

13. Treasurer Report (Xiaoting Hao)

- a. Budget, Fundraising Report, Profit and Loss reports are available upon request

14. President (Kari Sisson)

- a. June 2023 PTO Meeting will be moved to May 31, 2023

15. Secretary (Maggie Cain)

- a. No updates at this time

16. Open Comments

17. Good and Welfare/Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn at 10:33 by Britten Brenner Stenson, seconded by Xiaoting Hao