



## MINUTES

**Fox Point-Bayside PTO Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**  
**9:00 - 10:30 am**

**Stormonth Boardroom**

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**Via Zoom**

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

- a. Call to order at 9:10
- b. Present: Maggie Cain, Jamie Carlson, Jodi Hackl, Xiaoting Hao, Jaci Ruben, Britten Brenner Stenson, Kari Sisson, Nicole Stickler, Laura Witkov
- c. Not present: Dr. Jeff Dellutri, Nicole Boico, Jayme Cain, Elisabeth Koerner, Anne Earnhardt

### **2. Fox Point Bayside Educational Foundation (Rachel Weinberg)**

- a. Annual Trailblazing Beyond the Classroom Fundraiser will be on March 10 at 6PM. It will be at the Audubon this year and will include a casino, a silent auction, animal experiences. Tickets will be \$90 per person. Tickets are available for purchase now. They are looking for sponsorships and silent auction donations.
- b. The Foundation has formed a partnership with the Ability Center - This organization provides children with the opportunity to experience a disability through activities like a wheelchair gym class.
- c. Educational Foundation versus PTO - do people understand the difference?

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

- a. Thank You to the PTO for the Scholastic Book fair and Holiday donations of over \$2,500 per school and Kinder Date Night
- b. New school counselor - Gregg Neuburg works at both schools
- c. Ice skating update - it's still too warm for the ice rink, but we are hoping to have the ice skating unit this winter.
- d. K4/K5 registration - On January 17, online registration will open. This year we will put up banners on our fences to let the public know. Our enrollment has been up for the past few years.
- e. Musical - This year's spring musical will be Frozen. It will be performed in March.
- f. 24-hour response for emails: teachers' stress level is managed by not needing to respond to emails immediately. They have a 24-hour window to reply and do not need to respond to emails on weekends.
- g. Volunteer sign up - please ask again for parent volunteers.
- h. Conferences - Laura will poll parents to see if they want to do in-person or virtual conferences this spring.
- i. Gillian Heise updates on Library:
  - i. New outward-facing book shelves have been purchased and set up with a \$3000 allocation from the FAC.
  - ii. Gillian would love to get author visits funded by the PTO as well, maybe a \$4,000 - \$5,000 budget? The Jason Reynolds author-visit was very successful. Manh Le will be visiting in November. The PTO will consider how to best support the library in this way.

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

- a. **Conferences** will be fully virtual
- b. **Camp McLain** coming up next week January 18-20. There will be scholarship money to help families who need it.
- c. **MAP testing** will take place for the next 3 weeks
- d. **The all-school assembly** before break was very fun
- e. **Band-Choir-Orchestra concerts** - The 7th and 8th grade concert was in December and was phenomenal. The 5th and 6th grade concert is on Thursday January 12 at 7:00
- f. The Bayside library is currently hosting a **Wisconsin Historical Society walk-through exhibit** about the struggle to gain voting rights for all citizens during the civil rights era. This exhibit was funded by FAC. This year there will be three more exhibits that teach about women's suffrage, the underground railroad, and one on a war.
- g. FAC also funding the DC scholarships for 8th graders. \$2000 went towards partial scholarships, \$500 each to 4 children
- h. 8th grade **Junior Knights** will take place on January 31 any student going to Nicolet should attend. The bus leaves school at 11:30. If students are not going to Nicolet, they can go home at that time. Enrollment deadline was 12/17/22 (you can still enroll), on February 1 kids start signing up for classes.

#### 5. President Elect (Jamie Carlson)

- a. Winter newsletter submissions are due this Sunday January 15. Past newsletters are contained on the PTO membership toolkit -> <https://fpbspto.membershiptoolkit.com/quarterlynewsletters>
- b. PTO social events - I will be coordinating monthly social events for individuals interested in the PTO. I would like to hold the first one on January 25th from 8:30 - 9:30 at Stormonth with coffee and donuts. Volunteers needed.

#### 6. VP Communications (Elisabeth Koerner)

- a. No updates at this time

#### 7. VP Administrative Services (Anne Earnheart)

- a. No updates at this time

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

- a. The fall Book Fair was very successful. Our scholastic dollars balance increased by \$6,023, which is more than last fall's Book Fair. We spent about \$1400 to complete the teacher wish lists. Our current scholastic dollars balance is about \$5000.
- b. Nicole has been putting together a document to help her eventual successor take over, and will post that so that other VPs can do the same.
- c. Club's Choice: every year we are seeing declining participation. The bulk of the money came from three families. Shipping costs were prohibitive, and the quality of the products was disappointing, particularly the food items. We might shift to a direct-ask campaign, or we could focus more on increasing membership. We would shoot for \$6000 replacement fundraising opportunity.

#### 9. VP School Services (Nicole Boico update by Nicole Stickler)

- a. Yearbook - progress is being made at both schools. Stormonth - we are having challenges finding enough photos to include. Photos can be sent to the gmail address. Laura wants

to make sure Laura Krum has access to the photos at districtcommunications@foxbay.org.

#### **10. VP Programs (Britten Brenner Stenson)**

- a. **Kinder Date Night:** The Kinder Date Night in December was very successful. Families seemed to appreciate the opportunity to connect with other families in the school community. We actually made money on the event.
- b. Upcoming Events
  - i. **Feb 17th:** Random Acts of Kindness Day
  - ii. **Mar 2nd:** Conference Dinners
  - iii. **Apr TBD:** BAN for 6th and 7th graders
  - iv. **Apr TBD:** Kids Night Out 3rd and 4th Grade
  - v. **May 1st-5th:** Teacher Appreciation Week
  - vi. **May TBD:** BAN 4th and 5th graders (two 4th grade parent volunteers needed)
  - vii. **May TBD:** Kids Night Out 1st and 2nd graders (Chair needed for this event)
- c. Jamie Carlson: Do we want to do KNO for the 1st and 2nd grades? It gets difficult to manage the children. Laura suggested a movie night, with 2 movies in separate areas (gym and cafeteria for example) and games in the library.

#### **11. VP Cultural Arts and Sciences (Jaci Ruben)**

- a. Welcome to Jaci, our new VP of Cultural Arts and Sciences.

#### **12. Past President (Jayme Cain update given by Maggie Cain)**

- a. Scholastic Dollars: we have \$6238 left in scholastic dollars following the fall book fair. We will take cash for the spring book fair.
- b. Fund Allocation Committee: The following meetings have been scheduled:
  - i. Bayside FAC @ Tuesday, February 28 @ 2 – 3 p.m.
  - ii. Stormonth FAC @ Wednesday, March 1 @ 8-9 a.m.

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

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

#### **14. President (Kari Sisson)**

- a. Chair packets were given to Jamie Carlson for review and then will be distributed
- b. Kari cannot make next month's meeting, so Jamie will lead

#### **15. Secretary (Maggie Cain)**

- a. No updates at this time

#### **16. Open Comments**

#### **17. Good and Welfare/Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn at 10:44 by Jamie Carlson, Xiaoting seconded.