



Fox Point Bayside PTO Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2019

Present: Katie Glaisner, Christine Duback, Bridget Carlson, Melanie Berg, Tina Kreitlow, Jesse Hilstrom, Jolena Presti, Megan Girton, Amanda Singh, Jodi Hackl, Adria Willenson

Not Present: Karen Grimm-Nilsen

Meeting called to order at 9:04.

Bayside Report - Principal, Jodi Hackl

- New ball cart for gym purchased with allocated money from Fund Allocation Committee. Other spending in the works.
- Coffee House event tonight from 5-7. Julie Trump & Kris Lockhart spearheading the event to highlight extra activities that kids participate in, such as visual and performing arts, science fair, and forensics.
- Testing will take place for five days over the next two weeks. Forward testing compares students statewide.
 - Question raised - Can parents view test results in Infinite Campus? Not currently, but Jodi will look into it.

Stormonth Report - Principal, Karen Grimm-Nilsen

- Not present due to Forward Testing at Stormonth.

VP Programs – Megan Girton

- Teacher Appreciation Week is 4/29-5/3. Flyers will be sent home 4/29 for kids to fill out and return to show why their teachers are superheroes.
- 5/17 BAN for 4th/5th
 - Question raised - should we consider adding another staff member to BANs to assist with discipline? Problems with 6/7th grade behavior at last one. All agreed, including Jodi, that this was a good idea. However, not concerned about potential problems with 4/5th graders, as the younger kids are usually well-behaved.
 - Should we implement a warning system for those causing problems, like all given a bracelet to wear, but snipped off if given a warning, then a call home if needed to be talked to again?
 - Katie suggested that we need one BAN chair contact next year for each grade to facilitate communication rather than a team leading all.

President – Katie Glaisner

- Remind your event chairs to submit event wrap-up forms.
- Remember to send out chair package to new chairs.
- Many PTO events in the next two months: Spring book fair, Teacher Appreciation Week, Special Interest Day, 4/5th grade BAN, Safety Week including Bike Rodeo, End of Year Party - how can we ask for volunteers without jeopardizing other events? Working on putting out a “super ask” for all remaining events and distributing all SignUp Genius links with an ask to consider volunteering for at least one event.
 - Can we use 8th graders for Cupcake Run, Special Interest Day (would have to have permission to leave school - rent a bus)?
- Baskin Robbins donation not received this year, but they think they sent a check. Last year they were a \$500 Cupcake Run sponsor. No record of a donation this year - Helena will follow up.

Past President – Christine Duback

- FAC meetings held at both schools. Stormonth - shed for playground equip, emergency kits, two water filling stations, possibly new benches and gaga pit. Potentially pay MIAD student to create sensory pathway (OT).
- Nominating committee will meet soon to work on filling chair needs. If VPs haven't heard back from event chairs, please call to follow up. Will touch base after this meeting to brainstorm potential new chairs.
- Seems to be a bit burdensome for staff to write up project ideas for spending FAC funds. Potentially allow combining PTO funds with Foundation funds for larger projects, like playground equipment? Or stick with PTO funding of daily needs spending and smaller projects?
 - Schools could decide to hold funding a year if they wanted to focus on a larger project the next year.
 - Suggestion to divide funding among all teachers one year to let them use in their classrooms for supplies?

Treasurer Report – Bridget Carlson

- BAN expenses still outstanding. Coin collection from Spring Book Fair will be split evenly among classes for teachers to spend.
- Idea to use some Scholastic funds as Cupcake Run raffle prizes. All agreed.
- Question raised - Can we use PTO money to upgrade sound systems? Money has been allocated to this at both schools in the last few years. Request should come from a teacher to the principal to be requested through FAC money.
- \$500 received from Stephanie Murphy DDS for Cupcake Run sponsorship.
- Special Interest Day has \$1k budget to use.

VP Administrative Services – Jolena Presti

- PTO Newsletter will go out Fri 4/12.
- Volunteer flyer being developed for mass recruitment for remaining events. Chairs should make sure SignUp Genius links are ready to go.
- Thanks to Robin Burns who will head up Marketing/Communications next year with assistance from Megan Smith who will continue doing the Newsletter.
- All event chairs will be returning next year - yay! Thank you!

VP School Services – Jesse Hilstrom

- Gearing up for Safety Week. Jesse will find out volunteer need by grade level. Biggest need is for bike rodeo. Thanks to Heather who agreed to chair Ped'n'Pedal event again in the Fall and Safety Week next Spring.
- Katy Nelson will not be doing Stormonth yearbook next year. Ideas?
 - Put money in budget for both schools' yearbook - use profit from yearbook for this? Bayside uses \$300 to pay a teacher to do it. Pay a Stormonth staff member to take the pictures and find a parent to design the yearbook?
 - Add volunteer position for each event to take pictures and submit on Google Drive?
 - Add a link to our photo drive (possibly created by a paid teacher) on each of our event volunteer sign-ups to collect parents' photos?

VP Ways and Means – Tina Kreitlow

- Dr. Dawg was great to work with and was happy with the turnout for Restaurant Night. PTO raised \$109. Went smoothly - could order online, no waiting, was prepared for volume.
- Tina volunteered to continue coordinating Restaurant Nights and Spirit Wear next year.
- Good protocol has been set for book fairs moving forward, but still need co-chairs. Thanks to Erica Siegel who is chairing the Spring Book Fair and willing to co-chair the Fall fair.
 - With the book fair in the gym, we needed to rent tables from Canopies. Possibly borrow Village's tables from the Pavillion next time?
- Cupcake Run is well-organized, Helena and Jayme have been holding meetings, working on sponsors. Next meeting is Wed 4/17 at 2:30 at Stormonth.

VP Cultural Arts and Sciences – Amanda Singh

- Thank you to Adria Willenson who has agreed to take over as VP Cultural Arts & Sciences as of next year.
- Waiting to hear volunteer needs and budgets for Special Interest Day.
- Amanda will be coordinating treat bags as a thank you for presenters.

Secretary – Melanie Berg

- N/A

Open Comments

- Adria wondering how to be more included in the Bayside Artist-in-Residence process next year? PTO provides \$3500 and staff committee decides how to spend.
 - Can we introduce a cultural exchange type program at Bayside? Need to decide budget soon - add new category from surplus funds? Cultural enrichment line item? Cultural Day at school? Cultural movie night?
- Katie, Christine, Bridget need to meet to draft budget before final May PTO meeting.

Good and Welfare/Adjournment. Meeting ended at 10:49. Katie motioned, Amanda seconded.

Minutes were approved via email on 4/14. Bridget approved, Christine seconded.