



Fox Point Bayside PTO Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 12 2018

Present: Christine Duback, Tina Kreitlow, Megan Girton, Jolena Presti, Bridget Carlson, Laura Pierri, Anne O'Donoghue, Rebecca Wahlberg, Katie Glaisner, Amanda Singh, Laurie Woods

Not Present: Karen Grimm-Nilsen, Jodi Hackl

Meeting called to order at 9:00. Christine motioned to start, Anne approved. Christine motioned to approve March minutes, Bridget seconded.

Stormonth Report - Principal, Karen Grimm-Nilsen

- Laurie shared Sara French's update:

K5

The K5 had so much fun on the field trip to the Audubon to study maple sugaring. What a "sweet" field trip!

We are enjoying our Science weather unit as we observe the weather/seasons change from winter to spring.

We are getting ready for Tea and Treats with moms coming up in May.

We are also having a lot of fun seeing how we fit into the world...from learning about our families, neighborhoods, state and country.... to learning about the continent and planet we live on.

Grade 1

First graders are having fun PRETENDING during our realistic fiction unit in writers' workshop. In reading, we are taking 'adventures' with the characters in our stories and noticing all the important parts. As mathematicians we are collecting, organizing, and interpreting data. In science we are learning all about plants and what they need to survive.

We are looking forward to the spring book fair and Cupcake Walk next week! Thank you for all your work to organize this fun event!

Grade 2

Second grade is very excited for the Book Fair and have started bringing in coins for the Coin Wars. We also are looking forward to going to the play, "Charlotte's Web" at Nicolet High School at the end of the month. We also just planted seeds in the classrooms to observe the plant life cycle and will be observing the life cycles of: silk worms, mealworms, Painted Ladies and milkweed bugs. Everyone and everything is growing in second grade!

Grade 3

Third graders are busy preparing for their first experience with the Forward Exam. We will be testing the week of April 16. Students are busy keeping track of their minutes spent reading for the Stormonth Readathon, as well as the Lakeshore Chinooks Reading Challenge. Finally, teachers are excited to visit the upcoming book fair to add to our classroom libraries. Thank you for the time and effort that make this event happen for us and our students.

Grade 4

The fourth grade has been working very hard, but we are also excited about the end of the year fun coming up in the months of May and June. One thing we have been doing is practicing how to read history using inquiry-based thinking to get a broad overview of a period of time. Another skill we worked on was reading first-hand accounts from the point of view of the people that lived during the time period. This learning was then transferred into a written four chapter book. Finally, we have been practicing for the Forward Exam and are excited to launch our fourth-grade service project where we make and sell Critter Crunch to support Wisconsin's injured wildlife.

Music

Many music classes were able to meet UWM classical guitar student Jeremy Hiniker and hear him play after spring break. We were so excited to be offered this free opportunity by the Milwaukee Classical Guitar society!

Music classes are preparing for the mini concerts which will happen the week of May 14th! Here are all the class dates and times:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nGm_QljViqjy0mhQmaP-8lpCTAflbQDjHR8Kw9eWx98/edit?usp=sharing

Another special event to look forward to is the talent show on June 4th! Because our previous year's enrollment in the talent show caused us to have 2 days worth of talent, we are having classroom talent shows first, then selecting a variety of acts to go on the stage June 4th. This way all students will get to perform and the audience has a manageable amount of time watch the show. All information on the talent show can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iEWgcWm-OXBuv3kYsD7zsUQMxWi-ltdHOsn6XmCIm-Y/edit?usp=sharing>

(both of those docs are in the Friday Folder)

Spanish

Our 3rd-grade and 4th-grade students designed Spanish posters for the AATSP Poster Contest. Six students from Stormonth Elementary won the state contest and advanced to the national competition. Winners will be announced in May.

All Staff

The Stormonth staff is planning a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast for Tuesday, June 5. An 8:00 AM light breakfast with teachers will be followed by our End of the Year Assembly. At the assembly, students will join in thanking and honoring our volunteers. Invitations will be sent to all families in early May.

- Question about Muffins for Mom. How do we make sure to include kids who don't have a mom? Same with Donuts with Dads. Some teachers are more inclusive about inviting special people. Christine will send an email to Karen about making the message more consistent across teachers.

Bayside Report - Principal, Jodi Hackl

- Christine presented Jodi's update:

DNA Lab

On Tuesday, April 17th the 7th graders will be participating in a lab based genetics program entitled "It's All In Your Genes". Throughout this lab, each student will be exposed to key concepts of genetics including the relationship between chromosomes, DNA, genes and inherited

traits. It ties nicely into the 7th grade science curriculum and will be a unique experience for the students. It's presented on site at Bayside through company known as Science Quest, Inc.

Forensics Team

On Saturday, March 24th, 16 Bayside Forensics team members who qualified for state headed to West Bend to compete in the State Championships.. They competed against over over 90 other schools statewide! The competition was steep, so special congratulations go out to our medalists: Olivia Thiesen, Isabelle Smith, and Gaby Gerard, who won 2nd place in Group Acting; Izzy Secunda and Emma Walmsley, who won 1st place in Infomercial; And Elisheva Scheuer, who won 1st place in Storytelling. We are very proud of our forensics team and their coach Mr. Heimerl on a great season. The team also hosted a Forensics Parent & Community Night on March 22, when Forensics presentations by all of the team were showcased. It was an incredible performance!

Student Council Project - PA System Music Upgrade

Student Student Council will be holding a bake sale during all lunch periods this Friday to raise funds for a very fun project! Proceeds from this bake sale will be used to help offset the costs for special programming of our PA system that will allow us to play music during passing times in between classes. We are really looking forward to enjoying some uplifting music while students move to their next class!

Class of 2018 - 8th Grade Class Gifts

When students returned from Spring break, they noticed a brand new water fountain in the upper 7th & 8th grade hallway. This beautiful hydration station which includes a bottle filler, is a gift from the 8th grade class. The 8th grade Promotion Committee also has plans in the works to replace the old picnic tables in the Bayside courtyard as the 2nd part of their 8th grade class gift, commemorating their upcoming 8th grade promotion. We really appreciate these wonderful gifts given to our school and extend many thanks to the Promotion Committee for their time and effort on this worthwhile project.

Spring Sports

Even though some early practices needed to be cancelled due to snow -- Spring Sports at Bayside are in full swing! 7th and 8th graders have their choice of participating in co-ed Tennis and Track, as well as girls' softball. Practices began this week, and games, meets and matches will start the week of April 23rd. GO BULLS!

MACC Fund Fundraiser

Our 5th graders skated for charity last month! Students went to the Pettit National Ice Center on March 9th to raise money for the MACC Fund. Through their efforts in gathering pledges and donations, they raised over \$3,000.00 for this worthy cause! Way to go, 5th graders!

Google Expeditions - Augmented Reality

Bayside was once again selected to pilot a Google program! This time, for the new Google Expeditions AR Pioneer Program! This new Google pilot program allows students to view 3D diagrams and models through AR or augmented reality. The Expeditions made a visit to Bayside Middle School in March. Bayside students were given the opportunity to test out Google Expedition's new Augmented Reality program, truly bringing the world into the classroom! What an exciting learning opportunity!

VP Ways and Means – Tina Kreitlow

- Cupcake Color Run update. Website and registration is up and ready, thank you to the many sponsors who have supported us again this year and to Nicole Cook who helped obtain some of those sponsorships. Thank you to Amanda's husband, Shantanu, for updating our waiver. Another thank you to Tom Story for facilitating the transfer of our domain name and creating a new website and to Bryn Wagner, a former Fox Point-Bayside parent, who had been hosting the website for years and also helped with the transfer. We have received some raffle items, thank you to all of the donors for supporting our schools! We decided to not ask families for raffle items this year, but are asking staff. We are offering Fan Sponsorship, families who donate \$100 or more will have their name on the back of the race t-shirt. Kohl's volunteers have been asked to participate, will check to see if they would like their logo added to materials. Will be meeting with the committee soon. Megan Smith has put together a great communication/promotion campaign to boost registrations.
- Need more book fair volunteers, many asks already. Are doing Coin Wars again, there is concern about ReadATHon's fundraiser occurring at the same time as Coin Wars. Katie talked with Mary Armstrong about coordinating efforts in the future to avoid duplication of fundraising. ReadATHon funds go toward literacy needs and teacher training.
- Let's tap into Nicolet students for volunteers at events.

President – Christine Duback

- Recent comments on Facebook about posting minutes on our PTO page. Megan will get them posted on the district website and put a message out in social media.
- In response to meeting with Dr. Kobylski, Christine has been exploring options for bringing in a professional to discuss childhood mental health. She spoke with Kristal Melbye and Frannie Kaczor who works at Children's. There are two options: 1) QPR (Question, Persuade, Respond) training, would be for staff. Only a few hours. She could present this idea to Dr. Kobylski, perhaps work this into teacher training. The training is free. 2) Another person, Dr. Steve Dykstra, director of Children's Mobile Crisis Team, does education for parents and it would be free. Before end of year, possibly May? Agreement among members. Check calendars for conflicts, as an FYI, May 10th is JCC Kidshare
- Megan G mentioned Youth Frontiers, a bullying prevention program. They organize our

Kindness Retreat. Just another option.

- According to bylaws, we need to have a budget meeting for next year. April 30th 6:00 at Christine's house. All are invited, if can't come, please send Christine input.
- Nominating Committee - Laura is in charge of this. Please forward to her any recommendations. Open positions are Secretary, School Services, President Elect. A call for volunteers was put in the newsletter, Christine says that a personal request in an email or phone call is usually more successful. The Board needs to vote on new Board members at the June meeting. Would like to fill as many chair positions as possible as well.

Treasurer Report – Bridget Carlson

- 3rd/4th grade Kids Night Out did well. Brought in a lot of kids.
- Received a \$95 check from Blaze. Per Tina: \$175 Dr Dawg, Toppers \$325
- Receiving Stormonth invoices for Kindness Retreat.
- About to write a check for \$5400 for various items
- Cupcake Run sponsorship \$ has come in, still waiting for Sendiks and Elite.
- Have not received yearbook money
- Behind \$400 on concessions. Will have 2 food trucks and donuts at Book Fair. How about sell at Bayside musical and Stormonth Talent Show? Do concessions booth at some of the Farmer's Market in Fox Point?

Past President – Laura Pierri

- Approved almost \$31,000 in projects.

VP School Services – Anne O'Donoghue

- Katie and Dawn are working on yearbooks. All orders are in.
- Safety Week is coming up, need volunteers.
- Battle of the Books, need to order prizes.

VP Programs – Megan Girton

- BAN has gone well. Needing to identify Chairs for next year. Dawn Sweet will not be Chairing BAN next year. Monica will help. Need to ask Jodi to send out a reminder about cell phone policy. Maybe for next year we only have 2 BANs per grade. We have 3 per grade now.

VP Cultural Arts and Sciences – Amanda Singh

- Special Interest Day coming up May 11. Planning is going smoothly. Amy Bazelon and Rachel Wineberg are chairing. They have agreed to do it next year. They do need

volunteers.

- Artist in Residence - We might have an open chair spot for next year. The AIR project is still in the planning stages, an Artist has not been confirmed. The project being planned will be a derivative mural based off of Angelica Dass' HUMANA project that will celebrate the different skin tones of our students and staff while deconstructing the simplistic (and damaging) notions of race. The bulk of the work will be completed in fall, but will span two years and combine two years of budget. The finished product will hang in Stormonth's lobby. Here is a link to National Geographic's article on Dass' work and the concept behind it:
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2018/04/race-pantone-color-angelica-dass-portrait-photography/>

VP Administrative Services – Jolena Presti

- Megan Smith has updated the Chair Package, it now has cell phone policy at events included. The newsletter is out, she is continuing to put out social media posts
- The Survey draft is complete, Jolena is using Survey Monkey. She needs input from the Board within a week. The goal is to understand what people value about the work of the PTO and what improvements can be made, and how to increase membership. Christine suggested having a statement that it is anonymous unless you enter your name to be entered into a drawing for a prize or if you ask to hear from us. It would be nice to be able to use this data for planning the budget, so try to have data complete prior to that meeting. The asterisked questions are required. Perhaps ask people to rate each event and ask opinion on pricing. What kind of incentives do we have to get people to complete the survey? Let's get some gift cards. Perhaps post on the 16th, close on the 30th, have results the next week. Jolena will send out results prior to next PTO meeting so we can discuss.
- Bridget suggested we focus more on the benefit of getting a directory when we give out the PTO membership flyer next fall.

Secretary – Laurie Woods

- Nothing to report

Open Comments

- Rebecca Wahlberg asked if PTO is taking a stance on the district consolidation. Christine said PTO is not taking a stance yet as it is in the early planning stages. If parents have concerns, they should go to the School Board meetings. Go to your administrators so they are hearing your support or concerns. The PTO has encouraged Dr. Kobylski to open the discussion to community members. Rebecca asks that PTO helps inform parents of what is happening. She goes to the School Board meetings and there are very few people who go. Perhaps PTO should post school board meeting

dates on their calendar.

- Can we have a listening session for the community?
- Anne said there is a Nicolet School Board planning meeting today.
- A member of the Glen Hills Educational Foundation has put out a document discussing consolidation.
- It was suggested that the PTO ask the District to communicate better with parents, electronically. Send out emails notifying of upcoming School Board meetings with an agenda and provide detailed meeting minutes. The District could send out notifications to families in the same manner as when the District newsletter is published.

Committee Reports:

- Nothing to add

Good and Welfare/Adjournment. Meeting ended at 10:40, Christine motioned, Anne seconded.