



Fox Point Bayside PTO Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2017

Present: Laura Pierri, Anne O'Donoghue, Megan Girton, Tina Kreitlow, Christine Duback, Katie Glaisner, Jodi Hackl, Bridget Carlson, Laurie Woods, Megan Smith, Flavia Mildenberg

Not Present: Karen Grimm-Nilsen

Meeting called to order at 9:04. Christine motioned to start, Laurie approved. Christine motioned to approve November minutes, Laura seconded.

Bayside Report - Principal, Jodi Hackl

- Thanks to PTO for the gift money, BMS got an extra scholarship for the DC trip. There are several students who need extra help, here will be one full, or two or three partial scholarships, which is more than in the past. School normally has one full scholarship in budget. These items were also funded: soccer nets, Garmins for Camp MacClain, headphones for Spanish, marimba for band, sounds system for the fitness room, and costumes for 5th grade history Travel Through History program. BMS has spent more than half the money. Looking at sign holders, book club prizes, standing desks, and audiobooks (possibly in different languages). Will meet again after the holidays.
- Courage Retreat was about two weeks ago (funded by Foundation), at Shalom this year. Held by Youth Frontiers, they talked about being good citizens and empathy. For 7th graders.
- After winter break, will have winter MAP testing in Reading and Math. All three subjects will be tested in the spring
- 8th grade will go to Nicolet for the day for Jr. Knights Day. Writing assessment will be at BMS. Social Studies, Language Arts, Math, PE & Science assessments happen there. Class performance and test scores help BMS recommend class levels for 9th grade, parents have final say. Change in course book for next year for 9th graders, there will be less leveling of courses. The same thing was done here at BMS. Only one GPA calculation, 4.0. Used to have two. This will be easier when applying for college. Math Leveling - for freshman who are not accelerated, choose from algebra or algebra honors. If already accelerated, will choose between geometry or geometry honors. Same for English and Biology. Academic Career Planning meeting going on now, helps kids plan their coursework, starting freshman year, to help guide them with their interests in mind.
- May have a 4 or 5 block schedule next year at BMS. Now there are too many transitions, so they are trying to slow it down. There will be longer class periods. Hoping between 70 and 90 minutes of math and science every day. Please ask questions and

voice concerns with her. Teachers will be asked to teach for longer periods, so will address that during professional development this summer. Some Cedarburg educators are being brought in to share their experiences (from Webster) in switching to ELA and Math in a block because they did it a few years ago

- Concert tonight at Nicolet.
- Will send out MAP scores after winter break

Stormonth Report - Principal, Karen Grimm-Nilsen

- Not present, but a written update was submitted by Sara French:

From Ms. Owens:

This year, Stormonth Elementary donated 1,932 food items and \$280 to Feeding America. Our contribution helped Nicolet and our feeder schools collect a total 19,036 cans and \$4,700. These donations provided holiday meals for Milwaukee families.

¡Muchas gracias!

K5

K5 started their 2nd unit in Reading Workshop and we are finding out just how many reading SUPER POWERS we have! In Writing Workshop, we continue to write personal stories. In math, we are learning how to act out, answer, explain and write number stories. We continue to practice writing numbers to 10, communicate math ideas using math talk, learning the addition, subtraction and equal signs and quick math practice or automatic fingers to help us when we begin to add and subtract number problems. We also started out next author study. For the next two months we will be learning about Ezra Jack Keats and reading all of his wonderful books.

Grade 1

First Graders are really challenging themselves by using all that they know to write nonfiction chapter books. As they are growing as readers, they are adding to strategies they use when solving tricky words in their nonfiction books. Our mathematicians are solving subtraction problems using circle drawings, math mountains and equations. We're moving into our new unit in science: Sound & Light. We're delighted to see our mitten tree's boughs filling with hats and mittens for our friends at the COA Youth and Family Center. This is our annual grade level service project. We'd like to wish you all a Happy Holiday season. Thank you for being such a special part of our year!

Grade 2

Second grade is working on mastering 2 digit addition. We learned several addition strategies and worked to find the strategy that works best for each student. We also

created nonfiction books in writing workshop. We shared all of our expertise with one another and added text features to teach our readers more information. In reading, we also are working on reading nonfiction books. We looked for main ideas and key details to share with reading partners or reading groups. We also are looking forward to Winter Break and a ton of SNOW!!

Grade 3

Third graders piloted an exciting program for the cafeteria. Students who are “Showing the Stormonth Way” are awarded a wristband that allows them to choose their spot in the lunchroom for a week. Due to the success of this pilot, some other grade levels will be implementing this way to recognize positive behavior choices. Third graders are enjoying the addition of new books to their classrooms. Thanks to the PTO for running such a wonderful book fair. Between the money from the coin collections, family book donations, and Scholastic Dollars, we were able to grow our classroom libraries. Thanks for all you do to support us and our students. The third grade team wishes you a happy holiday season!

Grade 4

The fourth grade headed out to a field trip to Discovery World Thursday (today) . One of the many focuses of the trip was to build a circuit during the lab time at the museum. A special shout out to Mrs. Cho for applying for a grant to defray the cost through Kohl's. STAR jobs are a big part of taking pride in our school and they are off and running. Special thanks to Mrs. Broennimann for organizing these jobs. Finally, the fourth grade in in for a special treat once we return in the new year as Chris Nelson from Channel 58 will be here to share his knowledge of weather.

Music

Mrs. Murn is so happy to be back! Students started some winter themed activities this week including the Jingle Bell Polka, The Nutcracker, and Sleigh Ride! The 2018 3rd and 4th grade musical will be Seussical, and auditions will start on January 8th. Look out for a packet of information coming home with 3rd and 4th graders the week before winter break. Mrs. Murn is looking for volunteers to help with set building and costumes - let her know if you are interested!

VP Ways and Means – Tina Kreitlow

- Fall Book Fair - positive feedback about location and timing. Total sales: \$10010.40. Our take in Scholastic Dollars is just over \$5000. Last year, cash taken was about

\$3000. Timing for holidays was good, location worked well. Lines were a bit long due to there only being two registers. Need to make sure that we get at least 4 registers for Spring Fair. Food truck - have had some issues with receiving the PTO percentage of sales. Also ran out of food. For future, we need a written contract.

- Need a co-chair for Spring Book Fair and Winter Fun Night.
- Should Spring Book Fair be at BMS? Spring needs to coordinate with cake walk. Consider having it in same building for that reason. Teachers have confirmed date for cake walk already, April 17. Usually in the gym. If do it at BMS, cake walk could be there. Katie will talk with Jodi about what spaces to use. Jodi is supportive of the idea. PTO supports idea of moving location to BMS.
- Megan recommends Yellow Belly Chicken food truck for future.
- Met with Diane last week, will keep things for Winter Fun Night same as last year, except pricing. Thought of dropping it to \$10 with a max of \$30. Not a fundraiser this year. New DJ this year. Date is February 23rd.
- Spring Event - will it still be Cupcake Run?
- Blaze Pizza tonight, Toppers Jan 10, Dickey's and Dr. Dog for Feb and March

President – Christine Duback

- Met with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, they are continuing their \$5000 donation. They are open to providing Doctors for seminars for parents/staff.
- Health and Wellness Fair is on backburner, chairs don't have time. Let's not do it this year. Tina has participated in many health fairs, there is a lot of work for very little return. Let's talk about different ideas for getting health-related messages to students.

Treasurer Report – Bridget Carlson

- Concessions from Talent Show, Kinderdate still outstanding.
- BAN still have \$1800 slush fund. Dawn and Becky tried to spend it down to eliminate the fund. Trying to get a shuffleboard.
- Food vendor, Scholastic Dollars - still getting a deposit from them.
- Haven't seen checks from school pictures.

Past President – Laura Pierri

- Stormonth working on list for items for Scholastic Dollars. BMS and Stormonth will both get \$5000.

VP School Services – Anne O'Donoghue

- K4/K5 registration in January. Computers will be used this year so people can do it

online.

VP Programs – Megan Girton

- Next BAN is Jan 19 for 5th and 6th.
- KinderDate was great, Tina was great as DJ, Sara and Matt did an amazing job with details and planning.
- Kids Night Out, Friday Jan 26, 1st and 2nd graders. PJ's and movies in cafeteria.
- 20% of food sales go to PTO from Blaze.
- Jan 14 for Skate Night, same night as Packer game.
- \$600 donation to RedGen from Talent Show.

VP Cultural Arts and Sciences – Amanda Singh

- Not present. Christine said she is deciding what to do at Stormonth for Artist in Residence . BMS mosaic project is done. The project is hanging up now. Christine will ask Amanda to take photos of it.

VP Administrative Services – Megan Smith and Jolena Presti

- Directory - spent \$2 more per book this year, also ordered 75 fewer. Gave 40 out to families receiving free and reduced lunch. Board is positive about the change in format. Need to figure out why some families didn't receive theirs and one family received two. Possibly a distribution problem. Becky Diamond did a great job. Jodi offered to have a day designated for distribution so teachers aren't handing them out on different days.
- Membership totals are down by about 40. 354 last year to 317 this year. About 54% of households are members. Possibly do a survey to gauge why people are not joining. Look at when PTO membership forms go out - Forms and Fees Day vs. after school starts. Should reminders be sent out?
- Article in PTO Today distributed. Talks about whether you should charge membership dues.
- Tentative newsletter deadlines. Next newsletter goes out January 5th.
- Updated PTO Chair Info package distributed. Board members should get this updated packet to their Chairs. Logo needs to be included on all communication. Christina and Megan need to review all communication before it goes out. On the Google Drive. Megan will send the pdf to members.

Secretary – Laurie Woods

- Nothing to update

Open Comments

- Flavia shared that some parents are concerned with bus 402 forgetting to pick up kids. Jodi says there are many issues this year with the buses. A meeting was held this morning, the final meeting of several. There are concerns about quality of busing. Kids have been late to school, to field trips,

Good and Welfare/Adjournment

Meeting ended at 10:38. Christine motioned to end, Bridget seconded.