



Fox Point Bayside PTO Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2018

Present: Christine Duback, Bridget Carlson, Anne O'Donoghue, Megan Girton, Amanda Singh, Laura Pierri, Jolena Presti, Tina Kreitlow, Katie Glaisner, Sara French

Not Present: Karen Grimm-Nilsen, Jodi Hackl,

Meeting called to order at 9:07. Christine motioned to start, Laura approved. Christine motioned to approve January minutes Laura seconded.

Stormonth Report - Principal, Karen Grimm-Nilsen

- Karen not present
- Sara French shared the following update:

K4

The K4 class had so much fun ending their Fairy Tale and Nursery Rhyme unit with the Nursery Rhyme Olympics. They are all very excited about Valentine's Day and are busy working on making their Valentines and Valentine box. All the kids enjoyed seeing all of the Family Hearts that each family made. They are now on display in the Kindergarten hallway.

Grade 1

First grade would like to extend our gratitude to the PTO for their contribution to our field trip last week to Discovery World to support our learning in science. These funds allowed us to spend a good portion of our day exploring motion, sound, light and more as well as enjoy a Dr. Discovero program!

We're looking forward to celebrating the 100th Day of School with special writing and reading projects and 100-themed math STEM activities on Wednesday, February 7th!

We recognize and applaud the PTO's hand in helping our first graders become 100 Days Smarter and look forward to our continued partnership in growing these young minds!

Grade 2

The 2nd grade recently enjoyed an in house field trip about Wisconsin rocks. A representative from the museum came to our school and shared fossils from their collection. Students were able to classify the fossils based on their shape and color. We have several aspiring anthropologists!

2nd grade is also getting ready for their big Character Fashion Show on Friday, Feb. 16th. Each student has focused on a character in a series and are reading as many books in the series to better understand their character's traits. Students are working on inferring traits of characters based on their actions and words. We can't wait to see all of the characters come to life on the red carpet on the 16th!

Grade 3

Third graders were able to skate during PE times for two weeks this year. We'd like to thank the parents who came to help tie laces. We appreciate you! Many third and fourth graders are busy preparing for "Seussical" on March 22. We are looking forward to their performance. Valentine's Day is always a fun day in third grade and we will be celebrating with our students. Finally, we are working on report cards, which will be sent home on March 6. See you at conferences!

Music

In music class students have started new units and continue to progress in their music reading and writing skills. Here are some of the new things we are working on:

K4 is learning some winter and valentines day themed music as well as playing many classroom instruments.

K5 just finished up the Carnival of the Animals unit and is now starting to learn all about the xylophones and how to use mallet instruments.

1st grade just finished the Peter and the Wolf unit and is not moving on to play xylophones and other mallet instruments

2nd grade is half way through the blues and jazz unit where we start all the way in Africa and work our way to the United States to find out how blues and jazz were developed. They will end the unit by writing their own blues songs!

3rd grade is learning different American folk songs that also incorporate dance and instrumental accompaniment.

4th grade is preparing music for their trip to play recorders with the MSO in March

4th Grade

The fourth grade is working hard working on developing vocabulary and written communication in all curricular areas. For example, in Social Studies we learned about our state's story by answering important questions about who Wisconsin's first people were and how they survived during the "Old Time". We are all approaching or in the middle of learning about how exploration led to the famous Fur Trade Era that eventually led to conflict and settlement. We are looking forward to carrying on with our tradition of reenacting the bartering that commonly took place during this time period in the coming weeks.

The fourth grade has also felt lucky that the weather has cooperated and the children have been allowed additional time outside to have some fun to go ice skating!

Finally, while it has been a tough flu season, we would like to ensure parents that we have been doing all that we can to do additional cleaning and sanitizing in our classrooms, as well as promoting additional hand washing to keep everyone healthy!

Earth Ambassadors

Students in Makerspace continue to explore, experiment, collaborate, invent, design, fail, try again, fail, try again, have fun, ask questions, and support each other! It is tremendous to observe. If you'd ever like to stop in to see what all of the excitement is about, check with Patty Stark for a time that might work with your schedule.

Our Earth Ambassadors created a movie to teach our littlest earth lovers how to compost and recycle in the lunchroom. Thanks to the parents signing up to supervise during K5, 1st & 2nd lunches. We're looking for more volunteers during these two weeks: February 12-23 for 25 minutes at a pop. For more info on what this will look like, please watch our video!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pPX1pxhjHnpgwV4rDBeojHB9AD5u3dQj/view>

- Molly Damon is spearheading Destination Imagination. There is currently one group. Hoping to grow it next year.
- Anne does 1st grade lunch duty, will touch base with composting program heads to coordinate lunch duty volunteers and composting training volunteers.

Bayside Report - Principal, Jodi Hackl

- Not present

VP Ways and Means – Tina Kreitlow

- Wicked Urban Grill gave us \$80 for book fair concessions. For future, we will have a written contract. The taco truck last year provided receipts. Ask for flat fee next time vs. a percentage? Could use LegalZoom or Amanda Singh's husband could look at it.
- Winter Fun Night Feb 23, 80 participants registered so far. Should be over 100 on day of the event. All food and activities have been donated so far. Only money being spent is the DJ.
- Spring Book Fair - Katerina Brickman is going to co-chair. Becky Diamond shared information from Chairing the event in the past. Will be held April 17, it is on all calendars. A Cake Walk is planned. Should we do it in cafeteria or warming hut. Leaning toward cafeteria due to having the cake walk at the school. Coin wars (Reading Makes Cents) was done in fall, brought in \$675. Do it again in spring? Prize could be an ice cream party or basket of books for your classroom. In the past, spring book fair has done Bingo and kids win books. What is the Treasurer's role at end of book fair? Treasurer does count the coin war money.
- Passive Fundraisers - Restaurant Night (Dr. Dawg on 2/28 and Toppers on 3/21)
- Cupcake Run - Helena Laven and Laurie Woods are Co-Chairing. A lot of information has been gathered from Juanita, who chaired the event in the past few years. Others who worked on it previously have also shared information to help start the process. Several people who helped last year have agreed to help again along with some new faces. Will be adding a Zumba warm-up to the beginning of the race, an optional color element to the end. Will look into modifying the logo. May purchase some new signs.

Nicole Cook, PTO Sponsorship Chair, can help with sponsorship materials. It was suggested that we keep the pie eating contest as it was a popular event with the kids.

- Christine asked to look into selling concessions at events (ie musical) when other groups are not selling already

President – Christine Duback

- Created Google doc for Chair Wrap Up form. Please share with your chairs. Please add any fliers, files, etc. to appropriate folder on PTO google drive. Want to start keeping better records of events
- Went to lecture at USM on Gift of Failure, sponsored by RedGen. PTO donated \$600 (Talent Show income) to RedGen. Perhaps we could host RedGen events here in our district. USM had speaker also talk separately with the teachers.
- At the last BAN, cell phones were an issue. Cell phone games are excluding kids without phones. New phone policy? Can bring them, but can only use them to contact a parent. Maybe a phone check-in/check-out person? Follow the same school policy. Will not implement at tomorrow's BAN, but in the future.

Treasurer Report – Bridget Carlson

- Blaze Pizza - restaurant night funds? Were we supposed to get some?
- Got a request for \$3500 for Artist In Residence artist from Bayside.
- Spirit Wear has not cashed their check yet.
- Will be pulling money and receiving money for BAN tomorrow
- Haven't received CHW money yet.
- Cupcake Run request - treasurer needs to get Certificate of Insurance company form to present to Village with permit application. Check the expiration. Need Raffle permit (expires some time this year, will check on date).

Past President – Laura Pierri

- Online payments at District site - for internal, fixed PTO costs like Monster Bash, Winter Fun Night, Yearbook, etc. What is feedback from the district on this. PTO membership is already on there. Look into Cupcake Run.
- Fund Allocation Committee meeting was yesterday. Projects were approved. Stormonth - 2 water bottle stations (one per floor), supported Art Museum field trip (\$800, first time Stormonth students going to MAM), \$1200 for TV in Stormonth cafeteria so grade levels can present their work, \$1000 for Special Education. BMS working on Scholastic Dollars, done by 3/1. Have over \$1000 to spend. Approved some projects last month - more than \$1000 for 4th grade transition, \$200 for flag.

VP School Services – Anne O'Donoghue

- Yearbooks on sale, can pay through the Portal.

VP Programs – Megan Girton

- 7th/8th BAN tomorrow.
- Spring conference dinners, this afternoon at BMS. Papa Johns, volunteers coming at 3:00.
- Winter Skate Night 2/15. All details taken care of By Sarah Langerman and Sarah Krauss.
- Kids Night Out for 3rd and 4th graders will be 3/16. A DJ has been found. It is a drop off event, \$10 presale, \$12, pizza. Dancing, board games. Stephanie Bennett is organizing. It was suggested that the language on the advertising change. The term School Community Event should be used instead of Community Event to avoid confusion about who is invited.

VP Cultural Arts and Sciences – Amanda Singh

- Met with Karen about Artist in Residence at Stormonth. She supports combining 2 years budget to do something large in entryway. She has money in her budget to paint the front entryway. The idea is inspired by the Humanae Project by artist Angelica Dass. This Ted Talk is about Humanae Project:
https://www.ted.com/talks/angelica_dass_the_beauty_of_human_skin_in_every_color
- The artist's website has images about how communities have used this project before. Because it will be a 2-year project, a question was raised about how the 4th graders would be involved. Perhaps have them decide the quote that should be attributed to it. It has an inclusion and community message. A diverse group of people will be brought together to discuss the project.

VP Administrative Services – Jolena Presti

- A reminder from Megan that the logo is available on the google drive. Have the Chair Package sent out to Chairs.
- Chair Wrap Up Form will be good for creating news articles.
- Organizing a small group about increasing membership, hopefully have a survey or outreach by the end of school year.

Secretary – Laurie Woods

- Nothing to add

Open Comments

- There was a School Board meeting last week and block scheduling at BMS was

discussed. Parents should know details on what is happening and the reasons behind it. How will it impact the kids? Does PTO have a responsibility to parents and students in this matter? Relevant PTO Bylaws were reviewed. Christine may write a letter requesting that Jodi and Dr. Kobylski inform parents about block scheduling.

- There was another meeting on the same day as the School Board Meeting that included other local school boards. Consolidation of schools was discussed. Parents should be informed if there are plans for consolidating.

Good and Welfare/Adjournment. Meeting ended at 10:51.