



Fox Point Bayside PTO Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2018

Present: Christine Duback, Tina Kreitlow, Anne O'Donoghue, Laura Pierri, Bridget Carlson, Karen Grimm-Nilsen, Katie Glaisner, Jodi Hackl, Adria Willenson, Jolena Presti, Amanda Singh, Kitty Brin, Sayema Khatun, Laurie Woods

Not Present: Megan Girton, Sara French

Meeting called to order at 9:02. Christine motioned to start, approved. Christine motioned to approve November minutes, Katie seconded.

Stormonth Report - Principal, Karen Grimm-Nilsen

- Winter MAP testing has started. K5 tests are in winter, not fall, and are only math. PALS assessment takes care of reading portion. Other grade levels do math and reading this winter.
- Musical auditions have started this week, there are approximately 80 3rd and 4th grade students. There will be an audition workshop, letters go home tomorrow
- K4/K5 registration coming up. Now she is giving group tours to new parents, had 20 parents so far. Karen gives a tour, some teachers will be able to talk with them while the kids are in specials
- Kindness Retreat is ready. Krystal has letters out to parents and teachers. It will be on February 9th at Northshore Congregational. The kids will walk there. Through Youth Frontiers, 3rd year doing it.
- Brian Timmerman was hired just before winter break to replace former PE teacher Kara Duehring. Annie Marcks, former BMS teacher, had been filling in for her after she left.
- Sara French, Stormonth Guidance Counselor, submitted the following update:

K4

- The K4 students are having fun learning about Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales. They are all looking forward to the Humpty Dumpty Egg drop at the end of the month where they will drop their eggs off the wall and see if they crack.

Grade 1

- First graders enjoyed an AMAZING show at Marquette's Helfaer Theatre production of Frog and Toad! This was a great curricular connection for us as this is one of our read-alouds for our current unit of study in reading. We want to thank the PTO for partially funding this trip. It is one we won't soon forget.

Thank you!

- We're looking forward to a trip to Discovery World in February to support our new Sound and Light science unit of study. Thank you for providing us funds to help offset the cost for our families.

Grade 2

- In second grade PTO has allowed us to alleviate the cost of field trips. The PTO has provided a relaxing space in the teacher's lounge. They have organized a wonderful Book Fair that allowed teachers to further develop their classroom libraries. We also love the nourishing meals on busy conference evenings. Thank you for all that you do!

Grade 3

- Third graders are excited to head out to the Stormonth rink in PE classes beginning next week. We couldn't do this without the parent volunteers who come to tie skates. We would also like to thank the lunch and recess PTO helpers who help make that part of the day run more smoothly. We are also looking forward to seeing "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" at First Stage on January 19. Finally, third grade teachers are cleaning out and raking the sand traps for our annual mini-golf extravaganza to be auctioned off at Rolling on the River. We are also offering a new item of VIP seating at lunch for one day for the lucky third grade winners. Thanks so much for all that the PTO does to support us and our students!

Earth Ambassadors

- The Earth Ambassadors have worked hard to make school-wide composting and milk carton recycling a reality! This week we've moved into Phase Two which includes composting and recycling by 4th-grade students in the lunchroom. Phase One included informing the kitchen staff of how to compost from the preparation and cleanup perspectives. Phase One was rolled out January 2nd. We hope to have the entire school composting and recycling in the lunchroom by the end of January. If any PTO parents would like to be an extra pair of hands in the lunchroom to help make this run a little more smoothly, please contact Patty Stark. We will especially need support when our littlest environmentalists begin to negotiate all of the sorting while still managing to hold onto a tray.
- And a special shout out to the PTO for providing us with our new bins (last year's budget purchase) as well as our now 5th grade Earth Ambassadors for conducting a waste audit and preparing the rationale for this incredible initiative! Woo-hoo to all of YOU!

Bayside Report - Principal, Jodi Hackl

- The musical coming up in late spring, the new music teacher decided to include the 5th grade this year. He is looking for an assistant musical director. High School Musical Jr.

- This Tuesday there is a School Board Meeting. She will be talking about the new schedule for BMS next year.
- Next Wednesday there is a Band/Choir/Orchestra concert
- Camp MacLean is coming up for 7th graders. Tonight is parent meeting for that. It is two nights of team-building activities, GPS, crafts, ice fishing, snow activities. Parents do not go, 16 teachers will be there. Parents have always generously donated in years past to help cover the cost for some families. Noone has to stay behind due to lack of funds.
- Bayside Activity Night is next Friday for 5th-6th grade. Having some extra signage and extra training for parents due to it being a bit crazy last time.
- Dr. Fidlin is coming to talk to teachers about Growth and Development and will share information about ADHD in kids and how to manage it. That afternoon, teachers will be looking at web design. In April, will be putting out a brand new website. It will be easier to find things, it will look more professional. Teams will create classroom pages, there will be similar formats for each grade. Also for marketing our great schools.
- Jr. Knights Day is coming up for 8th graders. They go over to Nicolet for testing (Star reading and math), get familiar with the building, meet their counselor, and have academic career planning.
- DC trip coming up. Paperwork is due tomorrow. So far PTO has provided two scholarships this year. There is an unusual number of scholarships needed this year. Thank you to the PTO.
- Summer school will be changing, it will not be just remedial or recommendation only. They want to provide all families with a chance to attend. It will be an Enrichment Summer School. They will reinforce math, reading and writing skills, available to anyone. Information will go out to community in February, registration will be in April. There will be two 2 week sessions and held at Stormonth.
- Jason Thurow (7th grade SS and math teacher at BMS) has been in Dubai since last week. He was invited to go there to teach educators about STEAM.

VP Ways and Means – Tina Kreitlow

- Wicked Urban Grill Sales – at this point the owner has not made good on his payment to us from the Book Fair food sales. Katrina has reached out to him at least a half dozen times, Tina has called and spoken to him and Katrina has stopped at his permanent location downtown to try and collect money unsuccessfully. It was a verbal agreement, we will have a written contract next time. Maybe write a letter and attach an invoice. Look into new options for future.
- Winter Fun Night planning is coming along. Dajen posted a Save The Date on our Facebook page along with a SignUp Genius for volunteers. Flyers are going to the schools tomorrow to get copies made for distribution. Working to get Kohl's volunteers. DJ is chosen. It will be February 23.
- Spring Book Fair scheduled for Tuesday, April 17th. Kate is looking for a Co-Chair for this book fair.....anyone know who might be interested? Katie talked to Scholastic representative. The last time a book fair was at BMS was 2012 and it made only \$1500.

Middle School book fairs don't do as well. We should keep it at Stormonth, but let's think of other ways to have PTO involvement at BMS. What types of events could we plan for BMS? Possibly a literacy event.

- Cupcake Run: Have not been able to connect with Juanita Probst. Melanie Berg is interested in helping with the event as a reinvigorated event. Whatever the event is, it needs to bring in \$7000. Perhaps a bike ride? Mud Run? Color Run? Christine went to a Glow Run at Donges Bay and it raised a lot of money.
- Passive Fundraisers: Working on dates for Toppers, Dickies BBQ, Dr. Dawg and Baskin Robbins.

President – Christine Duback

- No report

Treasurer Report – Bridget Carlson

- Got Check from Box Tops for \$675.
- Scholastic dollars stand at just under \$10,000
- All expenses are in for Monster Bash
- Talent Show - will be donating \$600 to RedGen
- Concessions money is included in Talent Show.
- Invoiced CHW for \$5000 for sponsorship, waiting for check
- Got check from Network Photography for \$2600

Past President – Laura Pierri

- Next Fund Allocation Committee (FAC) meeting tonight. Stormonth is finalizing Scholastic wishlist
- Over the next 3 weeks, teachers will be finalizing lists.
- Each school receives \$5000
- Bridget was happy to see the newsletter talk in detail about FAC and where the money is going.
- Jodi is taking some photos for Laura

VP School Services – Anne O'Donoghue

- Rebate received from Network Photography
- Registration on the 25th. SignUp genius out and people have signed up.
- End of Year party chair - Ally Stepke and Carrie O'Connor. Will probably do a field day again.

VP Programs – Megan Girton

- BAN on Jan 19th for 5th and 6th graders
- Kids Night Out rescheduled due to being same date as Fox Point Village Winter Night (January 26). Thinking Feb 2nd
- 7th/8th BAN on Feb 9th
- Family Skate Night Feb 15th, National Bakery will donate cookies, Sarah Langerman will donate hot chocolate.

VP Cultural Arts and Sciences – Amanda Singh

- Do an International Street Fair? Fashion show of people celebrating culture, picnic, athletic component, street games, music? Could be at either school.

VP Administrative Services – Jolena Presti

- Newsletter was amazing.
- Will be looking at ways to increase membership numbers. Add value to the directory? Ask advertisers to include some kind of coupon with their directory add. Need to sell PTO better and reach out to new families better. Bridget talked about increased communication this year (Facebook Page). Adria talked about appreciating a meet and greet that was organized by a parent prior to the school year to welcome her child to the school. Do a survey?
- Have board members distributed new chair package to Chairs?
- When Chairs are done after an event, write up a brief summary of the event.
- Laura suggested sending out another reminder to join the PTO, but there will not be any more directories
- Ask during registration if parents would be interested in a date to meet at the park before school starts.

Secretary – Laurie Woods

- No update

Open Comments

- New parent here, Sayema Khatun, first PTO meeting attended. Really liked a Meet and Greet on the playground when they were a new family. Would like to become more involved.
- Kitty Brin is also new. She has a son in K4 and wants to get involved.
- Adria Willenson is also a new parent this year

Good and Welfare/Adjournment. Meeting ended at 10:21.