



Fox Point Bayside PTO Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018

Present: Christine Duback, Laura Pierri, Jodi Hackl, Megan Girton, Amanda Singh, Sara French, Karen Grim-Nilsen, Tina Kreitlow, Anne O'Donoghue, Kristal Melbye, Robin Burns, Jolena Presti, Laurie Woods, Bridget Carlson, Adria Willenson, Katie Glaisner

Not Present:

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

Stormonth Report - Principal, Karen Grimm-Nilsen

- Rolling On The River was a great event. Renderings for new LMC were presented and are now in the lobby area. The LMC will be combined with room next to it. Cathy Wachs is retiring this year. Posting for LMC position, looking at redefining that role. Someone with innovative ideas and vision for Makerspace. Chad at BMS has been successful at combining both roles for library and makerspace, want to do that here.
- Kindness Retreat was an amazing event for kids, staff and parents.
- March 14th Walkout - will bring back kindness retreat principles to assembly on that day.
- In midst of conferences now. Tonight and next week. Looking forward to the food from PTO. Thank you for bringing in flowers and food for teachers and staff after the Florida shooting.
- 3rd/4th grade Forward exam mid-April. Ask parents to make sure kids are here.
- Musical - a few weeks away. March 21 in school, 22nd for parents.
- Winter Fun Night drew 240 kids. It was too chaotic. Let's look at making some changes. Can we have more parents involvement? Not include k4, k5?
- Stormonth Read-a-Thon for month of April, tied in with the musical. Can we tie in the book fair?
- Mr Tobin is also retiring
- Sarah French update:

K4

- The K4 kids are having fun with Dr. Seuss and really enjoyed their theme days last week. They are looking forward to continuing to explore more Dr. Seuss stories up until break.

K5

- K5 is excited to be spending a month rhyming with Dr. Seuss. We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip to Audubon to learn about maple trees and enjoy a pancake with syrup snack.
- The K5 teachers are excited to spend some time playing games and enjoying ice cream with our Rolling on the River winners. We will be doing this in the next few weeks.

Grade 1

- The first grade team and students would like to thank the PTO again for the classroom funds which allowed us to add to our Brain Bins! Our kiddos are having a blast exploring their creativity, working collaboratively with their peers, and problem-solving!
- We are currently exploring poetry during Writers' and Readers' Workshops. As mathematicians, we are continuing to explore and develop our understanding of place value. In science, we're learning about light and will soon move on to our plants unit.

Grade 2

- The second graders enjoyed wrapping up their character study with the Character Fashion Show in the month of February. In correlation with the character study, students wrote opinion letters to their classmates about characters, books, and series. As a result, we have a lot of interest in reading about new characters in second grade!

Grade 3

- Third graders enjoyed a field trip to the Milwaukee County Zoo on March 5. In addition to exploring the zoo and looking for evidence of animal adaptations, they took a class called "Creatures of the Night" taught by the zoo staff. Teachers are looking forward to connecting with families again at conferences. Thanks in advance to the PTO for providing dinner for us one of those evenings! We are also anxious to see many of our students showcase their creative talents at "Seussical" later this month. We wish everyone a safe and happy spring break!

Grade 4

- The fourth grade has been busy learning and having fun! A few highlights of what we have been up to include bringing social studies alive by reenacting the French Fur Trade, and in reading we are learning how to read through the lens of a historian by using inquiry based thinking to take notes and then write a four

chapter book. One of the chapters will include a perspective piece where the students get to pretend to become a person living in that part of history. Outside of curriculum related topics, students attended the Kindness Retreat. The fourth grade teachers would like to thank the parents for giving our students this wonderful opportunity to cut loose and then reflect on values!

Music

- The Stormonth musical "Seussical" is coming up on March 22nd! We are so excited about this show and hope everyone can join us to see all the hard work that students and staff put into this production. In other news, 4th graders will be visiting the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra on March 21st and bringing their recorders because they get to play along with the symphony!

Spanish

- This year, Stormonth 3rd graders and 4th graders will participate in the AATSP poster contest. Winners will be announced in May. Concurso Oral, the Spanish-speaking contest, will be held for interested students on Saturday, March 17.

Art

- March is Youth Art Month!
- The Nicolet feeder schools exchanged student's artwork to celebrate the importance of visual art in our district. At Stormonth there is an exhibit in the display case on the first floor, where you will see art work done by students from Nicolet, Maple Dale, Indian Hill, Glen Hills, and Bayside. The artwork will be up until the end of the month. In addition, there is a note going home in the Friday folders telling the names of the students that will have their artwork exhibited at the various feeder schools.
- Stormonth Read-A-Thon 2018
- Seussical the Musical will kick-off another exciting event at Stormonth - a school-wide Read-A-Thon. First and foremost, we see the Read-A-Thon as a way to promote reading and teamwork. Secondly, it is a way to raise funds to support literacy in our classrooms.
- Just before spring break, we'll launch the Read-A-Thon at an assembly. Some of the characters from Seussical will explain the Read-A-Thon and encourage their classmates to work together to reach a school goal of 220,800 minutes of at-home reading for the month of April (approximately 20 minutes per day per student). Each student will receive an information packet, including guidelines,

sponsor sheets, and reading logs. Students are encouraged to set their reading goals over the break. They also can ask friends and family to sponsor them if they like.

- We'll track reading minutes through until April 27. If our school reaches its goal, we will hold a celebration to be called "Hooray for Stormonth Day!" The day will be full of fun surprises – one for each letter in STORMONTH. Our idea comes from the book "Hooray for Diffendoofer Day," a collaboration between Dr. Seuss, poet Jack Prelutsky and illustrator Lane Smith. Diffendoofer School celebrates in a big way when its students work together, do their best, and come out on top – and we will, too!
- Thank you to Molly Damon for leading the Destination Imagination team.

Bayside Report - Principal, Jodi Hackl

- Thank you to PTO for conference dinner. It was a big hit.
- Thank you for an additional Washington DC partial scholarship (additional \$1200). There were more kids to help this year. All kids who could go, went.
- 5th graders going skating at Petit on Friday. 5th and 6th graders going to JCC next week for a Holocaust survivor lesson.
- This morning there were some engineers on campus looking at the parking lots. Will ask that they be more identifiable. There is a District initiative this summer to redo parking lots, sidewalks, crosswalks. Looking also at traffic flow.
- Looking at adding more green space. Village of Bayside has initiative to reduce asphalt and have money they can allocate to the school. Adding a softball field on 5th/6th grade side of the building. Also fixing roof and doors and other deferred maintenance.
- Forward testing starts April 9, lasts 4 days. All grades. 8th graders take an additional science and social studies test.
- Brenda Stockhausen is retiring at the end of the year.
- For the national March 14th walkout, BMS will not be walking out due to perceived threats in the Glendale area.
- Transition activities for 4th graders, May 10 or 11th.
- Parent Night again this year on May 15.

VP Ways and Means – Tina Kreitlow

- Wicked Urban Grill will be back for next book fair along with Poyo Loco.
- Katie reports that there is a new rep for Scholastic. Book Fair will be in cafeteria, cake walk in gym, coin wars. Katrina Lipman is doing food trucks.
- Cupcake Run - Laurie reports planning is going well. We are in need of a person to coordinate games. All activities will take place outside, only access to the school will be to the bathrooms in the back hallway by the cafeteria. We may rent portable toilets to keep people who are covered in colored powder out of the school, or use leaf blowers to

clean them off before entering. If the outdoor race is cancelled due to weather, the race will happen inside as we did last year and the color portion will be cancelled. We are having to recreate the website and move to a different server as it is housed on a former district family's private server.

President – Christine Duback

- Please finalize dates for final activities.
- Cheryl Cho is taking on end of year party.
- Safety Week is May 14.
- Received a thank you letter from RedGen thanking for our \$600 donation.
- Met with Dr. Kobylski with Anne. Went well.

Treasurer Report – Bridget Carlson

- Waiting for 7th/8th grade BAN monies
- received CHW check
- Winter Fun Night raised more money than expected. Will also be adding \$500 to that from Kohl's. Cost was only \$5 per child this year, it was \$12 last year, still made more money.
- \$175 from Dr. Dawg, still waiting for Blaze.
- Received \$125 from Shutterfly

Past President – Laura Pierri

- Meeting with BMS and Stormonth Fund Allocation Committee this week and next week.

VP School Services – Anne O'Donoghue

- Yearbook orders are due by next Friday. Working on putting them together now
- Safety week set for May 14-18, each grade has a separate activity.
- Battle of the Books party May 30
- Cheryl Cho working with parents on end of year party.
- Nicolet Rummage sale this Saturday 8-1.

VP Programs – Megan Girton

- At BAN, no cell phones has always been the policy. 5th and 6th graders didn't know. Jodi said it is hard to manage, parents may want to communicate with their kids during the night. Not seeing a problem with 7th and 8th graders. Ask kids to go to the lobby to use their phone. Jodi will send a separate communication to parents and make sure volunteers know.
- Elite Sports Club event BAN March 17.

- KNO for 3rd and 4th March 16, KNO for 1st and 2nd April 27.
- Conference Dinner set for March 15
- Family Skate Night was cancelled due to warm temps

VP Cultural Arts and Sciences – Amanda Singh

- Chairs are starting to organize Special Interest Day May 11. 12:30 - 3:30.

VP Administrative Services – Jolena Presti

- Membership meeting on March 13, will discuss a survey to parents about membership. Now only 53% of families are members.

Secretary – Laurie Woods

- Nothing to report.

Open Comments

- Kristal Melbye talked about the composting effort. Lunch duty volunteers are not able to help with the composting process, so they are looking for parents who can volunteer to help dump trays from 11:15 - 12:15. Would like two weeks of intensive training for the students, looking for two parents there every day for an hour a day to train the kids. An email went out last Friday to parents to get buy-in. Can PTO promote it? Christine said Kristal can post it on the PTO Facebook page. Anne coordinates lunch volunteers and can ask for extra parents for this. A SignUp Genius went out, but there were few people signing up. Maybe add it to the PTO activities for next year?

Committee Reports:

- Tina suggested a Back to School swim party at the FP pool before school starts? On forms and fees day? Or maybe pool party just for parents?
- Maybe organize grade-level playdates on our Facebook page before school starts.

Good and Welfare/Adjournment. Meeting ended at 10:04, Christine motioned, Anne seconded.