



Fox Point Bayside PTO Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 10 2018

Present: Christine Duback, Laurie Woods, Tina Kreitlow, Katie Glaisner, Rebecca Wahlberg, Karen Grimm-Nilsen, Jolena Presti, Jesse Hillstrom, Amanda Singh, Sara French, Bridget Carlson, Jodi Hackl, Anne O'Donoghue

Not Present: Laura Pierri, Megan Girton

Meeting called to order at 9:02. Christine motioned to start, Anne approved. Anne motioned to approve April minutes, Amanda seconded.

Stormonth Report - Principal, Karen Grimm-Nilsen

- There are 19 school days left.
- Thank you so much for the Staff Appreciation week. The food, decor, gifts, etc. were outstanding. Monica was the coordinator.
- Finished Forward testing for 3rd and 4th, will start MAP testing soon
- Meeting with all the grade levels in the past week to keep message strong that there is still important learning to do
- Stormonth has earned 2017-2018 recognition award for High Achieving (all content areas), based on Forward exam. Chosen out of 134 schools. Recognition for reducing gaps and high achievement. Karen will be going to Madison to receive the award. First time Stormonth is receiving it. Collaborative team meetings going on here to reduce the gap.
- Changes for next year: staff retirements, staff shifting. Patti Stark retiring, Michelle Mullen moving into that spot (talent development and reading intervention). Jenny Ahles moving to LMC/Makerspace. Mr. Story going to 4th grade. Mrs. Christiansen moving to 6th grade math, she's an accountant. Hired a new PE teacher, he will spend a day here next week, on 21st will be approved by the School Board.
- Moving from 5 sections to 4 sections in 1st/2nd/3rd. Every grade level will be 4 sections. Tiffany will be full time next year. Class size will still be under 20
- Cleaning house is the basement this summer.

Bayside Report - Principal, Jodi Hackl

- Forward testing finished. Map Testing coming up 15th-17th.
- Field Trips coming up, thank you to PTO for paying for busing. Received a Kohl's grant which allowed for some extra trips this year as well.

- Asking teachers to be in the hallways more than usual. 8th graders can get stressed about heading to high school, sometimes their behavior escalates.
- Walk Through History coming up in 5th grade. Kids write and direct it.
- Musical coming up, sounds great, High School Musical Jr., there are 2 casts.
- Thanks to Monica for the great treats for Teacher Appreciation Week. Wonderful food, way over the top. Decor, amazon gift cards, etc. Brightens the week during a more stressful time of the year
- Gaining Mrs. Christiansen for 6th grade. She visited yesterday. Brenda Stockhausen is retiring.
Mike Sells is retiring, he is going to Stormonth for a year due to case loads. He is a Special Education Teacher. Hopefully he will be able to coach still at BMS. He will also be part of the 4th grade team and he will transition to 5th grade with them the next year.
- Gaps in achievement are improving, doing the extra support in the classroom, not pulling kids out for extra help.
- Music in the hallways in between classes. They have 30 seconds to get to their class after the music stops. All tunes have been selected by students and staff. Promised the kids they would not play Kids Bop. Kids are excited about it, they are helping to choose the music.
- PTO closet moving to multipurpose room, move starts Tuesday
- Tom Weber of custodial staff is retiring and will be working for Habitat for Humanity
- Sara French provided the following update:

K4

The K4 classes are finishing up their Bear unit and are excited to have their Bears stay overnight at Stormonth on Thursday and have a picnic with them on Friday. We are also looking forward to our end of the year trip to Green Meadows farm and we want to thank the PTO for helping sponsor part of this wonderful trip for our kids.

K5

The Kindergarten classes are enjoying their last RINGOs for the year. We want to thank all RINGO readers for coming in to read to small groups this year.

We are also getting ready to celebrate moms. We have invited our moms to Tea and Treats on Thursday. We have been busy cleaning our rooms, practicing songs and making special projects for this special day! We are also looking forward to Special Interest Day on Friday!

The K4 and K5 Community Service project is collecting gently used books for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Thank you for the wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week!

Grade 1

The first grade team would like to thank the PTO for an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week! We so appreciated all of the planning that went into this, and we thoroughly enjoyed the events throughout the week that made us feel so special! Our first graders are getting ready to share their first realistic fiction book series by putting the finishing touches on their stories and creating a special box for their

boxed sets. We're looking forward to sharing this work with our families during our Family Picnic in June.

Reading and writing like a scientist is up next for us in reading and writing! We're looking forward to exploring resources to learn about an animal, collecting important information, and then sharing that learning with our readers.

Our math time is all about geometry right now, and we're thoroughly enjoying all the hands-on activities!

Grade 2

Second grade enjoyed going to Nicolet for the play Charlotte's Web. We also so enjoyed all the special teacher appreciation items. Thank you so much for all that you do! We are looking forward to ending our plant unit with a field trip to Boerner Botanical Gardens in June. The students enjoyed creating books about a chosen topic of interest for their Inquiry Unit.

Grade 3

Third graders are looking forward to their trip to Miller Park and Doctor's Park on June 6. We are using PTO funds to help pay for this adventure - thanks for your generosity! Our annual walkathon will be the week of May 21. Once again, the pledges our students raise go to our local Ronald McDonald House. Our students are excited for Special Interest Day and Field Day. Many thanks to the PTO for making these events possible. Finally, thanks for the thoughtful meals and gifts for Teacher Appreciation Week!

Grade 4

The fourth graders had an absolutely wonderful day last Friday visiting the state capitol building. This was a great way to bring the year to a close as we just learned how Wisconsin achieved statehood in 1848 allowing Wisconsin to elect officials, collect taxes and create state government. This trip culminates their learning in Social Studies as we not only toured the capitol, but also went to the Historical Society across the street. The students were able to see and learn more about a lot of the artifacts and photos they have been learning about in their book, Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story, which is published by the Historical Society.

We are also looking forward to the bike rodeo, learning and raising money for Wisconsin animals as well as Special Interest Day.

The fourth grade team would also like to say thank you for making us feel so appreciated last week with the special meals, prizes and treats! !

Music

Stormonth students are practicing for their mini concerts next week! Dates and times for each class' performance can be found in the Friday folders. Another performance to look forward to is the Stormonth Talent Show! Students will have an in-class performance of their talent show acts during the week of May 21st and a variety of acts will be selected to perform again on the stage for the whole school on June 4th.

Spanish

Stormonth Elementary collected 160 summer toys for the Children's Day Toy Drive. Our sister school, Windlake Elementary, distributed these toys during their "Día de

los Niños" celebration on May 4th. Thank you for your support and generous donations.

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.

President – Christine Duback

- One last push for Box Tops. In the past, the PTO had popsicles at both schools if we met our goal. It's \$150. School is doing popsicles for PBIS at BMS and last day of school at Stormonth, so let's skip Box Top popsicles this year.
- Dr. Steve Dykstra will be speaking from Children's Mobile Crisis Team, May 22nd at 6:00 at BMS. Waiting on info from him to create a flyer and advertise.
- District consolidation email sent to School Board letting them know that people want more information. Their response was a thank you, but that the info is all on our website. PTO will notify families of the board meeting and will provide a link to the meeting page.
- Corner Bakery restaurant night coming up on the 14th. Do not need a flyer. Can win a catering for a \$140 voucher. It's a Stormonth family. 10% of all sales go to PTO
- Please get newsletter submissions in on time, by June 1st, earlier is better.
- Last PTO meeting is in May. The budget will be approved.

VP Ways and Means – Tina Kreitlow

- Baskin Robbins night scheduled June 14th 5:00-9:00 or 6-9. 10% of all sales go to PTO
- Concessions will be sold at Bayside Musical
- Cupcake Run update: early registration ends May 15, Megan is doing a lot of promotion, we have placed yard signs and posters. Conducting raffle sale at music performances. Karen requested that we keep the entire event outside, so will be renting 2 portpots. Planning is going well.

Treasurer Report – Bridget Carlson

- Budget meeting went well. We are on track for what we wanted to raise. A few adjustments to make. Will have a similar budget next year.
- Talent Show. Move the concessions from talent show to concessions
- Spring Book Fair number is an estimate. Does not include \$5000 profit in Scholastic dollars. Also doesn't reflect the \$3000 that was distributed for Coin Wars
- Cupcake Run numbers not in yet.
- Deposits not in yet for yearbook and costs.
- Looks like we're on target, will have budget by the end of the week, will present at the next board meeting.

- Adjustments were based on actual numbers from this year. Membership \$ down, Monster Bash up, BAN will be 2 events per grade next year so that number will shift. Food trucks will be the responsibility of the event chair next year.
- Deadline for reconciliation of accounts before Memorial Day is the goal.
- Let's coordinate spirit wear between BMS and Stormonth, look at the same vendor. Tina and Jodi will talk

Past President – Laura Pierri

- Anne presented update: Nominating Committee is working to fill positions for next year. Jessie Hillstrom will be new VP School Services. Melanie Berg will be Secretary. President Elect is still open. We have a Maybe for that. Need to fill Chair positions, will check the google drive. Positions with events early in the year like BMS Talent Show should be filled early. Post openings in the Newsletter.

VP School Services – Anne O'Donoghue

- Safety Week next week, plans are set. Need more volunteers for 1st and 4th graders.
- End of Year Party - Carrie O'Connor is chair. Karen Grim-Nilsen is contributing \$500 from her account. Inflatable houses, relay races, games. Will need 40 volunteers.
- Dawn and Katie working on yearbooks

VP Programs – Megan Girton

- No update
- Kids Night Out was a success.

VP Cultural Arts and Sciences – Amanda Singh

- Special Interest Day is tomorrow, volunteer numbers are climbing. Volunteers will get thank you snacks.
- Artist in Residence - James Tomacello is an artist at True Skool in Milwaukee. They want to spread their mission to the North Shore. He will be here at Stormonth on Tuesday and will submit a proposal. They will do what it takes to make it work. They want to get started and have a full media team

VP Administrative Services – Jolena Presti

- Survey results. Summary distributed. 150 respondents out of 588 families.
- Will schedule a small group meeting to talk about using the findings.
- Handout provided
- Beer Garden, Parents Night Out for beginning of school year would be a good idea,. Maybe a BYOB, PTO provides food and water.

- Put coupons in directory? Will add more value.
- Emphasize benefit of getting directory and supporting school.
- Forms and Fee Day table, make it more of an engaging place.

Secretary – Laurie Woods

- Nothing to add

Open Comments

- none

Committee Reports:

- none

Good and Welfare/Adjournment. Meeting ended at 10:24. Bridget motioned, Jolena seconded.

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