



Fox Point Bayside PTO Meeting Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2019

Present: Katie Glaisner, Christine Duback, Bridget Carlson, Melanie Berg, Tina Kreitlow, Jessie Hilstrom, Megan Girton, Amanda Singh, Karen Grimm-Nilsen, Jodi Hackl, Julie Trump

Not Present: Jolena Presti

Meeting called to order at 9:06 by Katie Glaisner. Seconded by Megan Girton.

Stormonth Report - Principal, Karen Grimm-Nilsen

- Winter Fun Night didn't have as many issues as it did last year, in part due to not including kindergarteners.
 - Still lots of running in the halls and not respecting school rules despite many volunteers and Ms. Bobeck (2nd grade teacher) present.
 - Suggestion to not have suckers next year due to the safety hazard of running with them.
- 4th grade Kindness Retreat happened last week. Mike Sells volunteered to produce a video which was shared with Karen and parents.
- 10 teachers participated in a WRSA reading convention. Ms. Mullen is very involved in the leadership of the organization.
- Rolling on the River school fundraiser event coming up 2/23.
- A 3rd grade student group has been formed to give input on Stormonth's developing makerspace. The Stormonth and Bayside student advisory groups went to Betty Brinn last week.
- A literacy evening is planned for K4 - 1st grade parents.

Teacher Representative Report - Bayside, Julie Trump

- Thanks to PTO for Artist-in-Residence funding that allowed the whole school to go to the symphony.
- 7th grade camp was a great experience. A video was created showing the fun activities they participated in.
- School spelling bee was held with finalists from class spelling bees. 3 winners to compete at regionals against other area schools at end of Feb.
- Threads and Things group starting a business screen printing t-shirts; they met with a mentor from Betty Brinn and will meet with a mentor from North Shore Bank to learn more.
- Lit Lunch Bunch, led by Amanda Singh, involves almost a quarter of the fifth grade students spending lunch and recess inside on Mon and thurs to read and discuss Junior Great Books stories and share books they love.

- PTO sponsored Mr. Dennis Biddle from the Negro League to speak to 6th graders - very well received!
- The Ski/Snowboard Club had over 135 participants this year and was a great experience.
- Bayside Coffee House event planned for 4/11 from 5-7 PM. Solo and ensembles performing, makerspace and art on display to show how arts are integrated across the curriculum. Volunteers would be appreciated.

Bayside Report - Principal, Jodi Hackl

- Scholastic dollars came in at \$5,000 per school. Teachers are enjoying picking out books for their classrooms.
- With the help of the Fund Allocation Committee, Bayside purchased floor seating for students, ball cart for PE, and bouncy bands that go on front legs of desks so students can bounce their legs silently to get jitters out. Continuing to spend remaining funds.
- National Assoc. for Educational Progress randomly selected 50 8th grade students for national reading and math testing this Friday. Although not mandatory, the results help the federal government obtain information for the national report card.
- Junior Knights Day was held at Nicolet for 8th graders. Josh Zimmers, one of Nicolet's associate principals, coordinated the event, including pizza in the library to help the students get comfortable with the Nicolet environment.
- Aiden Key is coming to speak to the community at Congregation Shalom on 2/19 from 6:30-8:00 about gender identity. The educational talk is about being aware and inclusive, and using more neutral language when talking about gender.
 - Both schools take inclusivity and supporting students very seriously. While gender identity is not currently a topic in Bayside's health education classes, if this is a request moving forward, board approval and curriculum review would need to take place.
- Dr. Fidlin is coming to talk about resilience and brain research in young adolescents on 3/13 at 6:30-8 at BMS in the library. He is an excellent speaker.

President – Katie Glaisner

- Question regarding additional school time for snow days. Jodi explained that we have the equivalent of about seven days worth of instructional time above state minimum built in to the existing calendar, so no make-up days are currently required.
- Do we want grade level parents to help get volunteers and photos throughout the year? How would we execute this? Will ask a few other parents in order to gauge need/interest.
- We have an interested non-profit sponsor for Cupcake Run. Should we modify/waive fee for non-profit?
 - If we do, we must outline requirements clearly before sponsorship starts.
 - General feeling among the board to leave pricing structure as is, as there are already different sponsorship pricing levels available.

Past President – Christine Duback

- Next Fund Allocation Committee meeting to be scheduled soon.
- Nominating committee will be set up soon to consist of 5 members, including two outgoing PTO board members and two at-large PTO members. Looking for ideas of potentially interested people.

Treasurer Report – Bridget Carlson

- Received \$5,000 from Children's Hospital. Jolena will draft thank you letter.
- Next round of box tops due 2/22.

VP Ways and Means – Tina Kreitlow

- Winter Fun Night had 142 students pre-registered and about 40 walk-ins. Collected over \$1,000 - dropped price last year for more inclusivity. Will be receiving \$500 from Kohl's for having 5 Kohl's volunteers. Had about \$500 in expenses.
- Velia Tarnoff has stepped up to be spring book fair chair. Abby Nies is a possible co-chair. Fall and spring book fair chairs should meet to get on same page about how to distribute funds to teachers from both fall and spring book fairs.
- Cupcake Color Run scheduled for 6/1.

VP Administrative Services – Jolena Presti

- Spring newsletter due to Megan Smith 3/12. Reach out to Katie if need anything posted 2/23-3/3 when Megan will be on vacation.

VP Cultural Arts and Sciences – Amanda Singh

- 5/10 Special Interest Day. Will have meeting with Karen and chairs soon to discuss details.
- Symphony trip went well (Artist-in-Residence spending for Bayside). It was a program just for school groups.

VP Programs – Megan Girton

- Conference dinners set for 3/7. 2:45 set-up at Bayside, 3:00 setup at Stormonth. Courtney Roberts coordinating. Have received parent donations for this, as well.
- Thoughts on Kids Night Out for 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th grades?
 - Is this redundant with Winter Fun Night and Kinderdate and can be eliminated?
 - Volunteer base tapped out, lots of asks this time of year, still no chair for 3rd/4th grade night.
 - Vote to eliminate: 6 yes, 1 no.
 - Make one more push on FB for 3rd/4th grade chair. If no response, cancel. If

Sarah Leibham hasn't started planning 1st/2nd grade night, yet, then cancel, as well.

VP School Services – Jessie Hilstrom

- K4/K5 registration went very well.
- Jessie to start planning a Safety Week / Bike Rodeo at Stormonth in May with Suzette and police department and Wheel and Sprocket. Jessie is chairing the Bike Rodeo and will determine date soon.
- Christine Duback working with Ms. Alice on 4th grade Book Trivia awards (purchased by PTO).

Secretary – Melanie Berg

- N/A

Open Comments

- Should we develop tip protocol for custodial staff after events? Involve principals in decision of amount and approval for giving cash. Include amount in event wrap-ups as guidance for next chairs. Update chair package with decision on how to handle.

Good and Welfare/Adjournment. Meeting ended at 10:26. Katie motioned, Amanda seconded. Minutes approved via email 2/21. Bridget motioned, Katie seconded.