



AGENDA

Fox Point-Bayside PTO Meeting
Wednesday, November 5th, 2025
7:30 - 8:30 pm

Bayside Middle School

1. Call to Order

- a. Call to order at: 7:38 pm
- b. Present: (GayAnne Ketter, Sarah Leibham, Rochelle Van Hart, Nicole Boico, Cheane Sartler, Amanda Makulec, Kaitlin Torres, Michael Weaver, Jodi Hackl, Andrew Joseph)
- c. Motion to approve September minutes
 - i. Minutes approved
- d. Motion to appoint new board member
 - i. Motion to appoint GayAnne Ketter as the president-elect through the balance of Bill Davidson's term. Mover; Amanda Makulec, Second; Nicole Boico
 - ii. GayAnne Ketter was appointed by unanimous vote.

2. District Report (Michael Weaver)

- a. Professional development day
 - i. Ran many different technology, literature, and math-based activities. Teachers learn and then teach others. There's time for fun too. We played Plinko.
- b. The district survey is live and has been sent out to families. The survey is centered around the strategic plan. Input is valuable to updating the framework for our future (July 2026). The survey also has questions about the operational referendum (November 2026).
- c. Website refresh coming summer 2026.
- d. The author visit with Ben Clanton was great. The kids were very engaged. Students continually have incredible opportunities
- e. Slowly learning about AI in classrooms. Teachers need to be educated so they inform kids on how to use it correctly.

3. Stormonth Report (Andrew Joseph)

- a. Fall fest was one week ago and was made possible by the PTO and FAC grant. The school is so magical with the changing of leaves. It was wonderful to celebrate Hispanic heritage month and get to use the new sound system that was partially funded by the Fox Point Foundation
- b. Monster Bash was an amazing event. Even with the rain, the kids had fun.
- c. Buddy classes are underway, which help build connections between older learners and younger learners.
- d. Field trips are happening. Beth Kramer's class went to the Audubon, K4 went to the pumpkin patch and apple orchard.
- e. Behavior Incentive
 - i. Will be starting a drive-in movie incentive in which kids work towards a drive-in movie the day before Thanksgiving. Each class has a movie ticket and they get stars for good behavior. Kids will build a car out of a box from home and watch a movie in their car.

- f. The kindness retreat for 4th graders was made possible by the PTO. Kids identified what kindness means to them. How you want to feel and how you want others to feel.
 - i. Question: Amanda - Is it possible to ask the people who run social media to tag the PTO so families can see what PTO is doing? Answer: Andrew - We could have a sign at events that says, "brought to you by PTO".
 - 1. The PTO board will inquire into making the sign and will have to work on the wording (e.g. sponsored by, brought to you by, etc.).
 - 2. Kaitlin suggested adding a QR code so families could donate to support future PTO events.
- g. Just finished up our benchmark curriculum-habitats for animals. Fun was had in makerspace.
- h. Lockdown went extremely well. The police did a great job making it not-so-scary for the kids.
 - i. Question: Amanda - Can kids opt out of lockdown drill without having to stay home the whole day? Answer: Michael - If there is a concern around it, families can reach out to the principal. Answer: Andrew - We try to provide headphones and give kids a heads up about what is going to happen so we can lessen some of the anxiety.

4. Bayside Report (Jodi Hackl)

- a. Courage retreat for 7th grade students was a success. Kids talked about how we treat others and how we stand up and include others. It was a great experience
- b. Cross-country just wrapped up and had a record 94 runners. This is the first sport that 5th and 6th graders can participate in. There were three coaches to accommodate all the students.
- c. RULER SEL curriculum
 - i. Every homeroom and every class makes a charter about what you want your class to stand for (e.g. feeling safe in your community). The staff also make a charter and come up with ideas of how they want to feel and be. Every year there is a new one that is posted in the lounge for teachers.
- d. US News Reports has ranked Bayside Middle School the #5 middle school in the state, Niche has ranked Bayside #1 in the state. The staff is very excited. Report cards will be out soon and we're hoping it will mirror the rankings.
- e. The talent show will take place on November 14th. The kids are so brave. Students are taking a can good for coming to watch (food drive).
- f. Forensics will be held this year. It didn't run last year because there was no coach. The season will be starting soon.
- g. Chess club is starting soon (after school club).
- h. PTO sponsored events have been happening (5th and 6th grade BAN, 7th grade went to the Audubon and did canoeing. The 8th graders will be going soon as well. We really appreciate our partnership with Audubon.
- i. Coffee House will be happening soon.
 - i. This annual event is sponsored by the PTO. Kids show off talents in performing arts, visual arts, forensics, band, etc. The event is an open-house style and coffee will be served. We would like to have a food truck, but are still working out the details.
- j. Field hockey demo by one of the Bayside parents who is skilled in the sport will be how we use our AIR (artist in residence) funds.
- k. FAC-Teachers have handed in grant proposals that they are excited about. The roughly

\$11,000 has been incredible.

- I. 5th and 6th graders had a blast at BAN. It was a Halloween theme. We are so grateful to the PTO for the funds for BAN, conference dinners, etc. 7th/8th grade BAN will be happening soon.
 - i. Question: Sarah - cross country is open to 5th-8th graders. Is tennis an option for a 5th grader? Answer: Jodi - It's really based on the teams we play and whether we have enough players. We also have to consider if it's safe for the kids. Jodi will inquire.

5. Treasurer Report (Sarah Leibham)

- a. Current Income and Expense and Budget vs. Actual reports available upon request
 - i. Current YTD fundraisers (that are complete) have met or exceeded budget expectations
 - 1. Would benefit from an increase in PTO membership (below budget by approx \$2K)
 - ii. Current YTD expenses are within budget

6. Board Reports

a. President Elect and Acting President (GayAnne Ketter)

- i. No updates at this time.

b. VP Ways and Means (Cheane Sartler)

- i. Monster Bash was a huge success. More than half of the people signed up day-of.
 - 1. Our goal was \$14,000 and we earned \$15,479.
 - 2. We had new attractions this year (e.g. bubble person and a DJ).
 - 3. JK Lee is still going to send a check for \$500
 - a. In the future getting the check up front would be best. Will talk to the sponsorship chair about this. Sponsorship is now under Ways and Means.
- ii. Book Fair
 - 1. Brought over 12k and half goes back to the school in books. We had many volunteers including student junior librarians. Another book fair will happen the week before spring break
- iii. Nicole Stickler has agreed to chair the Raise Right program (giftcard delivery situation in which the PTO can earn rebates from supporters). Also could consider this for BAN.
- iv. It was suggested that we consider moving Raise Craze (kids do random acts of kindness for sponsorship) to February.
- v. The Cupcake Fun Run will move to June 6th and be chaired by Danielle Horvatin. Calendars are updated. The location is TBD.

c. VP of Engagement (OPEN)

d. VP School Services (Nicole Boico)

- i. Pictures for the Stormonth yearbook can be sent to stormonthpics@gmail.com. A cover-designing contest will be coming soon.
- ii. The end-of-the-year party/field day date has been established. Andrew will let us know when that date is.

e. **VP Programs (Amanda Makulec)**

- i. Completed student programs to date this year:
 1. Bayside Activity Night 5-6 graders - will provide updates on head count when available
 2. Bayside Activity Night 7-8 graders - will provide updates on head count when available
- ii. Newly confirmed dates for upcoming programs:
 1. **December 19, 2025** - First Stage group ticket purchase (100 total tickets available at \$10 each),. for [The Pigeon Gets a Big Time Holiday Extravaganza](#). Standard ticket pricing is \$27-42/per ticket, so the price point for the group buy is a significant discount. We will be responsible for selling and distributing the tickets.
 - a. Decision points:
 - i. Should we marginally increase the per ticket price to account for credit card processing fees?
 - ii. Should we charge a differentiated rate for PTO members v. nonmembers as an added benefit of joining the PTO?
 - iii. Plan to also add an option to donate to the PTO to support future programming. Targeting ticket sales to start mid-November on Membership Toolkit.
 2. **March 10, 2026** - MKE Bucks game, with option to do 50 or 100 tickets. More tickets = more experiences for the kids. Ticket count needs to be confirmed by early January.
- iii. Teacher appreciation:
 1. Shifting approach this year to a monthly teacher appreciation 'moment' instead of a fully dedicated week in May 2026.
 2. This approach allows us to stagger appreciation throughout the year (not just at the end) and address more real time classroom needs as they emerge.
 3. With the shift in timelines, we do need to sort out when and how we collect teacher appreciation funds, which is what helps us support these activities
 4. October we hosted conference dinners catered through Corner Bakery.
 5. Three month plan for appreciation moments:
 - a. November - coffee + beverage restock with in-kind contributions from Happy (Amanda will deliver w/o November 10) and gratitude feathers with students sharing something they're grateful for in their classroom (facilitated through room reps at Stormonth; need to confirm approach for Bayside).
 - i. December - La Masa empanada lunch (tentatively scheduled for Dec 10).
 - ii. January - classroom restocks (collect lists from teachers, set out to class lists via room reps with the request for parents to purchase and donate items).
 6. Additional requests and recommendations welcome to make sure we're aligning our programming with what best serves the staff
 7. References
 - a. [Calendar of events](#) (printable) - has been updated with confirmed

dates

- b. [Google Calendar of events](#) (public link) - managed under the FPBS PTO shared inbox, anyone can 'turn on' within their google calendar to see upcoming events
- c. [Teacher Appreciation planning](#)

f. Past President (Kaitlin Torres)

- i. Fund Allocation Committee
 - 1. Sent out notification to committees; will work with Admins to get rollover amount from last year and set up meetings with full committee to work through grant proposals
 - 2. I suggest looking at next year's budget and providing a certain amount to be at the disposal of the Principals for smaller requests.
 - a. Would still like to have it documented so we can make sure to share with families what their money was spent on.

g. Secretary (Rochelle Van Hart)

- i. Maintenance of the PTO bulletin board will resume at Stormonth.
- ii. Will research how to get a small PTO space at Bayside.

7. New Business

- a. Open updates from board members (round robin)

8. Open Comments/Walk on topics

- a. Incorporating 5 minute Principal and SI report time limits so more time can be devoted to questions and discussion from attendees.
- b. Discussion on filling open roles will occur at the next PTO Board planning meeting.
- c. Support for SNAP families
 - i. Schools are working on a communication that they can send district wise-free to make it clear that free/reduced lunch will not be impacted. The goal is to make people aware of how they can help/support district families.
 - ii. Holiday Giving is run by the PTO each December and raises a lot of money. We might be able to do something similar in which people donate to families now. Whatever we don't use will be donated to a charity, but details are still being worked out. Families can reach out to principals or counselors if they are in need.
 - iii. We can also reach out to partner districts

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn: Amanda-8:59 pm
- b. Seconded: GayAnne and Rochelle