

**MINUTES**

Fox Point-Bayside PTO Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 10, 2025   
7:30 – 8:30 pm

District Office and Over Zoom

1. **Call to Order**
   1. Call to order at 7:33 pm
   2. Present: Nicole Boico, Bill Davidson, Jodi Hackl, Andrew Joseph, Sarah Leibham Amanda Maculec, Cheane Sartler, Kaitlin Torres, Rochelle Van Hart, Michael Weaver
2. **District Report (Mike Weaver)**
   1. Thank you for PTO donation ($23, 924.54)!
   2. So far: three weeks welcomed new staff members with onboarding. Focus is on growth-make sure that each student is achieving personal growth goals. Motto is “Every student Every Day”-what we do matters for children.
   3. Board: Updating board policy, budget, facilities and general updates (e.g. carpet, paint, etc.). Still working on updates.
   4. November 2026 operational referendum (comes forward every 4 years-$3.1 million).
   5. Updating the Framework for our future-July 2026. Survey coming out soon. Encourage people to complete it!
   6. Refreshed website for summer 2026-takes over a year to do.
   7. Benchmark for learning lower levels SAAVAS (5-8 grade) learning for upper levels-ELA.
   8. Staff got together for professional development and it was wonderful to have everyone in the same room. Great collaborations.
      1. Question Bill Davidson: Is there a district-wide effort in Madison to fund schools? Answer Mike Weaver: Yes. Lobbying on our behalf-looking to sit down with partner districts and legislative leaders.
      2. Question Kaitlin Torres: For cross country how do we get students to the meets? Also, is that something that you want to communicate to the PTO and have us get information out. Answer: Jodi Hackl-They have early release (3:20pm). Went pretty well today. Mike Weaver-trying to engage bus company to transport for sports. Hopefully we can establish this for winter sports and then into spring for track. Please tell people on Facebook to contact the district office.
3. **Stormonth Report (Andrew Joseph)**
   1. Great start to school year! Working on establishing routines. Heather and Andrew have been meeting with all grade levels about safe recess. Have had great safe choices.
   2. Trying to engage families in different ways. Trying to make Friday folders more engaging and making more videos.
   3. Thanks to PTO for first week lunch and back to school activities.
   4. Holding bus company to high expectations. Megan and Jen do great jobs alerting parents when bus is running late.
   5. Construction will be happening on Rexleigh in Bayside so kids will be impacted.
   6. Caregiver information night in couple weeks. Trying a different format because attendance for older grades dropped off. Upper and lower grade on math and literacy, digital citizenship (keeping kids safe online). Will also have session on RULER program and SEL. Might have a food truck for caregiver night. Next year maybe partner with PTO for this event along with back-to-school picnic.
   7. ELA-First unit is life science so all kids will be working on some aspect of this.
   8. First storm rally on Friday (outside). Motto: Be you. Be kind. Be Stormonth.
      1. Question Amanda Maculec: Is the increased police presence during drop-off due to something specific? Answer: Andrew Joseph: No. We ask if officers if they are available, can you come by to enhance safety? Police talking to walk home kids about safety and expectations.
4. **Bayside Report (Jodi Hackl)**
   1. Great start to the school year! A few bus glitches, but everything else has been wonderful. Improvements being made. Lots of construction. Will have volunteers out for Rexleigh construction situation.
   2. Playground is ready and we have grass and bike racks. Kids being very respectful of new equipment.
   3. New ELA curriculum-large workbook that they work from that stays in classroom. Teachers had a lot of training. Excited to work through first unit.
   4. First 8th grade field trip Friday-PTO funds sometimes used, but not sure about first one. Busing is expensive.
   5. 18 new students-incredible. Uptick in families that came to Bayside because school has great reputation. Some out of district and moved for school.
   6. Cross country-94 participants. First time 5th and 6th graders can participate in a sport.
   7. Welcoming new staff-6 new people. 5 teachers and 1 instructional assistant. Very solid group.
   8. Welcoming Nicolet students-Introduction to Teaching dual credit through UWM. Would this be the right career for me? 5 students start in October-help in classrooms and will be helping kids one-on-one.
   9. MAP testing next week. Reading and math (~43 questions). Way to look at lagging skills of kids or a class to direct instruction. Teachers take data and develop professional goals. Will take three times over course of the year.
   10. Later in month safety drills-reunification. Will just evacuate. Joe will send out email to parents. Just walk to area and walk back (20-30 minutes).
5. **President (Bill Davidson)**
   1. Want to focus on our big fall fundraiser-Monster Bash, to see how PTO can provide support so defaulted to Cheane Startler.
6. **VP of Ways and Means (Cheane Sartler)**
   1. Monster Bash is our big fall fundraiser. Will take place on October 25th-11 am-1 pm on the blacktop. Andrew Joseph suggested a volunteer for bathroom area. Looking to work with scouts for food and will fix games and monsters. Considering having a coffee mobile truck. Feed the Monsters will be by the nurse’s office for centralized location. We will have a DJ and new decorations. Currently looking for ways to engage middle schoolers a bit more (asked Jodi about this and she will think about it).
7. **Treasurer’s Report (Sarah Leibham)**
   1. Will be sending an email about requesting reimbursement and how to go about things.
8. **Past President (Kaitlin Torres)**
   1. Teacher appreciation-have gotten many comments asking it to be spread out rather than 5 days of food.
      1. Question Cheane Sartler: Would once per month be good? Answer Andrew Joseph: Yes.
      2. Question Amanda Maculec: Is teacher appreciation under my remit? Group: Yes, it is.
      3. Question Amanda Maculec: Did teacher favorites go out? Answer: Not yet. Also, room rep info has to go out.
      4. Question Nicole Boico: What positions are still open? Answer: President Elect and VP of Engagement-Alyssa might be willing to be social media chair, maybe not VP
      5. Bill: Bylaws are geared this way. Maybe VP not necessary if we have individual chairs.
      6. Kaitlin: There is a spreadsheet of all chairs, have been highlighting ones that are filled.
   2. Review calendar-it’s out there so we have accountability to follow up on it. Reach out if we need Kaitlin to do Canva stuff. Reminder: Tuesday before the Friday to make it into Friday folders.
   3. Would love to send email to new families. Asked Mike for information to do that.
      1. Andrew: Having new family luncheon. Bill: Can you blast out a letter for us? Yes.
   4. Check PTO gmail inboxes.
   5. Check mail for PTO at both schools.
   6. Let Kaitlin know if you want a walkthrough of the website.
9. **President (Bill Davidson)**
   1. Still looking for president elect. If you have recommendations, send them.
   2. Bylaws-want to send draft before next meeting with updates. Next bigger meeting we can look to adopt the new bylaws.
   3. How can we partner more closely with the school to take off a little of the load on the members? We’ve struggled to recruit members for the board positions. Will need to explore this further in the future.
10. **Adjournment**
    1. 8:43 pm
    2. Move to adjourn: Bill Davidson
    3. Seconded: Sarah Leibham