

**MASON PTO
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Valerie Albright
Katie Batts
Roy Bishop
Gina Green
Kris McKean
Kim Rahi
Kelly Sendoykas
Jeff Somers
Krista Somers
Andrea VanBecelaere

GUESTS:

Elizabeth Hubbell
Jenelle Lehief
Jennifer Legge
Marianne Mouton
Emily Rennpage
Nicole Richard
Kelly Ruh

ABSENT:

Jennifer Amori
Amy Schubert
Kristen Rubart

President's Call to Order – 7:08 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Jeff Somers:

- Minutes from August 18, 2017 meeting were approved.
- Welcomed our guests and introductions.

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION – Jenelle Lehief:

Jenelle is a GP parent, who is visiting PTOs across the district to introduce Kevin's Song, which is a local organization dedicated to suicide prevention. She spoke on the subject and provided a flyer and a pamphlet on an upcoming conference. She invited Mason to join the mission by sending representatives and educators to the conference, which will be held November 9-11. She also encouraged any interested party to attend a meeting/gathering at her home on October 3rd. The Board agreed that deeper and further discussion was needed, before making a decision. Cynthia Latimer will check with other PTOs to gain their perspective on next steps.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Roy Bishop:

- Our first Mason Running Club event was held today. About 60 children participated. It was a great success. Everyone seemed to have fun and it was exciting to be able to promote fitness in this way. Expect numbers to grow.
- Proud Dads (one and only) meeting was held on Monday, September 18. They settled on hosting a number of events throughout the year. Mason students will be asked to vote and choose five events from a list of about ten, to determine which will be launched.
- The "Positive Club" – a 4th Grade creation is now up and running. Kids are asked to focus on and share positive points of view and actions. This is a tremendous movement and the results are exciting.
- The "Leadership Team" meetings have started. Every grade has a role, which will be age-appropriate and manageable. Upper grades will have more challenging tasks and will get training, when necessary. Parents will get notes soon. There are about 135 different "jobs" to be performed by Mason students. Each job will promote and foster leadership qualities.
- Main front hallway is now "Leadership Lane."
- ASD pairing flyers and questionnaires went home last week. (ASD buddies will also attend field trips.)
- ASD grant was completed. We expect to hear if we were approved sometime in December.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED – Roy Bishop:

- Complimented the Mason staff in supporting their students in extraordinary ways. Many teachers and staff members demonstrate their dedication outside of their classroom. Parents continue to be impressed with the level of attention their children receive. Our teachers are superb!

COMMITTEE REPORTS**FUN RUN – Katie Batts:**

To date, the following is planned or in motion:

- 61 Mason students have currently pledged. That represents 19.8% of our student body.
- Fun Run will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will be divided into three sessions (1:00 – 1:45; 1:50-2:35; 2:40-3:25)
- A minimum of 10 volunteers per session is needed, but everyone is welcome to participate. The more, the better.
- Grade level colors will be chosen by teachers and will be announced soon.
- Krista will send weekly updates each Wednesday.
- Sponsors and those making donations will get standard donation letter, which Pat Bartos can provide to PTO.
- Shout-outs begin next week.

HOSPITALITY – Amy Schubert (absent):

- No report.

VOLUNTEERS – Kim Rahi & Andrea VanBecelaere:

- To date, 82 people have signed up. Additionally, there are names on the Mason registration site, which have not yet been collected.
- The lunch schedule has been filled through December.
- A sign-up genius will be available to fill in any holes.
- Letters will go to those who signed up as a thank you and an acknowledgement of having received their names.

SCHOOL BOARD OBSERVER – Valerie Albright:

- No report.

PTO COUNCIL OBSERVER – Cynthia Latimer:

- Emailed a summary of observations to all Board members and provided a hard copy to guests in attendance.
- September meeting was not attended in person, but viewed electronically.
- Main discussions centered on class size and residency issues.

ASD EMISSARY – Kristen Rubart (absent):

- No report.

BOARD REPORTS**CORRESPONDING/COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY – Krista Somers:**

- Continuing to provide weekly updates on Mason events.
- Available to create flyers and messaging as requested
- Will work with Kris McKean to create a poster that shows how PTO dollars are spent. Poster site TBD – somewhere along Leadership Lane.
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RECORDING SECRETARY – Kris McKean:

- No report as Recording Secretary, but spoke on progress on the membership drive. Results are encouraging. Parents seem interested and each day new sign-ups appear. Year-to-date members, including teachers total 122.

TREASURER – Kelly Sendoykas:

- Provided hard copy of current budget. No real activity yet.
- Asked that expenses be submitted via email, rather than in hard copy form.

VICE PRESIDENT – Katie Batts:

- Working on a way to have Sprit Wear sent directly to the person making the purchase, as opposed to delivering to school. This should help with storage and fulfillment issues.

PRESIDENT – Jeff Somers:

- Orders for Spirit Wear have reached \$102 to date. (Kris McKean asked if we could look into designing and purchasing Mason wear for parents. White shirts with blue lettering and a smaller moose over the heart was suggested. Many parents have expressed interest in a white shirt.)
- Plans are being developed to add a “Volunteer of the Week” component to the PTO website. Gina Green will ask teachers for submissions. The post would include an interview of the volunteer, which would be conducted by a student. Perhaps this could become one of the leadership duties.

FALL FEST DISCUSSION:

- Fall Fest is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st.
- Food options include: hot dogs; cider; water; roasted corn; donuts. Proud Dads Club to handle grilling.
- Event is free, but food would be purchased.
- Several ideas were offered, but no final decisions were made on the activities, though two were favorites. One was a scarecrow-decorating contest, with each scarecrow being affixed to the playground fence for display. A fee would be charged to participate. It was suggested that \$5 would be appropriate. The second was a pumpkin race, where pumpkins are decorated and equipped with wheels, etc. That too, is in the planning stage. A subcommittee has been recommended to further develop the plans. Members can participate if interested.
- We also discussed having the face painter return, but want to discuss her payment options.
- Flyers to save the date will go home next week.

Jeff Somers called for a motion to adjourn. Katie Batts motioned – seconded by many voices.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17th – 7:00 p.m.