

**MASON PTO
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

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~ IN ATTENDANCE ~

BOARD MEMBERS:

Valerie Albright
Katie Batts
Roy Bishop
Anna Court
Kris McKean
Kim Rahi
Kristen Rubart
Amy Schubert
Jeff Somers
Krista Somers

GUESTS:

Marianne Mouten
Luis Santiago-Baird
Sarah Tomich
Amy Weglarz

ABSENT:

Jennifer Amori
Cynthia Latimer
Margarette Scheich
Andrea VanBecelaere

President's Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Jeff Somers:

- Minutes from January, 2018 meeting were approved.
- Demitrious Baird was unanimously confirmed by the Board as our new Treasurer and will be formally installed at the March meeting.
- The Bylaw regarding attendance by Board members was amended. The original Bylaw read as follows: *“Missing two meetings suspends a seat and can only be reinstated by submitting a request, in writing or in person, to the Board and upon Board approval.”* It was amended to: *“OFFICERS must attend all meetings. Missing two CONSECUTIVE meetings suspends a seat and can only be reinstated by submitting a request, in writing or in person, to the Board and upon Board approval.”*
- \$600 to cover the balance of the cost (for the water bottle filling station) was approved. Mr. Bishop will contact Mrs. Frakes to determine the cost and frequency of the ongoing maintenance, which will be required (filters, etc.) Installation will take place a.s.a.p.
- Cans are still being accepted. Kris McKean is researching receptacles to see if we can place one outdoor to make it easier for people to donate / drop off returnables.
- Some discussion of adding small fundraisers to our calendar to offset the cost some of our growing needs. Car washes and pizza nights at school were mentioned as possibilities.
- Parking lot safety is still a concern. The “No Left Turn” sign is not always observed. Morning drop-off is much smoother, but pick-up is still problematic. A committee is being formed to research solutions. Amy Weglarz volunteered to chair it. Kris McKean; Kim Rahi; Krystina Sharpe and Courtney Widzinski will sit on the committee.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Roy Bishop:

- A critical need for the library has been identified. Fifty new chairs, at \$39 each and new tables, along with some flexible seating and media equipment is being requested. Approximate cost is around \$6,200, however, a \$4,000 grant is being sought. Furniture is considered a “soft cost” and is not covered by the district, therefore, the PTO will look for ways to support this initiative. Adding additional fundraisers that are attached to the goal of raising funds for the library was discussed. The library is a multi-purpose room and serves all Mason students, as well as hosting various events. This is a top priority.
- A request was made to host a science night. The cost is \$925. Typically, there are 20 tables of activities. We discussed charging \$5 per family to offset the cost. Some discussion about whether it had enough appeal to the older kids. We did not vote on this and will discuss at a meeting in the future.
- Mindfulness training has begun.
- Fifth Grade camp dates are May 8th – 10th. Monies for scholarships have been allocated, but we want to also contact Camp Storer to see if they, too, make provisions for needy families. Mr. Bishop will talk with Mr. Francis and Mrs. Frakes for information.
- BOOST (a program to grow math confidence) has been launched. It takes place on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Any parent who is interested in participating is welcome. Contact Mr. Bishop for details.
- Shout-out to our Mason staff. All have continued to show dedication and work hard to make sure our students get what they need to learn and to feel safe.
- Chuck Bubek is our new custodian. “Mr. Bob” has moved to Barnes.
- 5th graders are getting ready to move to middle school and are meeting with counselors and with Mr. Hartley.
- March is Reading Month.
- Parents United in Diversity will have their district-wide meeting at Mason on March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.
- Mason’s Diversity group meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the library. We should all try to be there as often as possible.
- The Facilities Meeting was well attended. A big thank you to Amy Schubert, who thoughtfully provided refreshments.
- Lego Day is still being discussed. Teachers will be polled on their thoughts on timing. Testing and breaks make calendars tricky. Year-end is being considered for this, but teachers will help us decide.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE – Anna Court

- No report.
- Will alert teachers that we are continuing to collect cans.
- Teachers will be asked for nominations for the Volunteer Spotlight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING – Katie Batts (for Jennifer Amori - absent):

- Buffalo Wild Wings night is being moved to April.

HOSPITALITY – Amy Schubert:

- Focused on WWWF at this time.

VOLUNTEERS – Kim Rahi:

- Still seeking volunteers for the lunch period. Dads are welcome, too. In fact, the kids love the men!
- Parcels’ sign-up genius for the WWWF was a great success. Open slots were filled within minutes of posting.

SCHOOL BOARD OBSERVER – Valerie Albright:

- Did not attend the school board meeting, but will view electronically and post notes.
- Book Fair is the week of March 12th. There is a sign-up genius for volunteers.

PTO COUNCIL OBSERVER – Cynthia Latimer (absent):

- No report.

ASD EMISSARY – Kristen Rubart:

- In the planning stages to prepare a video highlighting Art of Autism, which focuses on the creativity and talent of people on the spectrum. A young boy's mother will narrate as we see greeting cards being designed. Following that, our students might make cards, which we would sell. More info to come as it comes together.

BOARD REPORTS

CORRESPONDING/COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY – Krista Somers:

- WWF flyers and communications have been distributed.
- The Mason Moose was designed wearing Willie Wonka gear to promote the event.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Kris McKean:

- No report.

TREASURER – Kelly Sendoykas (absent):

- No report.

VICE PRESIDENT – Katie Batts:

- No report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 20th – 7:00 p.m.