

**MASON PTO
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2018**

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Roy Bishop **Anna Court / Margarette Scheich**
Principal Teacher Representatives

~ IN ATTENDANCE ~

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:		ABSENT:	GUEST:
Jennifer Amori	Amy Schubert	Demitrious Baird	Joe VanBecelaere
Katie Batts	Jeff Somers	Kim Rahi	
Roy Bishop	Krista Somers	Kristen Rubart	
Anna Court	Andrea VanBecelaere	Kelly Sendoykas	
Cynthis Latimer	Amy Wegrarz		
Kris McKean			

PRESIDENT'S CALL TO ORDER – 7:06 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS / OLD BUSINESS – Jeff Somers:

- The Mason staff was asked to list priorities for purchases. To date we have \$5,400. The top two items were approved for funding.
 - The are10 new iPads (@ \$299 each – totaling \$3,000) to replace aging/broken devices. We discussed selling them, but we are not permitted to do so, unless they were originally purchased by the PTO. Most are not functioning and there was some discussion about turning them in, which seems like the best thing to do.
 - 50 new library chairs totaling \$2,000. (No word on the grant for this.)
- The remaining items will be revisited once we know how much we have after Spring Fest. They include:
 - Repainting games on the blacktop surface in the playground. (Katie Batts to talk with Richard VanGorder regarding pricing and procedure.)
 - A basketball rim (awaiting a price quote.)
 - Hallway paintings and murals - \$500. (This needs more planning.)
 - Waiting-area chairs in the office - \$800. (Wait to see what is needed if the space is reconfigured for security.)
 - 3D Printer for library/media center - \$1,300. (Need to write a grant for this.)
 - Kiln for art classes - \$3,000 over 3 years. (Current kiln is very old and could stop working at any time. District will no longer pay for these types of items. We will continue to discuss and will monitor.)
 - Multi-cultural Night - \$500. (This is a request for next year's budget. We approved it.)
- Need a grant writer on PTO Board – Amy Wegrarz volunteered. No objection.

- Mason's Diversity meeting is scheduled for May 1st at 6:30 p.m. Important to attend. Bring a friend.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Roy Bishop:

- Thank you for the scholarships for 5th grade camp.
- Proposed a Diversity Seat for the PTO Board. Would be a 2-year term, initially. A \$500 budget. Will add the seat to the ballot. Mr. Bishop will provide a job description.
- April is Autism Awareness Month and the ASD students led the Town Hall Meeting. Their topics were “honesty” and “bathroom behavior.”
- District Diversity meeting will take place at Trombly at 6:30 on April 26th. SEEDS Program students will present their experience in the district. Attendance is encouraged. Childcare will be provided.
- Kudos to our new custodian. “Mr. Chuck” is doing a great job. He said to let him know if there is anything we need or if he can do anything for us.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE – Anna Court

- Student Council has asked for a budget of \$150.
- Kindergarten transition event is scheduled for May 8. Need to promote. Light refreshments will be served (Amy Schubert will provide.)
- ASD classrooms were not included in the sign-up genius for the Tin Can auction. (Jeff Somers added them.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING – Jennifer Amori:

- Working with Telly's to have a Bartender's Night. Hopefully in June.
- Licavoli's fundraiser yielded \$60 for March. Will do again in April.

HOSPITALITY – Amy Schubert:

- Teacher Appreciation week has been moved to May 21-25.
- Amy will meet with Mr. Bishop to decide snacks for students during testing days.

VOLUNTEERS –Andrea VanBecelaere:

- No report.

SCHOOL BOARD OBSERVER – Amy Weglarz:

- Summer 2018 could see the roll-out of GPPSS security plan. Mason will be the pilot school. Funding will determine timing.
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is a middle school and high school initiative. Will roll out over three years.
- If the BYOD plan goes through, elementary school teachers will get laptops.
- Requested our PTO start posting Board meetings and encourage attendance. There are many important issues being discussed that could significantly impact our schools. We should be present and have a voice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

PTO COUNCIL OBSERVER – Cynthia Latimer:

- Councils discuss and report their most successful fundraisers. This month it was Trombly, Menchie's. We will look into that, but feel we might do better with TCBY, because of its proximity to our neighborhood.

ASD EMISSARY – Roy Bishop for Kristen Rubart (absent):

- ASD is in need of additional funds to pay for stickers to identify classrooms with students with autism. A price quote for 30 stickers at \$1.50 would require \$45. The stickers would be puzzle pieces and affixed to the window glass on each door. Kris McKean will touch base with Kristen Rubart for clarification on whether we want stickers or clings.
- T-shirts for the Buddy Program are also needed.
- The \$500 grant has been denied.

BOARD REPORTS

CORRESPONDING/COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY – Krista Somers:

- Presented binders with a history of PTO flyers (the Flyer Bible) and a history of events to be used as references.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Kris McKean:

- No report.

TREASURER – Kelly Sendoykas (absent):

- No report.

VICE PRESIDENT – Katie Batts:

- Spring Fest Update:
 - Food trucks have been cancelled.
 - Grilling Dads will prepare hot dogs and burgers.
 - Pizza will be provided by Jets.
 - Wally's and Kona have been secured.
 - Bounce House and Jousting Ring have been secured.
 - Baskets will be wrapped at Mohring on May 4th – after 5:00 p.m. There will be a small charge for materials this year.
 - Basket donations from classrooms will be taken home and packaged by the following:
 - Krista Somers – Grades 4 & 5
 - Andrea VanBecelaere – Y5; K & 1st
 - Kris McKean – ASD & 2nd
 - Katie Batts & Kris McKean – Gift Cards

NEW BUSINESS – Additional Fundraising Ideas:

- **Mr. C's** – Jeff will pursue.
- **Menchie's** – Andrea VanBecelaere will research.
- **Department Stores Shopper Coupon Events** – Kris McKean will research.
- **Perpetual Can Drive** – Kris McKean is handling.

UPDATES ON OUTSTANDING BUSINESS FROM MARCH MEETING

- Library furniture discussion was tabled until we hear on grant. – **Still no word on the grant.**
- A third basketball hoop was requested for the playground. – **Katie is researching.**
- Additional woodchips for the playground were requested to meet guidelines. – **Katie is researching.**
- Mr. Bishop suggested we post a need for 5th grade representatives to oversee various activities, including camp. -- **No update.**
- Mr. Bishop asked that the PTO assist in putting together a reading committee, which would be open to adults in Mason families. He would like 3 or 4 people. Details will follow. –**No update.**
- The kindergarten enrollment deadline is May 1st. Mr. Bishop asked for help in encouraging people to do so by that date to secure a spot in their home school. Kris McKean volunteered to acquire lawn signs for PTO Board members and a banner for the playground fence. Installation to take place the week of April 1st. – **Signs & Banner Installed.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 15– 7:00 p.m.

ADDENDUM TO APRIL 2018 PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

----- Original Message -----

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Date: April 20, 2018 at 9:07 PM

Subject: Re: APRIL 2018 PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Hi!

Thank you for preparing the minutes. I'd like to add to and clarify some things regarding the ASD portion since I have been unable to attend (due to work).

First, in regards to the money, as far as i know the \$500 set aside as a line item for us has not been utilized. I have reached out to Roy for clarification, because I'm not comfortable asking for more money without accounting for what has been given already. I have not heard back yet. It is possible the money was used for busses for two field trips.

Second, the puzzle piece clings (yes, clings NOT stickers - so, they can be moved with the child) are to be placed in the same location in every room so the GPW first responders would be alerted to an ASD child in the room in a crisis. As I'm sure you know, there is different protocol for de-escalation when an ASD child is present. One of my initiatives is to work with GPW police and fire in regards to training and creating a universal and recognizable protocol should a crisis occur.

Third, for ASD awareness month, I suggested creating a flag to display on the front lawn all month. It would have involved the entire school. Roy was going to work on the logistics of it, but I haven't heard back and being that its April 20th, I suspect its not going to come to fruition.

Fourth, there is a meeting scheduled for myself and the ASD teachers next week to touch base and recap the year. I will provide a summary in May.

See you at the next meeting!

Kristen