

**MASON PTO
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2018**

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Amy Weglarz
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Observer

Roy Bishop
Principal

Anna Court / Margarett Scheich
Teacher Representatives

~ IN ATTENDANCE ~

BOARD MEMBERS:

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| Jennifer Amori | Margaret Scheich |
| Katie Batts | Amy Schubert |
| Roy Bishop | Kelly Sendoykas |
| Cynthia Latimer | Jeff Somers |
| Kris McKean | Krista Somers |
| Kim Rahi | Andrea VanBecelaere |

ABSENT:

Kristen Rubart

GUESTS:

Luis Santiago-Baird
Elizabeth Hubbell
Adrienne Nash
Kelly Ruh
Sarah Tomich

PRESIDENT'S CALL TO ORDER – 7:03 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS / OLD BUSINESS – Jeff Somers:

- Minutes from February, 2018 meeting were approved.
- The Willie Wonka Winter Formal was a rousing success! It broke records in attendance (324) and in net revenue (\$1,408.) The positive feedback confirms that we made the right decision. We learned that Poupard is now doing a family dance, as well. Andrea VanBecelaere is going to touch base with them to see when it will take place.
** We are pleased that we were able to accomplish our primary goal, which was to create an event that would allow every Mason student to participate. Based on this overwhelmingly positive response, the Board has decided that we will make this our annual event, going forward.
- The water bottle filling station has been installed on the first floor! We voted to use some of our surplus funds to purchase another one for the second floor and want to have it installed before the end of the school year.
- The Book Fair was extremely successful this year. Andrea VanBecelaere chaired it and was pleased to announce that it broke revenue records, taking in \$6,000. She wants to do an analysis to see if allowing students to shop during school hours contributed to the growth in sales. There was some consideration for adding another opportunity for students during the half days of conferences. We are weighing our options for how to use the money. We can cash out and receive \$1,400, which we can apply to the library furniture we need, or we can take the \$3,000 in Scholastic Dollars for books. We can also split our earnings by taking some in cash and some in Scholastic Dollars. That seemed to be the preferred option.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Roy Bishop:

- Thank you to the PTO for staying true to our values and for having the courage to do what was right. He said the PTO's ability to produce what is being called an awesome event is impressive. Still hearing from parents who are grateful to have been able to attend. Compliments all around.
- The Parents United Diversity meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22 at 6:30, in the Mason library. Ginny Winters will lead the group. Childcare will be provided.
- The Mason Diversity Committee would like to partner with the Mason PTO to advocate for all of our families.
- March is reading month and Mr. Bishop offered a reminder that promoting and developing good reading habits at home is critical. Studies have shown that reading ability is a key indicator of future success. Looking for participants to come together to provide support and ideas to encourage reading among Mason students.
- A quick survey of attendees was taken to determine the best means of communication with Mason parents. Answers varied, some points were offered:
 - Adding bullet points to the cover page of the Mason Gazette email that would summarize key points and offering the link if parents want more detail.
 - Providing the entire body of the Gazette as the content of the email, with no link.
 - Using Remind more frequently and for more than just school alerts. Encourage parents to try it and see the value.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE – Margarette Scheich

- Thank you to the PTO for managing the Book Fair and for all the books for the classrooms.
- Thank you for the food and refreshments during conferences.
- Planners and folders have traditionally been supplied by the PTO and teachers are hoping that will continue, as they are very useful.
- Teachers are looking for advice and information for the Spring Fest baskets. A sub-committee is being formed and details will be sent to teachers soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING – Jennifer Amori:

- No report. Working on acquisitions for Spring Fest.
- Amy Schubert reminded the Board that she had spoken to Licavoli's and they are willing to do one fundraiser per month. Jennifer Amori will contact them to set up and work out the details.
- Kris McKean has arranged for five pallets to be made into an open box to accept bagged bottle/can returns. The box will be positioned in the parking lot, behind the dumpster, for drive-up access. The drive will be an ongoing fundraiser. Courtney Widzinski is providing the pallets. John Huizdos and Frank Yoakam will create the box. It will be promoted on our site and on Mason Parents page when complete.
- Consider using "Channel 20" thru Rebecca Fannon to promote Spring Fest as a community event.

HOSPITALITY – Amy Schubert:

- Teacher Appreciation week is May 5th thru May 8th. We discussed moving the date next year. Doing it at the 100 Day mark might relieve some of the activity at the end of the year and be more celebratory at the half-way point. Also, talked about spreading it once a quarter, with written thank you notes or tokens of appreciation and involving students.

VOLUNTEERS – Kim Rahi & Andrea VanBeceleare:

- Still seeking volunteers for the lunch period.
- Will create an office sign-up sheet that includes more thorough contact info for a running database.
- Considering using Remind as a quick/immediate contact format.

SCHOOL BOARD OBSERVER – Amy Weglarz:

- Fiber wiring was a top discussion.
- Continued debate about closing 389 or Barnes. If 389 is closed, offices will move to Montieth or Poupard.
- All buildings are still being reviewed. Nothing is off the table.

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

PTO COUNCIL OBSERVER – Cynthia Latimer:

- Confirmed that Mason PTO has a tax i.d.
- Council meeting shared fundraising results. Montieth raised \$175 thru Licavoli's. They also did a Telly's night, where they got 20% of the tab, including liquor. A Rustic Cabin Night was also hosted for parents only.

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

- April activities are planned for Autism Awareness Month.
- Autism shirts have been ordered for field trip.
- Blue Out Day is April 13th. Students are encouraged to wear blue for Autism Awareness Month.

BOARD REPORTS

CORRESPONDING/COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY – Krista Somers:

- No report.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Kris McKean:

- Preparing the details for upcoming election to support VP. Pulled together names for the Nominating Committee. To date, the panel includes Elizabeth Hubbell; Sarah Tomich; and Courtney Widzinski. Katie Batts will oversee the process. Kris McKean will sit on the panel; record and report results.

TREASURER – Kelly Sendoykas:

- Presented comprehensive report on budget, including details and current status. Hard copies were distributed.

VICE PRESIDENT – Katie Batts:

- Presented overview of plans for Spring Fest. Called for volunteers to participate in various segments.

NEW BUSINESS

- Library furniture discussion was tabled until we hear on grant.
- A third basketball hoop was requested for the playground.
- Additional woodchips for the playground were requested to meet guidelines.
- Mr. Bishop suggested we post a need for 5th grade representatives to oversee various activities, including camp.
- Mr. Bishop announced that Mason has been selected as a Leader In Me school.
- 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.
- 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.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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