

**MASON PTO
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2018**

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Teacher Representatives

~ IN ATTENDANCE ~

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Amori	Margarette Scheich
Katie Batts	Kelly Sendoykas
Roy Bishop	Amy Schubert
Cynthia Latimer	Jeff Somers
Kris McKean	Krista Somers
Kim Rahi	Andrea VanBecelaere
Kristen Rubart	Amy Wegrarz

GUESTS:

Liz Hubbell
John Huizdos
Laura Nealssohn
Emily Rennpage
Luis Santiago-Baird
Joe VanBecelaere

PRESIDENT'S CALL TO ORDER – 7:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS / OLD BUSINESS – Jeff Somers:

- We have \$9,500 in addition to the \$10,000 that we have in reserve to start next year.
- Proposed spending for those funds:
 - \$4,000 for library tables
 - \$1,200 for new basketball unit (pole/backboard/net) – install higher for older students. Move the smaller net that is along the playground to the Vernier side (next to existing net) for younger students.
 - \$1,000 for hallway murals
 - Five (5) Chrome Books for older classes
 - Ten (10) iPad cases for existing new iPads we purchased this year
 - \$1,000 toward a kiln for art room (to prepare for the replacement of an aging unit.) This would be one of three \$1,000 installments, to be spread over three years – totaling \$3,000

**Kristen Rubart asked about what happened to the money requested additional support for classrooms, so that more students could participate in field trips and special events. This was a follow-up for clarification on a question posed last fall. Kelly Sendoykas said that there is \$5,000 allocated to teachers.

- Proposal was approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS – Roy Bishop:

- Thank you for all the love for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Teachers will be talking about a success plan for summer, so that students can stay on track.
- Projector screen is now installed.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE – Margarette Scheich:

- Thank you for notes to teachers. They were truly appreciated.
- Thank you to Amy Schubert for the refreshments for kindergarten information nice. It was a nice touch.
- Kindergarten Information Night saw about 40 families in attendance.
- We are at capacity for Y5s and now have a waiting list.

**We will install the welcome signs for new Mason students in Y5 and in Kindergarten.

FUNDRAISING – Jennifer Amori:

- Telly's Night made \$220
- TCBY yielded just over \$64, plus the wait staff donated half their tips, amounting to \$19.30 for a total of \$83.49.
- Licavoli's nights saw \$30 the first night and \$12 the second.
- Buffalo Wild Wings for Mason is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd. We will get 20% of food sales, including carry-out.
- Subway is offering \$10 gift cards for us to sell. We get \$5 from each sale.
- Tin Can report (delivered by Katie Batts): Profit was \$6,519.
- Andrea VanBecelaire researched a Menchie's fundraiser. They need a date for kick-off. Will run through summer. Suggested "Teacher Take-Over Night" – 20% comes back to Mason. Andrea will work with Mrs. Scheich to develop a calendar and a schedule.
- Oxford Beverage does a Montieth fundraiser. We approached them and they will get back to us.
- Mr. C's Car Wash offers \$9 cards that we can purchase and sell at a mark-up. Events are a month long and we must return what we don't sell or will be charged for any outstanding cards.

HOSPITALITY – Amy Schubert:

- Need volunteers for 5th grade graduation – will scale back this year on refreshments, as families prefer to leave and celebrate on their own. Food has always been left over and we don't want it to go to waste.
- Working on the Author's Tea
- Planning Volunteer Reception. Considering a different format or approach this year. Will also scale back a bit on refreshments, since many are unable to attend. There are about 100 volunteers, who help in various capacities throughout the year. Andrea VanBecelaire and Kim Rahi will provide a list of names of those who have donated time and talent. Considering a gift card to a local establishment. Also will consider moving the event to April in 2019.

VOLUNTEERS – Andrea VanBecelaire / Kim Rahi:

- No report

PTO COUNCIL OBSERVER – Cynthia Latimer:

- No report

ASD EMISSARY – Kristen Rubart:

- Request for an increase in next year's budget. District paid for busses for three field trips this year, but not sure they will continue to fund these. Asking for an additional \$200, taking it from \$500 to \$700. – APPROVED
- There are now puzzle-piece clings on the classroom doors that have ASD students, who might not react in a typical fashion. This is to mark them for first responders, in the event of an emergency and will alert them to a need for extra care in these areas. Will be meeting with GPW Public Safety officer to discuss how to inform them and get procedures in place.
- The coffee cart service, which was launched by the ASD teachers, has been a big hit and has gotten the attention of the School Board and the District office. They would like a more permanent and professionally made banner for the cart.
- Looking into creating and displaying an Autism Awareness banner on the exterior of the building next April.
- Looking for a location and a way to furnish a sensory room.

SCHOOL BOARD OBSERVER – Amy Weglarz:

- Parcels' "Love Laces" are a big hit. They are shoelaces with affirmations. Would love to introduce to Mason students.
- GP Foundation for Public Education offers grants – wondered if we ever applied. Mr. Bishop said we have pursued a number of grants this year, but none was approved.
- Bond proposal passage is critical and we need to do whatever we can to promote it.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Kris McKean:

- No report as Recording Secretary, but reported the results, to date, of the perpetual can drive. It was launched on April 21st and the returns have yielded \$231, with another 12 bags waiting to be deposited. Each bag, depending on the size of the cans/bottles it contains, usually is worth between \$8 and \$10. We will easily make \$300 in this first month. Over the course of a year, we could see as much as \$3,000 in returns.

CORRESPONDING/COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY – Krista Somers:

- The book is ready and the flash drive is in the office.

TREASURER – Kelly Sendoykas:

- Budget report was distributed. There are still a few outstanding items to close the year and create a final.

PRESIDENT – Jeff Somers:

- It has been determined that, since none of nominations we received were contested, no election is deemed necessary.
- In light of the recent occurrences surrounding the annual Board election, he feels he cannot go forward and is stepping down as President at the end of the current school year (June 30th, 2018.)

Amy Schubert volunteered to be interim-President until a decision is made by the new Board on how to proceed.
The new Board will meet in early July to discuss next steps.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

THIS WAS THE FINAL MEETING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR