

**MASON PTO
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2019**

Amy Schubert
President & Hospitality

Kris McKean
Vice President/Interim Recording Secretary

Amy Weglarz
Treasurer/Interim School Board Observer

Liz Hubbell
Corresponding/Communications Secretary

Jennifer Amori
Fundraising

Nicole Guswiler
PTO Council Observer

Emily Rennpage
Diversity

Molly Murphy & Andrea VanBecelaere
Volunteers

Roy Bishop
Principal

Margarette Scheich / Anna Court
Teacher Representatives

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Liz Hubbell
Nicole Guswiler
Roy Bishop
Molly Murphy

ABSENT:

Jennifer Amori
Kris McKean
Emily Rennpage

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stacey Goodman
Keith Hachey
Stacey Hachey
Kelly Ruh

~ MINUTES TAKEN BY AMY WEGLARZ ~

Call to Order – 7:15 p.m.

PRINCIPAL’S REMARKS – Roy Bishop

- The PTO Mission and Vision statements are being re-worked with input from meeting attendees. Words that attendees wished the PTO would reflect are: support, inclusion, nurture, integration, positive, students, welcoming, friendly, community. Liz Hubble will collaborate Mr. Bishop to develop a short and specific option for a mission statement. Stay tuned!
- Conferences are Thursday, March 21st and Friday, March 22nd. Please come to conferences! Spring participation in conferences is traditionally lower, it would be great to increase attendance.
- May 16th is the District-wide Diversity meeting here at Mason! Ginnie Winters will be presenting. Meeting is in the Mason library at 6:30pm with babysitting available.
- M-Step, grades 3rd – 5th, start April 9th. It is a computer-based testing process. PTO will give pencils to the school so that motivational sayings can be put on the pencils for the students.
- Young 5s and Kindergarten field trip by bus to the Farm (67 students) will have a slightly higher cost to help cover the bus expenses. PTO will subsidize.
- Kindergarten promotion t-shirts requested – 47 shirts. Andrea V. will get quotes.
- PTO will happily reimburse teachers for students that they paid for from the last field trip – Amy W. to confirm details with Pat.

Blue Ribbon Committee/Board of Education update

- The BRC is a filter for ideas which will then be brought to the BOE. There is a BRC FAQ information that was passed out.
- Enrollment is down. There have been approximately 100 students lost per year for the last decade and this trend will continue.
- The next BRC meeting time has changed! It will be at Parcels on April 11th, from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.
- Parents and staff are encouraged to block out the noise and focus on the kids.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE – No report

COMMITTEE CHAIRS – No reports

OFFICER REPORTS – Updated financials were distributed. No other reports

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Teacher Appreciation will be the week of April 29th.
- Kelly Ruh has teacher gifts
- Teacher favorite things survey has been sent out.
- There will be a sign-up genius for parents to donate teacher appreciation items
- Andrea VanBecelaere will confirm with Amy Schubert food/snacks

Student Spring Fling – June 1st.

- Ponies and petting zoo are booked.
- Budget yet to be decided
- There will be bounce houses and games
- Grilling Dads for food
- Tin Can Auction – 2 baskets per grade level with a few higher auction items provided. Sign up genius will be given to classrooms for items needed.
- More details will be determined at a planning meeting – TBD

Adult Fundraiser

- Decision to not proceed was made
- Possible idea for the fall might include an informal adult event will be considered next year (Detroit Bus Company bar hop or a relaxed Parents night out idea).

ADJOURNED – 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.