



**PTO Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2019**

Present: Kerrie Mathes, Jessica Blackman, Erica Houskeeper, Kath Laing, Katlyn Morris, Rebecca Granis, Dorinne Dorfmann, Heather Chernyshov, Katie Paige, Roger Klinger, Betsy Patrick, Aziza Malik, Sarah Legault Tammy Charboneau, Liz Huen, Annie Bourden, Heather Fitzgerald, Jen Coleman, Jeff Wick, Angela Duquette-Catlett

Title 1 School

Champlain and Edmunds Elementary Schools now qualify as Title I schools, as are all other BSD elementary schools. This requires certain commitments, including an informational session for parents. Dorinne Dorfmann shared information at the PTO specifically Champlain's new Home and School Compact and the BSD's Parent Involvement policy (EG). This language will go into next year's school handbook.

Teacher Roger Klinger suggested that in the Home and School Compact, there should be a line added about parents/guardians exposing kids to math as well as reading.

Voted: Approved

The PTO approved funding \$3,000 for the 5th grade mural project. There will also be an effort to raise money for this project, such as setting up a Go Fund Me account, to help pay for the mural.

Vote: Approved:

The PTO voted to approve \$380 to fund a handicapped accessible swing for the playground.

Voted: Approved

The PTO approved a maximum of \$150 in for spelling bee t-shirts and ice cream. The PTO will put this annual request in the PTO budget.

Budget

PRO Treasurer Kath Laing pointed out that the PTO has spent more money this year than ever, with over \$23,804 to date. Of that amount, \$10,000 was spent for the installation of the new sound system in gym. The PTO is looking to raise funds on Trivia Night, which will be held May 16 at Pizza 44 and include a silent auction.

Capital Plan

School board member Jeff Wick updated the PTO about the district's capital plan project. Upcoming capital projects include fixing the Edmunds Heating System. However, one question is there is a lack of swing space to relocate students during major building updates.

Book Fair

The Champlain Elementary Book Fair will be March 28-29 in the art room. The event is hosted by the Champlain PTO and Phoenix Books. 20% of proceeds will benefit Champlain Elementary.

Sign up to Volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4aadad2fa4f94-inschool>

Principal search

There is an ongoing principal for the Sustainability Academy, IAA, Champlain, Flynn and BHS. There are no parents on the search advisory committee. Jeff Wick mentioned that there are about 25 principal searches taking place in the state. The PTO will ask if the school board can see results from the parent-input survey about the Champlain principal search.

Vote: PTO representative for principal search committee – The PTO voted to recommend Jen Coleman, a parent and mental health provider in the school district, to be included on the Champlain principal search committee. Kerrie Mathes will share the recommendation with Stephanie Phillips and Bonnie Johnson-Anton at BSD.

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****Update:** The Principal Search Community Forum will be April 1 at IAA. Champlain candidates are scheduled for 6-6:40. Childcare provided.

Also, the PTO's request for parent on the search committee was unsuccessful. Here are the following members on the District Search Advisory Team:

District Search Advisory Team:

Shelley Mathias, EES Principal

Bobby Riley, IAA Principal

Stacie Curtis, Early Education Director

Christy Gallese, Extended Learning Director

Colleen Cowell, District Mentoring Coach

Doug Woods, Champlain Special Educator

Betsy Patrick, Champlain Teacher

Aziza Malik, Champlain Teacher

Tracey Bellavance, Champlain Teacher

Judy Klima, IAA Coach

Mike Gerstenmaier, IAA Teacher

Regina Miller-Costlow, IAA Interventionist
Chaska Richardson, IAA/SA EL Teacher
Amy LaChance, SA Teacher
Julie Norman, SA Coach