



Minutes of PTO Meeting – November 25, 2019

Present:

Lisa Gaglio- Teacher Representative	Jyl Boehms
Tara Colussi	
Mary Ference	
Kelly Martin	
Susan Holle	
Wendy Essenburg	
Patricia Graunstadt	
Sonia Piggott	
Mary Frederick	
Christine Wigman	
Mike Kezzo	

1. Welcome

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President, Tara Colussi.

2. Approval of October 28 Meeting Minutes

- a. Group reviewed the meeting minutes from October 25 PTO Meeting. Motion to approve minutes as is made by Jyl; Seconded by Christine.

3. Principal's Report: Presented by Mrs. Gaglio on behalf of Mr. Cross

- a. **Watch DOGS Dads with Kids Pizza Night Launch Event:** occurred on November 21 at 5pm. Fun evening. 5 Dads registered to become Watch DOGS.
- b. **Teachers College Baker Visit:** Representatives from Lucy Calkin's Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University are coming to Baker on December 3rd, 4th and 5th to work with grade level teams and provide professional learning for the Reading and Writing Workshop Model.
- c. **Coffee Talk with the Counselors:** on Wednesday, December 4th from 9:30-10:30am Jessica Cortes will be at Baker to present "Becoming a Middle Schooler" to parents.
- d. **Baker Wellness Weekend:** over Thanksgiving Break the Baker Family is being encouraged to use the time to refresh with no homework.
- e. **3rd Annual Baker Food Drive:** December 2nd-6th. The food collected supports Troy Families. Mr. Schmidt is spearheading. Parent volunteers will be needed on December 6th to pack and deliver food.

4. Teacher Representative Report: Mrs. Gaglio

- a. **Stress Management Presentation and Activity for students:** scheduled for December 4th after school. Created and presented by a former Baker student who is a member of HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America).
- b. **8th Grade Science:** reminder about stocking the graph notebooks in the Bob Shop. 8th grade students will need a second notebook in January.
- c. **Thanksgiving Baskets:** will be going to 16 Baker families. Additionally, there are 3 families that unexpectedly lost a parent – they will be receiving a gift card/tickets to provide them with a positive experience.

- d. **Textile Arts:** making beanies (hats) and many will be donated to those in need.
- e. **Parent Book Club:** the book club is starting in January. An in-person meeting is planned for January 27th from 6:15-7:00pm (right before the PTO Meeting).
- f. **Ms. Kennedy's 6th grade class fundraiser:** fundraising for the Oakland County Animal Shelter through a Bake Sale at Baker until December 16th. PTO can offer their Baking Committee – Kelly Martin to reach out to Ms. Kennedy.
- g. **Skiing Fundraiser:** Teachers' suggestion to do a skiing fundraiser.

5. President's Report: Tara Colussi

- a. **Box Tops Collection:** Mrs. Krzeminski's 4th hour class won the pizza party. Will have another big collection in the Spring. Students can bring in the box tops at any time.
- b. **Teacher Grants:** awarded at last meeting. All teachers have been notified. Teachers get the funds through Mr. Cross and PTO reimburses him.

6. Treasurer's Report: Sue Kumar and Mary Ference

- a. Quiet month. \$291 came in for Restaurant Night. Accepting suggestions for restaurants.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Baking Committee-** already discussed.
- b. **Bob Shop-** Kristin not present.
- c. **Box Tops-** already discussed.
- d. **Color Run-** Tara reported that we had the highest attendance.
- e. **Concessions-** Christine reported Concessions is getting coverage and going well.
- f. **8th Grade Celebration-** will get going after 1st of the year.
- g. **Restaurant Night-** already discussed.
- h. **Staff Appreciation-** 1st week in May.
- i. **Winter Party-** Tara reported that it is not well attended. Kristin to take charge of a new event in Winter. Some ideas received: movie night, gaming night, open gym, lock-in. Suggestion to survey students regarding their interests.

8. New Business/Announcements:

- a. **Giving Tree for Teachers:** Wendy reported that this is modeled after Athens HS. Mrs. Gaglio to email teachers with responses due by December 6th. Signup genius to go out to parents with opportunities to purchase teacher gifts. It is not a gift from one student – will be a gift to teachers from the Baker Family. Gifts to be brought to the office (if okay with Joan) and will then be distributed to teachers. Every teacher will receive a gift.
- b. **Cafeteria Microwaves:** Patricia inquired on status and offered suggestions to shorten the wait time by (1) changing the lines to one line; (2) designating one microwave as the under 30 seconds microwave and the other as the over 30 seconds microwave.

9. Adjourn at 7:39pm. Wendy made motion; Mary seconded.

Minutes submitted by Susan Holle, Secretary.