



## Minutes of PTO Meeting – January 27, 2020

Present:

Mr. Cross- Principal	Sunila Kumar
Lisa Gaglio- Teacher Representative	Victoria Shea
Tara Colussi	Marina Gorelik
Mary Ference	Maryann Sanders
Susan Holle	Colleen Geyer
Wendy Essenburg	
Patricia Graunstadt	
Kerry Kropa	
Kristin Kennaugh	
Christine Wigman	
Mike Keszo	

### 1. Welcome

- a. Called to order at 7:04 pm by President Tara Colussi

### 2. Approval of November 25 Meeting Minutes

- a. Group reviewed the meeting minutes from November 25 PTO Meeting. Approval of November minutes – motion made by Colleen Geyer and seconded by Wendy E.

### 3. Principal's Report: Mr. Cross

#### a. Changes in the office: in order to speed up signing volunteers and students in/out

Digital signing in

Start date 1/27

This will also archive students so we can keep track of late arrivals, early sign outs

Safety measure as well – digital tracking of visitors

#### b. Free library program started near the cafeteria

Ms. Taylor is running this

Library mailbox painted and decorated

Free library means access to books for students to use at any time

#### c. Athletics: in transition – Winter II now

Volleyball tryouts at the end of January

Winter I – Cheer placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Athens Invitational

Boys Basketball – last game very exciting! We won vs Larson

#### d. Spelling Bee: 20 students tried out – Highly competitive this year!

Went 33 rounds

Came down to last year's winner and new student

Winner: Niveditha Chandrakanth

Now will advance to Oakland Schools competition to represent Baker for Regionals

#### e. Parent Book Club is a big success!

Ms. Taylor is liaison

1/15 met at Starbucks, 1/27 at Baker (which increased attendance for PTO meeting)

#### 4. **Teacher Representative Report: Mrs. Gaglio**

- a. **Thank you** so much for the Holiday Gifts and Giving Tree!!
- b. Mr. Harnish would like to thank you for the grant for the **Laser cutter!**
- c. Ms. Kemp **needs help for All In** on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>; there will be a link sent to the PTO, Facebook page and in the Baker Blast for sign up
- d. **Teachers needs supplies** for classrooms – Kleenex, hand sanitizer, school supplies, etc. Can drop off in the office
- e. Question was raised **how grants are chosen**: PTO accepts applications and reviews those fully filled out. Review those that are submitted by Teachers that have donated to PTO. The Board votes after reviewing applications – majority wins. We look at the number of students impacted, applicability of grant, and sustainability of grant awarded. PTO will be doing a 2<sup>nd</sup> round this Spring – will take into consideration those already awarded this year.

#### 5. **President's Report: Tara Colussi**

- a. **Color Run** – changing to October this past year proved successful in attendance and fundraising
- b. **Halloween Party** (also successful) and Teacher Grants were done in October
- c. PTO not planning a **Winter Party** this year due to past year's low attendance; looking for alternative options – Movie night at local theater, Dave and Buster's, Airtime. Kristin Kennaugh (VP) to research.
- d. Planning for **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation party** has begun – Meeting Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at Starbucks, 7pm
- e. Next year there will be at least 5 **open positions on the Board** – President, VP, Treasurers, Secretary – nominations accepted soon

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

- a. Bob Shop very successful this year – exceeded \$1200 – thank you to Jennifer Molotkey!
- b. Color Run exceeded by \$800

#### 7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Baking Committee**- nothing new.
- b. **Bob Shop**- discussed earlier.
- c. **Box Tops**- Tracey McKee will posting on Facebook soon regarding next collection starting in Feb thru March.
- d. **Concessions**- not selling for Volleyball; Basketball went well; Track is usually very successful.
- e. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration**- party date is June 10, 12-2pm.
- f. **Restaurant Nights**- next one is Thursday, January 30 at Hungry Howie's. Mention Baker MS or use Baker as your last name if you order online. We earn 10%. Will try to set up Big City BBQ in February/March as they give 25%.
- g. **Staff Appreciation**- 1<sup>st</sup> week in May; a parent handles this for us. Susan to follow up with the parent (Stephanie Zendler).
- h. **Winter Activity**- discussed earlier.

#### 8. **New Business/Announcements:**

- a. **Microwaves**: Mr. Cross reported that he has completed tests on the addition of 2 microwaves. The outlets can handle it; they are aesthetically pleasing; they are safe; there is storage for them. Mr. Cross requests the purchase of two microwaves for students to use

in the cafeteria. The group approved the request. Mr. Cross to order and will provide receipts to PTO.

- b. Water Fountain / H2O Bottle Fillers:** Mr. Cross reported there are 8 water fountains in the building. Where do we need bottle filling stations? Upstairs and downstairs is essential to be accessible to all students and staff. Recommends: 1 bottle filling station at each male and female bathroom, upstairs and downstairs, resulting in 4 total. Want to use the manufacturer Elkay. However, according to TSD Building Administration, Elkay isn't compatible in our building and would require an adjustment before installation. TSD to get other pricing options for us. TSD to support the installation costs. Troy Women's Association provided a \$550 mini-grant towards the project. Discussion occurred about asking Mr. Schmidt to do a push for parent contributions like the outdoor seating push.
  - c. Colleen Geyer invited 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to attend the Athens HS PTO Meetings.** Upcoming meetings are at 7pm in the TACC at Athens HS on: 3/18, 4/15, 5/27. They are looking for a Secretary next year and President the following year.
  - d. Baker LINKS – new student program.** Mr. Cross and Christine Wigman reported. There is currently one 7<sup>th</sup> grade student and one 8<sup>th</sup> grade student working with ASD students. They take on a leadership role and support the Special Education Program through an elective class. The goal is to expand the program. Currently offered in other TSD schools.
  - e. Kristin Kennaugh shared that Athens HS has a Charity Week** coming up. Costello ES is also doing a charity week. Suggests that Baker look at this in the future and do a charity week as a partnership with Athens. Mr. Cross says that Baker has set fundraisers each year (some of those are Pennies for Patients, Fall Fundraising for Spirit Week, MLK Service Day) plus he receives additional fundraising requests from groups/classes/clubs/teachers throughout the year. Baker is considering putting together a fundraising calendar for next school year.
- 9. Adjourn** at 8:03pm. Colleen made motion; Christine seconded.  
Minutes submitted by Kristin Kennaugh, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, & Susan Holle, Secretary.