



Minutes of PTO Meeting – April 27, 2020

Present:

Mr. Cross- Principal	
Mrs. Gaglio- Teacher Representative	
PTO Officers	
8 Parents	

1. Welcome

- a. Virtual meeting via Zoom called to order at 7:00pm by President Tara Colussi.

2. Approval of February 24 Meeting Minutes

- a. Group reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 24 PTO Meeting and approved them as is.

3. Principal's Report: Mr. Cross

- a. **Online Virtual Learning.** Middle school has an official schedule that dictates when classes are held. The last Baker Blast included an official document listing the MS schedule. All teachers offering office hours. Ongoing conversations with Central Office regarding the learning plan. Welcome feedback from parents.
- b. **8th Grade Promotion.** Planning a virtual 8th grade promotion ceremony with prerecorded statements using an iMovie style and students' yearbook photos. Haven't selected a date yet. Working with the other middle schools to ensure a similar, equitable experience for all 8th graders.
- c. **Online Virtual Instruction to end June 5th.** Administration and teachers to meet the week following regarding next school year.
- d. **Parent question on the 8th grade party.** Mr. Cross reported they are looking at doing a celebration promotion yard sign. All 4 middle school principals are working on this together. They are looking at 2 companies for the signs. There have been issues with material availability. Will have an answer on May 2nd. Projected costs are \$800-\$1000 per building or \$3.34 per yard sign. Will also need to figure out how to deliver to the students' homes. Tara shared that PTO has a budget of \$1000 for the 8th grade party.
- e. **Parent question regarding the 8th graders all A's McCauley Academic Excellence Award.** Planning to hold some sort of event virtually. Normally use grades through the 3rd marking period; this year will use grades through the 2nd marking period. Will do a plaque for each student with school photos instead of dress up clothes.
- f. **Troybery 2020.** Virtual ceremony on May 1st.
- g. **Parent question on locker cleanout.** Mr. Cross advised there will be an opportunity for locker cleanout. Will advise of date.

- h. **Parent feedback** that the teachers are doing an awesome job with online learning. All parents present agreed.

4. Teacher Representative Report: Mrs. Gaglio

- a. Communication among colleagues and departments has been great. Amazed at students' work.
- b. Troybery Awards Celebration will be virtual. Information has gone out to students.
- c. Counselors are hosting Family Game Night this week. Would welcome photos and tweets.

5. President's Report: Tara Colussi

- a. **Teacher Grants.** Grant applications were due March 13. We received 5. All will be honored. Items can be purchased this year or next school year. PTO will notify the 5 teachers. Mary reported that she needs to send a check to Baker for Teacher Grants and Water Filling Stations. Mr. Cross to get figures together.
- b. **PTO Bylaws Revisions.** Our bylaws are 23 pages, have been around a long time and are very restrictive and outdated. Created a document that highlights the changes would like to make to simplify them. Recap of changes was shared on screen. Asked to go forward on the changes. Group voted and approved the changes.
- c. **PTO Board Vacancies and Nominations 2020-21.** Kristin is the only officer returning to the Board. 5 positions are open. An online form was created to accept nominations. Mr. Cross reviewed the form and suggested we add job descriptions to the positions. Mr. Cross would like to share this with the 5th grade parents at the feeder elementary schools. He will share with the principals. If there is a lateral communication channel, we should share that way. We will collect nominations and hold an online vote at the May PTO meeting. We will figure out a voting format.

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

- a. No updates to the financial report. There is probably money in the Bob Shop. If a lot, would like to deposit. Mr. Cross to follow up with Joan regarding Bob Shop money box. Tara picked up more 8th grade party donations before school closed and has a check for Restaurant Nights.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. **Do any committees need action before end of school year?** Discussed during Treasurer's Report.
- b. **Staff Appreciation-** Susan reported that we are purchasing an e-gift card for each Baker staff member to celebrate staff appreciation. Will be emailed to the staff on May 4.
- c. **8th Grade Celebration-** already discussed.

8. New Business/Announcements:

- a. Mr. Cross shared that support will be needed for **8th grade sign delivery.**
- b. **Middle School documents and certificates for 8th graders** will be distributed to the students in the fall. 239 8th graders at Baker.

- 9. Adjourn** at 8:10pm. Motion made by Wendy; seconded by Mary.
Minutes submitted by Susan Holle, Secretary.