Baron PTO Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023
6:30 pm
Music Room
Attendees: Mike Pyle, Laura Rhine, Julie Cassel, Kalysta White, Andrea Wade, April Orwig, Amy Nissley, Carmen Ishler, Chris Pastor, Dani Graver, Jen Heistand, Ina Hosszu, Heather Longenecker, Steph Koser, Kristin Boer, Casey Foreman

Welcome & Introductions
Principal's Report:

- Play is essential to a healthy childhood: collaboration, exercise, being part of a team, sportsmanship, creative/imaginative play, and much more!
- Aristocats was a great show! The Arts program is a vital part of what we want to accomplish in creating the ideal learning environment for our learners at Baron and Manheim Central- Great Job everyone!!
- Thank you to Mrs. Brackbill, Mrs. Keenan, and Mr. Whitney for all of your dedication and hard work for the show!
- Conferences- online and in person: please sign up if you haven't done so already
- End of the Marking Period was 3/31, Report cards available on Home Access Center (3-4) and Blackboard Connect (K-2) on Tuesday, April 18 at 3:00 pm.
- MBIC and Zion Lutheran to visit Baron to welcome Class of 2036
- PurposeFULL People trait: Honesty
- Afterschool Care 2023-2024: Held at Doe Run- Lititz Christian LLC to run program
- Chess Tournament- 9 learners to attend at IU13 with Mr. Pyle
- **Important Dates:**
    - April 4th and 5th- Spring Conferences
    - April 5th- Early Dismissal
    - April 6, 7, and 10th- No School
    - April 12, 13, 14- Grand Event
    - April 14- Daddy/VIP-Daughter Dance
    - April 25, 26, 27- ELA PSSAs for 3rd and 4th grade (May 1 and 2: Math, May 3 and 4: 4th grade Science)
    - Yearbook orders are due April 26
    - April 28- Baron Bolt
    - Reading Under the Lights- May 2 @ football stadium
    - MCSD School Spirit Night at Barnstormers- May 4- Tickets and information coming 4/11
    - Mother/Son Night- May 11
    - Baron Breakfast- May 18

Title I Report from Pam Boyle:

- Thank you for all of your help with Family Reading/STEM night: 330 people in attendance
- March 24- Federal Title One breakfast held at district office
- If your child attends BOOST groups- please sign up for a conference. Progress reports will be available when report cards become available.

Treasurer's Report

- April Treasurer Report
- Budget Summary
- Budget Tracker

Old Business:

- Approve March Minutes- approved: Ina Hosszu- motion, Kalysta White- 2nd
- Change Wars for Ivy Recap- Prizes will be determined with Mrs. Detter and classroom teachers
- STEM/Family Night Recap
- Spring Book Fair Recap
- Musical Recap- donation bin for future shows: approximately: $690
- Hershey Park Ticket Update- As of 3/24, 58 tickets sold, which is similar from last year

New Business

- Parent Teacher Conferences: April 4 and 5
    - Grab and Go snacks provided for teachers through donations
    - Lunch from Graziano's
- GRAND Event: April 12-14
    - 135 responses so far: 213 GRANDs coming
    - Retired teachers coming back to help
    - Volunteers still needed for Wednesday and Friday
    - 3 stations to rotate through
- Daddy/Daughter Dance: April 14: Theme: Under the Stars:
    - face painters needed; reach out to Mrs. Cassel
- Baron Bolt: April 28
    - Launched Wednesday, March 29
    - Raised over $7,000 so far, 22% of kids have had at least one donation
    - Crazy Hair day on April 19 (PTO provide colored hair spray) & Mr. Pyle locked in showcase
    - Volunteers needed for event planning and the day of
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 1-5
    - Volunteers needed to help plan
    - Include special area teachers
- Mother/Son Game Night: May 11 from 6-8pm
    - Allie R and Mrs. Cassel helping to plan: snacks, board games and large group games in gym and outside activities
- Elementary Carnival: May 19
    - Volunteers needed to plan and lead specific areas
    - SignUp Genius to be sent out
- 4th grade Celebration Planning update
    - Reached out to teachers 2 weeks ago. Still waiting to hear back
    - Theme: Our Future's so BRIGHT!- Neon/Bright Colors
    - Bag- Checked with at least 5 vendors: ordered from Designs Unlimited- $4.65 per bag (DR chose not to partner with us)- should be ready next week.
        - Turning it into a Middle School SUCCESS bag
            - Sunglasses, Locker magnet, Food Items to represent positive statements about being successful in MS
            - Example:
                - Enjoy each other to PIECES (???), Always CHIP In and help others, Remember you're a smart COOKIE, Make LEMONADE out of lemons, CommitMINT to your homework will pay off, Go the EXTRA mile to be kind, STICK with it when things get tough, Be sure to hug your parents, they can be real LIFESAVERS, Good Luck Class of 2031

        - Currently pricing items for breakfast and the gift items to find the best prices- able to send out signup genius to 4th grade parents for food donations
        - Wondering about the showcase availability outside the cafeteria: we would like to do photos of all 4th graders with their favorite memory of Baron
        - Wondering about the timeline for breakfast and clap out:
- 2023-2024 Officer Positions
    - Vice President and Secretary positions will be vacant
    - If you are interested, please reach out to the PTO presidents: Kalysta White and Andrea Wade

- *For the May meeting, please consider any feedback on our PTO calendar from this year and come prepared to discuss any improvements, changes, or concerns related to planning next year's PTO event schedule. We will also be voting on 2023-2024 PTO Officer positions at this meeting.*

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:30pm (This will be the final meeting for the year)

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Welcome & Introductions
Principal's Report:

- Read Across America Week was a great success!
- Keep Reading!
- **Important Dates:**
    - Picture Day- March 6
    - Ivy Change Wars- March 6-17
    - Baron Breakfast- March 9
    - NO SCHOOL- March 10
    - Spring Book Fair- March 13-17
    - Family Reading/STEM Night- March 16
    - Kindergarten Registration- March 20
    - Gretna Theater- March 24
        - Miss Electricity Assembly (K-4): connects to PBIS
    - First ever Spring Musical- March 30-31
        - The Aristocats
    - Marking Period Ends- March 31
- Purposefull People theme for March is Respect

Title I Report from Pam Boyle:

- Family Reading Night is March 16 from 6-8: games, STEM activities, reading book swap, HS Interact club will be here to help. Each child who comes will receive a free book and there will be raffle stations at many locations.
- Feb 28: 2023 Parent Conference: Pam Boyle attended with 3 parents: lots of information provide

Old Business:

- Approval of February Minutes: motion to approve: Amy Nissley, Ina Hosszu 2nd
- Roller skating at Overlook: everyone had a good time, many attended, line was very long: peoplel were still in line 45 minutes after the opening time
- Kids Heart Challenge/Apple Crunch: still awaiting the bill from food service

Treasurer's Report

- March Budget Tracker
- March Treasurer Report
- Proposed Budget Changes:
    - Daddy/Daughter Dance: $300 from assembly
    - Mom/Son Event: $300 from assembly
    - 4th Grade Celebration: $400 from assembly
    - Assembly monies to reallocated as noted above: Vote unanimously passed to reallocate money
- Amazon will no longer do Amazon Smile in a few months

- Treasurer Position Update: Carmen Ishler is officially resigning her position as Treasurer
    - Amy Nissley is now the Treasurer for Baron Elementary PTO (added 3/10/23)- CLP

New Business

- Change Wars for Ivy: March 6- March 17:
    - Carmen will take to bank
    - Service Club is helping to count money
    - Tech Club made video for FB page
- Family Reading/STEM Night: March 16 (See above)
    - Parent volunteers needed for book fair and to supervise hot dog roller
    - 3 raffle basket items and wrapping raffle baskets
- Hershey Park Tickets
    - online sale goes on thru March 31
    - Flyer sent home with QR code
    - HP will give back $2/ticket sold with over 20 tickets sold
- Spring Book Fair: March 13-17
    - Family Night is March 16
    - SignUp Genius made and will be posted on Facebook page
    - Delivery confirmation on Wednesday, March 8
    - Books for each student, Home of Ferdinand, and Miss Coonan's summer bag
    - Next year book fairs:
        - Fall 2023: October 16-27
        - Spring 2024: March 11-15
- Parent Teacher Conferences: April 4 and 5: Allie Reifsnyder
    - Lunch for teachers: Graziano's
    - Sign up for parents to provide snack donations
- GRAND Event: April 12-14
- Daddy/Daughter Dance: April 14: Theme: Under the Stars
    - Funding: DJ/Snacks/Decor/Raffle prizes (Photo booth use from Grand Event?)
- Mother Son Game Night: teachers have volunteered to organize
    - Fun games, relays in the gym, snacks
    - Possibly a date in May
- Baron Fun Run planning update: April 28
    - Learners voted for the name of Race- Baron Bolt
    - Incentive plan- teachers received form, teachers get to choose their class incentives
    - Individual prizes: For every 3 donations a child receives they will get a raffle ticket to win a prize
- Elementary Carnival: May 19 near the Farm Show building/Pool area
    - Intitial meeting held at Baron
    - Help is needed- SignUp Genius has been sent out
    - Chairpersons needed: 1 from DR and 1 from Baron is preferred
- 4th grade gifts and breakfast
    - Theme: Our Future's so BRIGHT!
    - Neon/Bright Colors and Sunglasses
        - Gift- bag and sunglasses
            - Sam Blanck will contact Designs Unlimited Apparel in Etown to get a quote about cinch bags
- Tie Dye Event Planning Update- CANCELLED

- $2400 cost including t-shirts
- Will revisit for next year due to cost

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm

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Welcome & Introductions
Principal's Report:

- Learners are building reading stamina
- Baron time sessions and 4-houses…1-Baron family are continuing to engage our learners
- **Important Dates:**
    - 100th day of school for kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 1st and 2nd multiage learners - 2/7
    - Souper Bowl Can Drive is going on and ends 2/10
    - Roller Skating - 2/11 (Overlook)
    - SuperBowl LVII - 2/12 (Go Birds!)
    - Valentine's Day - 2/14 (Wear red to support AHA)
    - No School on 2/17 and 2/20 (Weather make-up day and President's Day)
    - Kid's Heart Challenge Kicks Off - 2/21-28
    - Early Dismissal - 3/2 (PD for teachers)
    - National Read Across America - 3/2 (Dr. Seuss's Birthday)
    - Baron Breakfast - 3/9 (Dr. Axe is the keynote speaker)
    - No School - 3/10 (PD for teachers)

Title I Report from Pam Boyle:

- Progress reports went home today with learners who see Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Semder (Mrs. Hallman's substitute).
- Read Across America Week will be February 27th-March 3th. More information will be coming.
- Family Reading/STEM Night is March 16th from 6:00-8:00. The theme is Reading is a Thrill. (Amusement Park Theme)
- Jen Heistand- Would it be possible to order about 100-125 books from the Scholastic Book Fair so each child could get a book that night? They would be set up in a spot SEPARATE from the actual book fair.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance & Recent Transactions
- Current Budget Tracker Update

Old Business:

- Approval of January Minutes:
- Elementary Movie night was a success! The attendance was approximately 300-350 learners.

New Business

- **Change Wars for Ivy is 3/6-3/17**
  *Theme will be March Madness (Our school is the team)
  -Everyone will get a prize to take home
  -How much will the incentives cost? Do we budget for giving prizes for every student or should we just deduct from what is raised for Ivy?

*Motion made by Andrea Wade and motion was approved to carry by Allie Reifsnyder and Carmen Ishler to budget for incentives for learners to come out of the money raised for Change Wars for Ivy.

- **Kids Heart Challenge: "Apple Crunch"**
  -357 apples were ordered from Food Services for the week of 2/21-2/28 during the Kid's Heart Challenge
- **Roller Skating: Saturday, February 11 at Overlook from 10-12**
- **Family Reading/STEM Night - March 16**
  -Could PTO purchase the drinks or water for the event?
  -Could PTO donate prizes for the event?
- **Hershey Park Tickets**
  -Approved by the district to sell tickets online
  -A link/half sheet will go out to learners this week 2/6-2/10
- **Spring Book Fair: March 13-17**
  -Each learner will receive one free book!
  -Our funds can be split into scholastic dollars or cash. We are looking to increase the budget to help bring the GRAND event back and decorate! Decorations would be purchased in the event to try and use year after year. We are trying to see how we can use our extra scholastic dollars to do more for the school now and in the future.
  *Motion made to use some of funds for decorations to make the GRAND event.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences: April 4 and 5**
  -A sign up genius will be sent out to parents to donate snacks for the teachers.
  -A sign up sheet for teachers will be sent out to select lunch from Graziano's before conferences 4/5.
- **GRAND Event: April 12-14**
  -The purpose of the event is for learners and their GRAND to connect and share experiences through a variety of activities.
- **Daddy/Daughter Dance: April 14**
  -Theme - An Evening Under the Stars
  -PTO is going to discuss if funds are available for this event.
  -If anyone has any ideas to share or decorations to donate for the evening of the event, please contact Julie Cassel at casselj@manheimcentral.org.
- **Mother Son Game Night**
  -Possible idea of having this in May?
  -If anyone is interested in spearheading this event, please contact Kalysta White or Andrea Wade.
- **Baron Fun Run: April 28**
  -A planning committee has been formed.
  -Details have been discussed and will be very similar to Race for Ed.
  -If anyone is interested in helping out with this or sharing ideas, please reach out to Andrea Wade or Kalysta White.
- **Elementary Carnival: May 19**
  - The first meeting is on Tuesday Feb 21 @ 7pm at Baron Elementary.
  - A chair person from Baron and a chair person from Doe Run (Carrie) would be great to have for this event.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49PM

Next Meeting: Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30pm

Baron PTO Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2023
6:30 pm
Music Room
Attendees: Andrea Wade, Mike Pyle, Julie Cassel, Sarah Linn, April Orwig, Steph Koser, Alicia Brackbill, Carmen Ishler, Ali Reifsnyder, Kristin Boer, Ina Hosszu, Amy Nissley

Welcome & Introductions
Approval of December Minutes: Amy approved, April Orwig 2nd; motion to approve carried
Principal's Report:

- January is the time of the year that we revisit our mission and core values as a building and as a district to see where we are and where we need to be. I am proud of where we are currently in creating the ideal learning environment for our kids. Our kids genuinely enjoy coming to school and are engaged in wonderful learning experiences in our classrooms…you can see it and feel it! As a staff, we know that we can always improve as we look forward to doing what is in the best interest of our learners. The 2nd half of the year is right around the corner…we have more learning to do!
- 4-Houses…1-Baron Family
- Baron Time
- ARC Core
- Math Progressions
- Important Dates:
    - Joe Calhoun…Jan. 11
    - Elementary Movie Night…Jan. 13 (6:00PM / MS)
    - No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)...Jan. 16
    - Baron Breakfast…Jan. 19
    - End of 2nd MP…Jan. 23
    - Inservice Day (no school)…Jan. 24
    - Kids Heart Challenge Kick-off…Jan. 27
    - Souper Bowl Can Drive…Jan. 30-Feb. 10

Title I Report from Pam Boyle:

- Mid-year testing is underway. Once all the data is in and analyzed new BOOST groups will be formed. The date for new groups to begin is January 25th. If your child is going to see one of the reading specialists you will receive a letter. If your child is now performing at or above grade level, he/she will be dismissed from BOOST. If this is the case, you will also receive a letter.
- We are considering having our Reading Night/Family -Parent Engagement Event the week of the book fair. (February 21st-24th) We are having a meeting this week to discuss the date. More details will be coming.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance & Recent Transactions
  PTO Treasurer's Report
- Current Budget Tracker Update
  PTO Budget Tracking Sheet

Old Business:

- Approve December Minutes
- Sponsored Staff Coffee Truck

New Business

- Elementary Movie Night, Friday 1/13
    - Bad Guys
- Change Wars for Ivy
    - Dates: March 6th-17th
    - Each child will get a candy bar
    - Mrs. Detter and Mrs. Heistand are taking charge of the display case
- Kids Heart Challenge: “Apple Crunch”
    - Love seeing every learner take a bite out of an apple at the same time
- Roller Skating, Saturday February 11th at Overlook
    - Carmen Ishler will be the representative
    - More details will be sent out in early February
- STEM Night, March 16th
    - Looking for someone to lead STEM Night?
    - Chris has activities from years prior
    - Possibly combine the Book Fair, Family Reading Night, and STEM Night 3/16
- Hershey Park Tickets
    - Last year was all paper forms
    - This year we can use the digital option and tickets are emailed immediately (But it is considered a fundraiser)
- Mini Grant Application Vote: Mrs. Brackbill’s Musical
    - Alison Reifsnyder approves, April Orwig 2nd, motion approved
    - Discussion: Whatever amount is given to Mrs. Brackbill (There is a fund that Mr. Pyle could pull from), first come first serve - leaning towards giving full amount because we may not get anymore mini grants for this year
    - Requesting $590 for digital streaming license and scripts
    - Auditions were held and 28 learners were accepted for Baron’s first musical
    - 2 Nights and 1 assembly for all students to see (March 30th and 31st)

Baron PTO Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2022
6:30 pm
Music Room
Attendees: Kalysta White, Andrea Wade, April Orwig, Mike Pyle, Chris Pastor, Amy Nissley, Julie Cassel, Steph Koser, Jen Heistand, Ina Hosszu

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of November's Minutes: April Orwig approves, Ina 2nd, motion to approve carried.
Principal's Report

- District Mission Statement: Ignite Passion and Purpose to Empower Difference Makers
- 83% of our parents attended conferences. Survey was sent in the December Newsletter
- Getting back to the innovative learning that was happening pre-pandemic
- Important Dates:
    - Early Dismissal- Dec 8
    - Winter Break- Dec. 26-30
    - PTO meeting- Jan. 9
    - Elementary Movie Night- Jan 13 @ MS: 6:00pm
    - No School- Jan 16
    - Baron Breakfast- Jan 19
    - End of 2nd Marking Period- Jan. 23
    - Kids Heart Challenge Kick-off- Jan 27

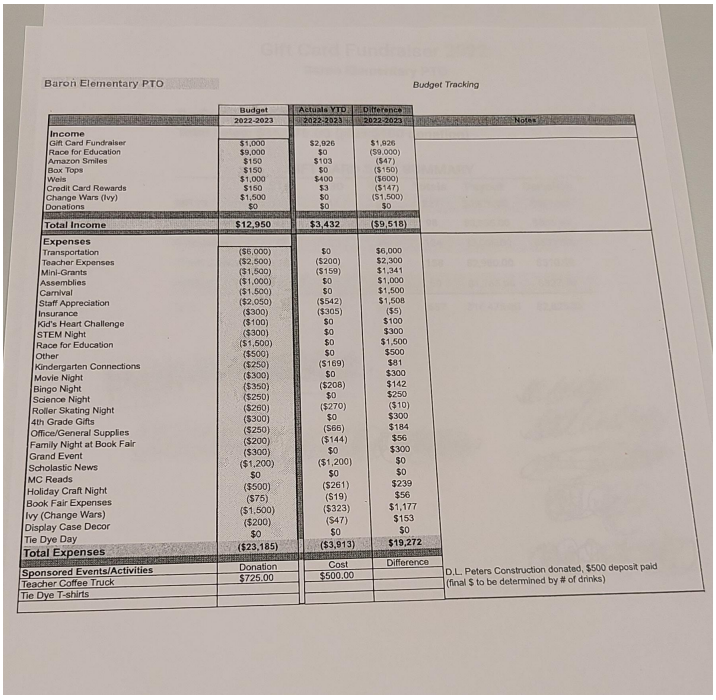
Title One Report:

- Nothing to report at this time
- In January, assessments will occur.

Treasurer's Report

- Our current balance: $46,618.53
- Deposits:
    - PNC Rewards Card credit of $93.72
    - Gift Card Fundraiser $16,575.00 (including $100.00 parent donation)
    - D.L. Peters Construction donated $725.00 for staff coffee truck
    - Amazon Smiles $44.42
    - Gift Card Fundraiser order $165.00
    - Gift Card Fundraiser business profit checks of $2,295.50
- Reimbursements:
    - Barbara Lease- reimbursed $100.00 for Teacher Expense 2022-2023
    - Son Rise Coffee Truck deposit of $500.00 for Staff Appreciation
    - Hobby Lobby Rewards Card charge of $176.63 for Craft Night supplies
    - Artifice Ale & Mead- reimbursed $1,765.00 for Gift Card Fundraiser (earnings of $327.50)
    - Grazianos Pizzeria- reimbursed ($2,472.50 for Gift Card Fundraiser and $423.47 for Staff Luncheon) total of $2,895.97 (earnings of $532.50)
    - Longenecker True Value- reimbursed $3,855.00 for Gift Card Fundraiser (earnings of $605.50)
    - Mill 72- reimbursed $4,870.00 for Gift Card Fundraiser (earnings of $850.00)
    - Twisted Sisters Ice Cream- reimbursed $2,980.00 for Gift Card Fundraiser (earnings of $510.00)
    - Longenecker True Value Rewards Card charge of $12.71 for gift card envelopes
    - Dollar Tree Rewards Card charge of $15.64 for Holiday Craft Night supplies

- Hobby Lobby Rewards Card charge of $31.81 for Holiday Craft Night supplies
- Current Budget Accounts:



Baron Elementary PTO — Budget Tracking

	Budget 2022-2023	Actuals YTD 2022-2023	Difference 2022-2023	Notes
Income				
Gift Card Fundraiser	$1,000	$2,926	$1,926	
Race for Education	$9,000	$0	($9,000)	
Amazon Smiles	$150	$103	($47)	
Box Tops	$150	$0	($150)	
Weis	$1,000	$400	($600)	
Credit Card Rewards	$150	$3	($147)	
Change Wars (Ivy)	$1,500	$0	($1,500)	
Donations	$0	$0	$0	
Total Income	**$12,950**	**$3,432**	**($9,518)**	
Expenses				
Transportation	($6,000)	$0	$6,000	
Teacher Expenses	($2,500)	($200)	$2,300	
Mini-Grants	($1,500)	($159)	$1,341	
Assemblies	($1,000)	$0	$1,000	
Carnival	($1,500)	$0	$1,500	
Staff Appreciation	($2,050)	($542)	$1,508	
Insurance	($300)	($305)	($5)	
Kid's Heart Challenge	($100)	$0	$100	
STEM Night	($300)	$0	$300	
Race for Education	($1,500)	$0	$1,500	
Other	($500)	$0	$500	
Kindergarten Connections	($250)	($169)	$81	
Movie Night	($300)	$0	$300	
Bingo Night	($350)	($208)	$142	
Science Night	($250)	$0	$250	
Roller Skating Night	($260)	($270)	($10)	
4th Grade Gifts	($300)	$0	$300	
Office/General Supplies	($250)	($66)	$184	
Family Night at Book Fair	($200)	($144)	$56	
Grand Event	($300)	$0	$300	
Scholastic News	($1,200)	($1,200)	$0	
MC Reads	$0	$0	$0	
Holiday Craft Night	($500)	($261)	$239	
Book Fair Expenses	($75)	($19)	$56	
Ivy (Change Wars)	($1,500)	($323)	$1,177	
Display Case Decor	($200)	($47)	$153	
Tie Dye Day	$0	$0	$0	
Total Expenses	**($23,185)**	**($3,913)**	**$19,272**	
	Donation	Cost	Difference	
Sponsored Events/Activities				
Teacher Coffee Truck	$725.00	$500.00		D.L. Peters Construction donated, $500 deposit paid (final $ to be determined by # of drinks)
Tie Dye T-shirts				

Old Business:

- Elementary Science Night
- Holiday Craft Night: great turn out
  - 5 craft stations
  - Snowflakes made will be in the showcase
- Teacher Luncheon:
  - Snack donations
  - Donations to go with lunch
  - Orders delivered to school, easily organized from Grazianos
- Gift Card Fundraiser Recap
  - Profit: $2,925.50
  - 53 families participated
  - Gift Card Summary showing donations returned to Baron:
    - Mill 72: $850, Longeneckers: $605, Grazianos: $532.50, Twisted Sister: $510.00, Artifice: $327.00

New Business:

- Mini Grant:
  - Mrs. Carpenter
  - Zoo America for all 2nd grade classes
- Elementary Movie Night, Friday 1/13
  - Need a PTO rep at movie night to welcome people: Andrea Wade
  - Auditorium reserved, and MS license covers any movie shown in the building
  - Suggestions for Movies: Clifford the Big Red Dog, Sonic 2, Sing 2, Up, The Bee Movie
  - Rated G or PG
- Sponsored Staff Appreciation Coffee Truck: Dec 16
  - PTO volunteers to help deliver drinks to staff
- Change Wars for Ivy

    - Dates: checking to see if we can do it in February, conflicts with Kids Heart Challenge
    - Chairperson- Megan Detter
- Roller Skating at Overlook: Saturday, February 11
    - Need a point person for the day of the event
- STEM Night: Thursday, March 16
    - Chairperson needed
    - Overlaps with the Book Fair
    - Can reuse Book theme activities from Fall 2019
- Hershey Park tickets- Julie Horst
- PTO Showcase
- Grand Event in April 12-14
- 4th Grade celebration- point of contact
- Snacks for upcoming activities must be store bought and individually wrapped items

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 pm

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Welcome and Introductions
Approval of October's Minutes: JH motion to approve, motion carried unanimously
Principal's Report

- PurposeFULL People theme: Gratitude
- 11/11- Baron Breakfast, 11/10 Elementary Science Night
- First Marking Period ends 11/8, Conferences held on 11/21 & 11/22
- Welcome Jimm Landis to Baron Elementary as a support staff member, first day 11/7- working with kids, sitting with kids at lunch
- School Board Meeting 11/14
- Thanksgiving Break- 11/23-11/25

Title One Report:

- Conferences: if your child attends BOOST groups, you are able to set up a conference with Mrs. Boyle
- Progress reports will be available with report cards are available
- Kudos to Jen for a great book fair

Treasurer's Report

- **Our current balance:** $ 37,751.07
- **Deposits:**
    - Weis Rewards $400.00
    - Scholastic Book Fair $3,873.50
    - PNC Rewards $3.43
- **Reimbursements:**
    - Grocery Outlet: $93.72 Bingo prizes
    - Penn National/Rulh Ins.: $305.00 annual insurance ($5.00 increase)
    - MC Food Svc.: $87.50 Kindergarten Breakfast
    - Casey Foreman: $103.98 Bingo prizes
    - Steph Koser: $19.01 Display case décor (Book Fair)
    - Country Joy Flowers: $87.50 Family Fun Night pumpkins
    - MCSD: $1,200.00 (K, 1st, 2nd) Scholastic Magazine '22-23
    - Laura Dautrich: $50.00: Teacher Expense '22-23
    - Barbara Lease: $159.00 Mini Grant (Nearpod)
    - Laura Houck: $50.00 Teacher Expense '22-23
    - Kristen Shearer: $323.00 Ivy Expenses
    - Target: $36.37 Family Fun Night supplies
    - Scholastic Book Fairs: $3,873.50
    - Joette Peters: $19.68 Family Fun Night craft
- **Miscellaneous Updates or Questions:**
    - PNC Rewards Credit Card payment of $93.72 was mistakenly withdrawn from our debit account. Rep suggested changing the date to withdrawal several days prior to the due date to avoid the issue. Account will be credited back within 45 days.

Old Business:

- Book Fair:
    - Great sales, fulfilled teacher wish lists, free books for kids, Home on Ferdinand invited to get books
    - Spring Book Fair is not a BOGO, and kids get a free book. Books for backpack food program for the last bag that goes home before summer.
- Family Night at the Book Fair:
    - 185 people sign in, different stations, Ivy and Nurse Heistand were here, raffle prizes

New Business:

- Fall Fundraiser launched: orders due 11/17 and order pick up 12/1 (during school day/craft night)
- Teacher Luncheon: 11/22
    - Graziano's for lunch- teachers will receive order form to select items
- Stock the Staff Room during conference week: Monday 11/21
    - Snacks in the staff room
    - A Signup Genius will be sent
- Elementary Science Night 11/10 at 6:00pm at Doe Run
    - Assigned to group and will travel through rotations
    - Donate money to the science department at the HS
- Holiday Craft Night 12/1 at 6:00pm at Baron
- Future Events
    - Elementary Movie Night at MS 1/13

Meeting Adjourned: 7:16pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:30pm

Baron PTO Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022
6:30 pm
Music Room
Attendees: Kalysta White, Andrea Wade, April Orwig, Mike Pyle, Kristin Boer, Amy Nissley, Dani Graver, Steph Koser, Jen Heistand, Julie Cassel, Casey Foreman, Christy Fisher, Ina Hosszu, Laura Rhine, Barb Lease

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of September's Minutes: approved, unanimously
Principal's Report

- 4 Houses, One School: great response, learners invested in their House, Friday assemblies to announce which house earned the most points each week

Title One Report:

- PAC meeting integrated into Bingo Night, letters sent home to learners currently in Boost, reach out to Mrs. Boyle with any Title 1 questions

Treasurer's Report

- Our current balance: $38,831.71
- Deposits:
    - Amazon Smile: $58.17
- Reimbursements:
    - MCSD Acct. Payable reimbursed $81.73 CK #337 Kindergarten bag items *(missed from Sept. report)
    - April Orwig reimbursed $42.38 for September Teacher Appreciation
    - Manheim Twnsp./Overlook Rollerskating reimbursed $270.00 CK #132 for Skate Night (2/11/23)
    - Walmart debit charge of $10.60 for Bingo prizes
    - Allie Reifsnyder reimbursed $75.80 CK #133 for Staff Appreciation longjohn cake
- Misc. Updates:
    - Penn National Ins paid on 9/12/22 via automated phone system. Confirmation number given/ insurance packet sent in mail.
        - End of month letter sent to Baron: notice that payment was not accepted. PNC Bank confirmed no transaction was received or denied with no knowledge of why payment was not processed.
        - Paid insurance with debit card over phone with Ruhl Ins. on 10/3/22.
        - Future transactions should be processed by check or debit with Ruhl Ins. to ensure payment is not late.
    - PNC Bank Business Cash Reward cards issued to PTO Presidents, and pending card for Treasurer
        - This is a change from the original debit cards:
            - protect our banking account money better
            - we can earn 1.5% per purchase amount
            - Money earned can be redeemed as a deposit back into the account

Old Business:

- Bingo Night Recap
    - 106 children signed in per Mrs. Boyle, a lot of fun and great response
    - Title 1 PAC meeting was integrated with Mrs. Boyle presenting, we had some tech problems with mics and screens, next year we can plan to integrate Mrs. Boyle in a better way
- Room Reps selected and contacted
    - Room Rep meeting was at 6pm, 9 Room Reps present, good discussion on expectations and collaborating on tips for what has worked well for Room Reps in the past
    - Mrs. Detter taking on the role of Room Rep for specials teachers

New Business:

- Mini Grant Proposal
    - Mrs. Lease presented her application for a NearPod subscription for this school year.
    - NearPod is very interactive, teachers can create lessons in the program, offers real time tracking on what learners are doing, collaborative
    - Proposal to benefit 49 learners with the potential for more when classes rotate teachers for different subjects.
    - Mrs. Lease left prior to the vote. Discussion after she left regarded what Mini Grants have been used for in the past and how that usage has shifted away from Scholastic News since 2020 and Covid restrictions.
    - Motion to approve by Dani Graver mini-grant application, no one opposed. Approved. Kalysta emailed Mrs. Lease to let her know.
- PTO Officer Positions
    - Treasurer is a significant and vital role to PTO. Carmen has expressed this year being her last year. Through discussions with Mr. Pyle, Carmen, Andrea and Kalysta, we propose adding a co-treasurer. This would serve 2 purposes, one to ease the transition after Carmen is finished this year. A co-treasurer would be able to support, learn, observe and understand the role by working with Carmen this year. Second, it also adds some safeguards for our treasurers since 2 people have eyes on the accounts at all times. We consulted with Doe Run's PTO and they have utilized co-treasurers for years for this purpose with great success. Amy Nissley expressed interest in this role. Kalysta White motions to approve adding Amy Nissley as a co-treasurer, no one opposed. Motion passed.
- Book Fair & Parents to Lunch
    - Jen Heistand shared updates: flyers going home on 10/11 and Sign Up Genius has been shared on Facebook. Books will arrive on Thursday and we are setting up then.
    - Lots of parent volunteers needed for Book Fair to be successful. Every class has 2 times (once to pick a new book and once to shop with their own funds) that they are coming to the fair and classes will be coming both morning and afternoon.

    - All for Books recap: Rounding up on each purchase and then those funds can be used for free student books, teacher wish lists, local charitable organizations. Scholastic matches our All for Books money donations for their own charitable organizations.
    - Theme: Fall into a Good Book (owls, fall, etc.) Ina is decorating the Book Fair stage and Steph Koser is redoing the PTO Display case to match. Steph is decorating on Friday morning and could use help
    - Parents to Lunch is running at the same time, parents do not need to sign up to attend.
    - Teachers will be filling out at Wish List for classroom books
- Family Night at the Book Fair
    - $200 Budget
    - Stations being planned:
        - Free Lego Build
        - Gym Games (Connect Four, Bowling Pins, Cup Stack)
        - Color a Pumpkin
        - Book Fair Shopping
        - Raffles
    - Interact Club will be there with 6 volunteers to help run stations
    - Considering adding an “Ivy Mystery” to be solved that night with Ivy present
- Picture Day Volunteers
    - Volunteers are still needed and Sign Up Genius link is on FB
- Fall Fundraiser
    - Details and Dates
        - Launching 11/1/22 with Order forms being sent home
        - Orders Due on 11/17 or 11/18
        - Gift Cards dispersed week of 12/1
        - Will discuss best way to disperse gift cards to learners safely
    - Fundraiser is open to anyone to purchase, not only Baron families
    - Can be advertised as a great way to get teacher or Christmas gifts
    - Collecting cash or checks as payments
    - Question raised if we are adding incentives to encourage more sales. As of now, no incentives are being added since we are focusing on the logistics of running a new fundraiser well
- Online Spirit Wear
    - Pushing this to the new year to not hit families with too much back to back
    - Question raised if we can do Spirit wear and gift cards at the same time, unsure with supply chain issues and we also want to focus on the fundraiser and not overwhelm families with requests for them to purchase items
- Upcoming Events
    - Elementary Science Night: 11/10 at 6:00pm
        - Held at Doe Run
        - Run by HS Science Department
        - Waiting to hear from Doe Run on what will be needed for us: snacks or volunteers?

- Holiday Craft Night: 12/1 at 6:00pm at Baron
    - Proposing one larger craft
    - Kalysta is reaching out to a parent to see if they are interested in helping to plan
    - Requires early planning, can we use Interact Club to help run the event night of?

Meeting Adjourned: 7:43pm

Next Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30pm

Baron PTO Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022
6:30 pm
Music Room and Zoom
Attendees: Kalysta White, Andrea Wade, April Orwig, Chris Pastor, Laura Rhine, Julie Cassel, Mike Pyle, Carmen Ishler, Dani Graver, Jen Heistand, Christy Fisher, Allie Reifsnyder, Amy Nissley, Monica Karper, Emily Schlinkman, Ina Hosszu, Casey Foreman, Stephanie Koser, Kristen Caci, Elizabeth Burkett, Mike and Michaela Class

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of May's minutes: approved, unanimously
Principal's Report

- Off to a great start!
- Back to School night is 9/15/22 from 6:00-8:00 pm: Great opportunity to meet learners' teachers
- 4 Houses…One School: brand new building-wide project: purpose is for learners to connect with a team to celebrate goals and accomplishments, build relationships, and have fun. Weekly assemblies to recognize/celebrate hard work.
- Baron Time: flexible time at the end of the day: new this year at Baron Elementary: purpose is to meet individual learning needs and interests of every learner every day.
    - Enrichment activities with Special Area teachers: Art, Music, STEM, Library, Health/PE
    - Service Learning Club
    - Video Club
    - Chess Club
    - Ms. Coonan's groups
    - Junior Achievement
    - Choir
    - Music Ensembles
    - Mentoring/Tutoring Groups
- *"Big things have small beginnings"*

Title One Report:

- Currently benchmark testing is underway
- Groups will be formed once data is analyzed: Boost Group
- Look for date for Parent Advisory Council in Mr. Pyle's newsletter

Treasurer's Report

- Our current balance: $39,225.58
- **2021-2022**:
    - Deposits:
        - Merchant Bank CD total of $915.00 ($610.0, $255.00, $50.00)
        - FISERV services total of $80.00 ($50.00, $30.00)
        - DL Peters Construction LLC of $560.00 donated for coffee truck- Staff Appreciation
        - Race For Education $28.00
        - $172.99 total for Box Tops Rewards ($86.90), Stauffer's Rewards ($86.09)
        - Doe Run-4th Grade Celebration $873.80
        - Scholastic Spring Book Fair sales $3,571.57

- Amazon Smiles $80.48
- Reimbursements:
  - Weis Markets debit charge of $44.17 for Staff Appreciation
  - Target debit charge of $17.37 for Staff Appreciation
  - Son Rise Coffee Truck debit charge of $573.32 for Staff Appreciation
  - Colleen Reiner was reimbursed $66.83 CK #307 for Mini Grant
  - Jeremy Fallinger was reimbursed $100.00 CK #308 Daddy/Daughter Dance music DJ
  - Merchant Bank CD online withdrawal of $146.09 for Race for Education card transaction fee
  - Julie Cassel was reimbursed $415.23 CK #309 for Daddy/Daughter Dance items
  - April Orwig was reimbursed $71.35 for CK #310 for Change War incentives
  - Kalysta White was reimbursed $80.50 CK #311 for Staff Appreciation doughnuts
  - Kristen Shearer was reimbursed $100.00 CK #312 for Rita's ice at Daddy/Daughter Dance
  - Andrea Wade was reimbursed $32.57 CK #313 for Race for Education posters
  - Graziano's Pizza & Grill was reimbursed $369.68 CK #314 for Spring Teacher Conference meal
  - Amazon debit charge of $36.02 for Race for Education
  - Gibbleville Farms (Cottage & Vine) debit charge of $55.12 for Staff Appreciation
  - Sarah Linn was reimbursed $42.40 CK #315 for Daddy/Daughter Dance decorations
  - Christy Krieder was reimbursed $55.09 CK #316 for Daddy/Daughter Dance snacks
  - Amazon debit charge of $32.44 for Race for Education water balloon incentive
  - Megan Detter was reimbursed $59.907 CK #317 for Daddy/Daughter Dance 2022
  - Weis Markets debit charge of $136.50 for Race for Education
  - CVS debit charge of $46.05 for Race for Education class pictures
  - Weis Markets debit charge of $12.20 for Race for Education incentive
  - FISERV online withdrawal of $1.25 for Race for Education card transactions
  - Windsor Canine Country Club debit charge of $1,000.00 for service dog Ivy's grooming account ($1,707.30 balance remaining)
  - Amazon charge of $22.90 for 4th grade celebration
  - Apex Advertising was reimbursed $412.34 CK #318 for 4th Grade ear buds (Baron & Doe Run students)
  - Apex Advertising was reimbursed $790.32 CK #319 for 4th Grade drawstring bags (Baron & Doe Run students)
  - Party City debit charge of $87.98 for 4th grade Celebration
  - Fox Meadows debit charge of $8.80 for Teacher Appreciation gift
  - Amazon debit charge of $32.44 for Race for Education incentives
  - Kristin Shearer was reimbursed $26.51 CK #320 for expenses for Ivy (Baron service dog. $1,680.79 balance remaining)
  - MCSD Food Svc was reimbursed $79.50 CK #321 MC Reads treat
  - Andrea Wade was reimbursed $19.42 CK #322 for End of Year Celebration
  - Nancy Carpenter was reimbursed $100.00 CK #323 for Teacher Expense 2021-2022
  - MCSD Accts. Receivable was reimbursed $316.29 CK #324 for field trip transportation (1st Grade Gretna Glenn)
  - Scholastic Book Fair was reimbursed $3,571.57 CK #325 for Spring book sales
  - Longenecker True Value debit charge of $28.33 for 4th grade balloons
  - Floral Designs of Mt Joy debit charge of $333.85 for teacher retirement flowers
  - Merchant Bank CD online withdrawal of $24.57 for Race for Education

    - Jim and Carol Cole were reimbursed $907.30 for Race for Education 10% fee
    - Christine Achey was reimbursed $61.40 CK #328 for Carnival items
    - Void CK #329
    - Melissa Troiano was reimbursed $37.23 CK #330 for Teacher Expense 2021-2022
    - Britiney Rykaczewski was reimbursed $75.00 Ck #333 for Teacher Expense 2021-2022
    - Colleen Reiner was reimbursed $77.26 CK #332 for Teacher Expense 2021-2022
    - MCSD Accts. Payable was reimbursed $1,505.90 CK #333 for field trip transportation (K-Hershey Gardens, 2nd-Hershey Story, 4th-Middle Creek Wildlife
    - Anne Cowher was reimbursed $100.00 CK #334 for Teacher Expense 2021-2022
    - Doe Run PTO was reimbursed $1,531.07 CK #335 for carnival expenses and $35.00 CK #336

- **2022-2023**
  - Deposits: N/A
  - Reimbursements:
    - Carmen Ishler was reimbursed $53.27 CK # for treasurer supplies
    - Kalysta White was reimbursed $ 35.40 for display items
    - Andrea Wade was reimbursed $11.93 for display items

- 2022-2023 Proposed Budget: Motion to approve: April Orwig, Carmen Ishler 2nd, motion carried, unanimous vote.

Old Business:

- 4th grade Celebration and Gifts- gifts of earbuds and drawstring bags
- Tie Dye Day- Allie Reifsnyder chair
    - sponsors for shirts for next year (2023)
    - many volunteers needed, how much to sponsor?
- Kindergarten breakfast and gifts: muffins, juice, chocolate milk, gift of water bottle/pencil pouch
- Back to School Teacher Appreciation- long john cakes, flowers and coffee

New Business:

- Calendar of Events for the year shared
- Volunteer Form Response: digital form, over 60 people have filled out
- Room Reps Needed for Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Cassel, Mr. Whitney
- Teacher Reimbursements: PTO reimburses $100 to classroom teachers, $50 to Special area teachers/specialists
- Hearing Screening Volunteers:
    - help escort learners to hearing testing on September 21 11:45-2:00pm
- Mini Grant Updates:
    - teachers can apply
    - digital form
    - Teachers come to PTO meeting to pitch idea
    - Not for Scholastic News, this is now a line item in our budget
- Bingo Night, Thursday, September 29

    - Can anyone lead or plan the event?
    - Volunteers, check cards as people call Bingo, write numbers on white boards
    - Prizes purchased
    - Casey Foreman to be contact person for Bingo
- Fall Fundraiser
    - Gift card sale:
        - Sell gift cards to local businesses:
            - $10, $30, $50 gift cards, with a portion given back to Baron Elementary
        - Beginning of November
        - Graziano's, Mill72, Artifice (strong possibility)
            - Suggestions made to include salons
    - Online spirit wear sale:
        - Designs Unlimited in Elizabethtown
        - New design for t-shirt, with 4 House tie in
- Upcoming Book Fair
    - In need of a Co-Chair to train for next year
    - Fall Book Fair week - October 17-21 coincides with Parents to Lunch
    - Family Reading night will occur that week: *Need a chair for this event*
    - Ina Hosszu volunteered to coordinate the book fair with Jen H.
- Sub-committiees
    - Decor: Stephanie Koser
    - Hospitality: April Orwig and Allie Reifsnyder

Open Discussion

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:30pm