Baron PTO Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2023
6:30 pm
Music Room
Attendees: Mike Pyle, Kalysta White, Andrea Wade, Julie Cassel, April Orwig, Allie Reifsnyder, Amy Nissley, Carmen Ishler, Steph Koser, Kristin Boer, Jen Heistand, Ina Hosszu

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