Baron PTO Meeting Minutes
Date: 9/11/2023
6:30 pm
Music Room

Attendees:
Mr. Micheal Pyle, Mrs.Christy Kreider, Mrs. Melissa Troiano, Kalysta White, Andrea Wade, Stephanie Koser, Kristin Boer, Natalie Abram, Amy Nissley, Dani Graver, Deena Wencleewicz, Gwen Groff, Melissa Troiano, Jessica Atkins, Amy Simmons, Christi Kemp, Jayme Suess, Allie Reifssnyder, Kayla Haldeman

Welcome & Introductions

Principal's Report:
We are off to a great start! It's nice to see our learners return to school after a long Summer. We are excited to begin the new school year and continue to develop positive relationships with our learners and their families. We have added a new Kindergarten Class, ELL learners and facilitator, and an Emotional Support Class at Baron Elementary this year. We look forward to welcoming these learners and parents into our school community.

Back-to-School Night is this Thursday from 6:00pm-8:00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and hear about all of the great things that they will be doing in their classrooms this year.

4-Houses…1-Baron Family: We are continuing our building-wide project of our 4-Houses. The purpose of our project is to have learners connect with a team to celebrate goals and accomplishments, build relationships, and have fun! We will have a monthly assembly to recognize and celebrate their hard work. We loved seeing the sense of community that our 4-Houses…1-Baron Family brought to our school last year.

Baron Time…in its 2nd year at Baron Elementary!
Purpose: Meeting the individual learning needs and interests of every learner every day.
Goals/Learning Outcomes:

- ☐ Discovering ways to connect learning through opportunities outside of a learner's normal schedule.

☐ Learners are involved in cross-curricular learning opportunities based on their choice and interests.

What will my child be doing?

Enrichment activities with Specials (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

Courage…we are infusing the social-emotional practices of Character Strong/PurposeFULL People into our days at Baron Elementary. Morning messages, class meetings, and daily interactions with learners are focused around our PBIS program.

*Innovation…*our Difference Maker attribute for the 2023-24 school year. Teachers and staff are using innovative practices to address barriers or challenges that they encounter to help our learners feel successful.

We are excited to continue our work in creating the ideal learning experience for our kids. We appreciate all of the PTO's support…are true *Difference Makers* at our school!

Title I Report from Pam Boyle:

- Testing is underway
- Early Boost groups have formed but formal letters will not go home until testing is finalized then appropriate changes will be made
    - Question: Can Title I Annual Pack meeting coincide with the PTO Fall event?
- Book Vending Machine is here
    - Question: if Scholastic Money could keep it stalked all year

Treasurer's Report:

PTO Budget Tracker

PTO Budget Summary

Treasurer's Report

Proposed Budget 2023-2024- Baron Elementary PTO

-Not doing MC Reads so doing a cultural awareness night instead so cutting down the budget to $1,000 instead of $1,500.

Motioned to approve by Natalie Abram, second by Amy Nissley

Old Business:

Approve last year's May PTO minutes

2022-2023 PTO Minutes

Motioned to approve by Kalysta White, Second by Amy Nissley

- 4th Grade Celebration & Gifts
- Kindergarten Breakfast & Gifts

New Business:

- Review Calendar Events for the Year
  23-24 Event Calendar.pdf
- VolunteerFormResponse
  2023-2024 Volunteer Form
    - Only 25 responses so far
- RoomRepsNeeded
    - Assigning a room parent for each teacher to have as a support contact for the year to plan parties and other events or activities the teacher may need each
- MiniGrantApplication:
    - Mr.Enck & Mrs.Lease - Nearpod app - benefit 41 students potentially - $159 for the year's subscription

Motioned to approve by Natalie Abram, second by Jayme Suess

- OutdoorMovieNight - 9/29 - Total cost $2,000 - co-event with Doe Run Elementary - $500 for Baron, $1,500 for Doe Run
    - Company coming to set up and tear down + licensing fee for movie

    - Need movie suggestions - Elemental? Other suggestions will be emailed, texted
    - Signup genius for parents to donate items for the concession stand
    - Planning on having a Concession Stand - everything $1 and a donation bin labeled for PTO funds
    - Will need volunteers to run the concession stand
    - Location - Doe Run Elementary
    - No rain date set but license is good for a year

- OnlineApparelWearSale
  Baron Spirit Wear Sale 2023.pdf
  https://store.travelchamps.com/manheim_central_barons/shop/home
    - Samples will be at Back to School Night on Thursday evening and then in the Teacher's Lounge on Friday
    - Flyer and email going out this week
        - Close date is October 4
        - Would be delivered by the end of October

- FallBookFair 10/16-10/20
    - Same week as Parents to lunch
    - Need Volunteers
    - Candyland theme

- Back to School Night starts at 6:30 Thursday 9/14

Next PTO Meeting is Monday October 2, 2023 at 6:30pm

End 7:30pm

Baron PTO Summer Budget Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/14/2023

Kalysta White's basement

Attendees:
Andrea Wade, Kalysta White, Steph Koser, Amy Nissley, Kristin Boer

Treasurer Budget Review
Total est. budget 12,000
Made: 19,000

Est. spend
22,000
Actual 15,000

Net income profit $4,486.36

Amy reworking budget tracker and combining spreadsheets

Amazon is no longer doing the "donate back," so that is ending.
Box tops budget without the surplus bonus because of when they track vs when they pay out
Budget for MC Reads this year and alternate with the grand day event

First event is the outdoor movie night. $500 for the license, but if held on the middle school grounds then we don't have to pay
Doe Run approved putting $1500 max. and we would need to pay $500 max.
Hope is that we won't have to pay anything and only make profit on the snacks sold at the concession stand

Book fair is the same week as parents to lunch

TBD Teacher wishlist:
Daddy daughter dance (April), mom/son game night, musical (April 11, 12) - musical fund, and talent show (Dec. 15) - no cost to us

Winter bingo in place of winter craft night

Budget Goals:
Baron Bolt $12,000
Box tops $250
Credit Card Rewards $25
Donations: 0
Gift Card Fundraiser: $3,000

Hershey Park Tickets: $200
Merchandise/Apparel: $500
Merchandise: Travel champs in Hummelstown, Leading Edge in Manheim - only one to give costs, 1 in Lititz, and 1 in Etown - haven't heard back from them
All are pretty comparable. Approx $5-7ish per t-shirt sweatshirt $22-29ish
Trying to get the 4 houses as an option
Reference for 2021 Made $600 on apparel sales

Scholastic: $0
Weis: $400
Budget $14,375

Expenses:
Assemblies: 0
Baron Bolt: $800
Bingo: $400
Book Fair: $75
Carnival: $1500
Display Case: $150
Family NIght at book fair: $200
Father/Daughter Dance: $200
4th grade gifts: $500
Grand Event: 0
Holiday craft night: 0
Insurance: $325
Kid's Heart Challenge: $200
Kindergarten gifts: $250
Possible stickers and water bottle
MC Reads: $1500
Mini-Grants: $1200
Mother-Son Game Night: $200
Movie Night: $500
General Office Supplies:$150
Other: $250
Roller Skating Night: $275
Scholastic News: 0
Science Night: $250
Donate to science program and pay for snacks
Staff Appreciation: $1400
Create a monthly sign-up genius for Teacher Appreciation in the Staff Lounge
Ideas: Coffee Bars, spritzer bar over lunch
End of first week of school donuts
End of year teacher appreciation week in May
Luncheon twice a year (Graziano's - $440)

STEM Night: 0
Teacher Expenses: $2000
Transportation: $4,000

Action items:

Kristin: Confirm skate night price, date
Kalysta & Andrea: Confirm the list of field trips with Pyle
Amy: Print email for receipt for Carnival
Steph: Apparelware, offer both Baron Elementary as well as plain MC, have samples for Back to School Night Sept 17, keep open for 2-3 weeks, close before Thanksgiving to get back in time for holidays, Decide if we should purchase extras from apparel sales for raffles, etc.
??? Need to officially submit to the board for the outdoor movie
??? Send out box top and weis reminders to parents
??? Ask permission for Hershey Park Ticket sales
Andrea: Ask teachers what they would want specifically for Baron apparel
Kalysta & Steph: Order kindergarten gifts - fun pencil & Class of 2036 stickers, smarties
organize volunteers for kindergarten lunches
All: Discuss Officer Roles, come up with our own wishes/expectations
Andrea: Blessings of Hope to help food expenses
Amy: Send tax form to Andrea to show proof for Blessings of Hope
Amy: Set up Venmo account for Musical Money,etc.