PTO Meeting Minutes
Date: 10/02/2023, 6:30pm
Music Room

Attendees:
Mr. Michael Pyle, Kalysta White, Steph Koser, Ina Hosszu, Amy Nissley, Dani Graver, Mrs. Cara Amodio Busque Mrs. Pam Boyle, Gwen Groff, Deena Wenclewicz, Channing Griffith

Welcome & Introductions

Principal's Report
The month of October has arrived. With the cooler temperatures, Fall colors, and darker mornings and evenings…Fall has certainly arrived. This means the Farm Show is right around the corner. We have an early dismissal on Wed, Oct. 11th and no school on Oct. 12 and 13. These are Professional Development days for the entire staff at Manheim Central.

Communication is essential to our success as a school. We continue to look at ways to improve how we communicate with all of our families across the district. Monthly newsletters from Mr. Pyle, SeeSaw and Class Dojo are ways that our teachers connect with our families. We will soon be adding LiveSchool as a way to see how your child is earning points for their House Color at our school! Please continue to stay up-to-date with what is happening at Baron Elementary. If there is a suggestion you have to help us make our communication better, please let us know.

Our PurposeFULL People theme for October is *perseverance*. As we encounter challenges or barriers in our understanding of content and skills associated with learning, it is extremely important that we approach these challenges with a growth mindset. Knowing that our learners feel supported in their attempts at learning will allow us to move forward in a positive direction. We want our learners to take risks and give their best effort when learning new things…especially at the elementary level. If you are seeing challenges at home, please contact your child's teacher or Ms. Coonan to share your concerns.

We are emphasizing the importance of reading (at home and at school) at the beginning of the year. We have seen great interest from our learners as they share books that they are reading in class and throughout the school. We encourage all of our families to celebrate the love of reading at home. I am proud of our learners' efforts to this point in the year…let's keep it going!

Title 1 Report
Boost groups started last week - children enrolled in Boost had a letter sent home with them. Mrs. Boyle will do the Parent Advisory Meeting during Family Night at the Bookfair on October 19th. Mrs. Boyle will have information ready to hand out and be available for questions. 5 barons best, student of the month, and one for each classroom teacher - 28 books a month for

the book machine. Still has $500 in grant money for the book vending machine and is asking for support with scholastic dollars to help to keep it stocked.

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

- September Minutes were approved by Dani Graver and seconded by Ina Houzzua.
- Volunteer Responses - did not get a big response - 35 parents filled out the form

New Business

- Room Reps Finalized
  There is one class that does not have a room rep - looking for someone for Mrs. Bein's class, but all other classes officially have a room rep. Mr. Pyle will send the volunteer form just to her class. Information going out to teachers & room reps this week.

- Picture Day Volunteers
  Picture day is this coming Friday. 2 volunteers are still needed to assist with the afternoon session. AM: Kalysta White, Heather Longenecker PM: Gwen Groff, Steph Koser

- Outdoor Movie Night Snack Donations
  Outdoor movie night was canceled - there were snack donations to stock the concession stand. Currently there are a lot of drinks and snacks that parents donated to movie night, but it doesn't appear that we are able to host movie night again this year. Doe Run also had snack donations, and all donations were co-mingled, so it is unclear what came from what building. Should parents have the opportunity to pick up the items that are donated? Set a deadline for pick-up, and if not picked up, they can be used for future PTO events.

- Mini Grant Applications
  - Miss Coonan
    $100 for Barons Best Revamped program - incentives have been revamped and restructuring how prizes are chosen. No cost experiential prizes available each month. Would like to include one tangible prize (coloring kits, kinetic sands, school activity, etc.) each month, and to cover the cost of the containers. The PTO voted to approve this mini-grant.
  - Miss Landis/Mrs. Troiano
    Added kindergarten classroom - doesn't have the resources as more experienced teacher. Grant to purchase games, center items, and teaching resources. Asking $225-250 in total. The PTO voted to approve $150 for this mini-grant.

- Outdoor Movie Night
  This event needs to be tabled until next Fall. We need to plan a date within 6 months, and scheduled within the following 6 months (1 year from the original event night).

- Online Apparel Wear Sale, ending 10/04
  As of 10/1, 165 items were purchased, with the 4 Houses shirts being the most popular. At the moment, the PTO's profit is $555.50 with 3 days left in the apparel sale. Apparel will be delivered the week of October 23rd.

- Fall Book Fair
  October 16-20, 2023 with family night on October 19 and parents to lunch each day. Delivery should be October 9-13. Pick-up anytime between October 23-27 and will get notice 5 days before pick-up. The wall on the gym side will be closed. Flyers will be going out this week, including a Spanish version. The bookfair will be CandyLand theme.Teachers will receive classroom times and parent to lunch information this week.

  Looking at March 11-15 in the Spring 2024, and Oct 14-18 fall 2024. The fall date could be changed if needed.

- Family Night at the Book Fair
  Looking for this to be a casual, drop in event. Interact Club will be present to help assist. Mrs. Boyle would like to have an area to be set up for Title 1 handouts and conversations.

- Upcoming:
  - Fall Fundraiser: Kalysta & Andrea to reach out to businesses to confirm participation and begin admin work of setting dates, etc.
  - Roller Skating at Overlook- Simple event, Amy looking into when final payment is due.