Baker PTA Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda - Motion by Alliyson Feldmann, seconded by Kelly Meyers

Approval of November 2022 Meeting Minutes - Motion by Sarah Cranganu, seconded by Alliyson Feldmann

Treasurer's Report - Anne Scher for Alyson Stockton

- The fall book fair brought in $4,126 in Scholastic dollars that we use for classroom and event prizes. Thanks, Diana and Erica!
- Spirit Wear sale brought in $954. Thanks, Katy!
- Supply kits profit was $999. Thanks, Jackie!
- OTB Spirit Night brought in $286. Thanks, OTB and Kristen Turner!
- Enchanted Shop profit was $862. Thanks, Jackie!
- Everything is running according to the overall budget. The grade-level social budgets have been increased to $500 for each grade due to rising costs.

Secretary's Report - Anne Scher

- Nothing to report.

President's Report - Kristen McIntyre

- Our next Boo Bash spirit day will be" beach day" on January 27th! This day was chosen by 1st grader, Wesley W.!
- We are working with Ms. Connor to set up two author visits.
    - On January 31st, grades 3 and 4 will have a virtual author visit with Grace Lin and Kate Messner. They are the authors of a book called *Once Upon a Book.* The book will be available for purchase, and more information will be shared in next week's bulletin.
    - On March 3rd, K-2nd grade will have an in-person author visit. There will be an am session for morning kindergarten and 1st grade, as well as a pm session for afternoon kindergarten and 2nd grade. More information will come out as it becomes available.
- Looking ahead for next year, we are going to be needing two PTA exec board positions filled, both Vice President and Secretary. VP is a 3 year commitment in total; 1 year VP, 1 year President and 1 year as Advisor. Secretary is a 2 year commitment. There are a number of committee chairs that will be needed to be filled for next year as well. More information regarding committee chairs will come out soon. Please contact a current

Executive Board member with any questions or if you have any interest in becoming more involved in the PTA!

Vice President's Report - Kelly Meyers

- Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped/planned the winter parties. Please send in your reimbursements to Alyson Stockton if you haven't already.
- Grade level socials are coming back this year! These are fun events which are fully sponsored by the Baker PTA – hence they are free of charge. Some of the dates and events went out in the weekly bulletin this week. A mass email will go out to each grade, we will also have the teachers put out the information in their newsletters and also make a post on Facebook. We ask that each child have one adult there to supervise. No siblings please. If you cannot be in attendance, please have a designated person there to be responsible for your child. All events will be held in the Baker Gym (exception is 4th grade which will be announced later.)
    - Kindergarten - DJ/Spring Fling, March 20th, 6-8 pm.
    - 1st Grade - Ninja Warrior Party, March 4th, 6-8 pm.
    - 2nd Grade - DJ/Glow Dance Party, February 24th, 5:30-7:30 pm.
    - 3rd Grade - Weird Eric Magic Show, March 7th, 6:30-7:30 pm.
    - 4th Grade - End of the year party! Details will be coming soon!

2nd Vice President's Report - Kristen McIntyre for Dr. McClintock-Comeaux

- As a reminder, we will not be having spring pictures this year.
- Our partnership with Friendship Village is very strong, and they are so appreciative!
- Baker's Got Talent was amazing!!

Teacher Representative - Ms. Berrott

- MAP reports (Measures of Academic Process) will be coming home for 3rd and 4th graders soon. This is a national assessment that students take in both the fall and winter. The report will show both your student's achievement and growth scores in reading. Our school district uses our own in-house assessments as well, not only the MAP testing. This test is long (roughly 40 questions) and requires a lot of stamina. Please reach out to your child's reading teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding this report.
- The kids were so excited to see the teacher reveals for the Baker's Got Talent! show!

Committee Reports

The PTA Executive Board is now reaching out to current Committee Chairs to confirm who wants to remain as Chairs going into the next school year (2023-24). The Board will publish a list of open 2023-24 committee positions in the coming weeks, and will be seeking volunteers. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please let us know! The Board hopes to have all 2023-24 Committee Chair and Co-Chair positions filled by August 2023.

- **Book Fair - Diana Slanders**

- The fall book fair brought in $4,126 in Scholastic dollars. We have a total of $9700 Scholastic dollars of which some will be used for Bingo and Readathon prizes.
- A spring book fair will be held mid-March, in the evening. Dates have yet to be finalized.

- **Enchanted Shop - Anne Scher for Jackie Barefoot**
  - Enchanted Shop was a huge success. The students were so excited to shop for their family and friends. So much so that we ran out of inventory after the first day and had to request more product to be overnighted to us. A huge thank you to Ms. Trollman and Ms. Berrott and their students for their patience and understanding when we had to ask them to shop for just two people on their wish lists while we anxiously awaited the UPS delivery to arrive. Luck was on our side because we did receive the shipment and all of the students were able to shop on our second day!
  - Thank you to the parent volunteers that helped to set up, check students out and pack up the inventory. We could not have done it without you.
  - Penguin Patch was great to work with; they offered us free items to give to children who did not bring money in, as well as gifted us items to sell when our inventory was low. While the items are not the highest quality the kids all seemed excited to shop. Penguin Patch has been calling me weekly asking us to commit to using them next year and in return we would receive a bonus percentage. While there is incentive I would ask the board to remain open to other options and wait to explore other companies too before the end of the school year.

- **Spelling Bee - Anne Scher for Alyson Stockton**
  - We had 14 fourth graders participate in the spelling bee. Each received a certificate, and the top 5 received trophies, all provided by the PTA. We spent $225 for this event, including the $175 Scripps National Spelling Bee registration. Thank you to Dr. McClintock-Comeaux, Ms. Dillie and Ms. Connor for their encouragement and judging.

- **Baker's Got Talent - Kristen McIntyre for Pamela Scureman**
  - The show was a huge success. We had 160 students, 22 staff, 21 volunteers and 1 township employee make it all happen. We spent a total of $800. The memories made however, were priceless. Thank you for everyone's support.

- **Spirit Days - Kristen McIntyre for Kristen Turner**
  - Our next Spirit Day will be at Chick Fil A in late February. Details will be announced soon.

- **Staff Appreciation - Kristen McIntyre for Bethany Salmen**
  - Our next event is a Staff Appreciation Tailgate on January 30th! Please drop off non-perishable donations to the Baker lobby before January 30th. All hot and

cold food items should be dropped off in the Baker lobby on January 30th at 10:30 am. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please sign up to volunteer on the weekly bulletin. A soup lunch will be planned for staff at the end of March!

- **Read-A-Thon - Sarah Cranganu**
    - Read-a-thon will be held Friday, February 24th-March 4th. Bedtime stories will be virtual again this year, mainly because we need another person to help chair this event. The assembly will still be a video shown in the classroom as well. We are looking for someone to take over for next year. Another possibility is that Ms. Connor will take over, and then it will not be a fundraiser anymore. Please reach out to Sarah Cranganu if you have any questions, or are interested in helping out!

- **Outreach/Baker Gives Back - Amy Baldasare, Kara Krebs**
    - Our next drive will be a socks and stuffies drive. We will accept donations of new stuffed animals and children's socks. These will be given to the Foster Love Project. Collection dates are January 24th-27th. In early-mid February, we will be working on a collection for Light in my City.
    - We will be working on Valentine's and a sign for Friendship Village. Last month 470 cards/pictures/artwork were collected for Notes for Neighbors. Friendship Village is so thankful for our partnership. The residents wanted to find a way to thank Baker. They ended up organizing a collection and bought some books for our library!

- **Bingo - Lucy Curran, Amy Baldasare**
    - Baker Bingo will take place on February 11th at the Boyce Middle School Cafeteria. Admission is $3 for adults and students K-12. Please note that pre-registration is required. There will be no walk-in admissions on the night of the event. Volunteers are needed. Please see the link to volunteer and register in the weekly bulletin.

- **Tile Wall - Amy Baldasare**
    - The current 3rd graders will have an opportunity to add their own artwork to a tile at the entrance of the school. Communication will go out in the next couple of weeks regarding pricing, and timeline.

- **Arts in USC - Kristen McIntyre for Alliyson Feldmann**
    - No new information to be shared yet. The theme for this year is going to be "Pittsburgh". Bethany Salmen will be sending out information soon. Drawings will be collected mid-March through the beginning of April. Judging will be done in the beginning of May.

New Business

The next meeting will be April 13, 2023. The proposed budget and calendar will be presented. We will also share the officer nominations for the executive board. Hope to see everyone there!

Adjournment

Appendix A - Attendees

1. Kristen McIntyre
2. Kelly Meyers
3. Sarah Cranganu
4. Anne Scher
5. Kristy Berrott
6. Alliyson Feldmann
7. Amanda Nasman
8. Amy Baldasare
9. Betsy Wilson
10. Katie Marsh
11. Diana Slanders
12. Gina Pelusi
13. Lucy Curran
14. Jaspreet Kaur
15. Kara Krebs
16. Kate Kleinbaum
17. Natalie Jaskowski
18. Wisal Hamid