Baker PTA Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report - Tara Simmons

- There was little activity last year due to the pandemic
- Alyson Stockton performed the audit over the summer. There were two outstanding checks that were never cashed, and so they were written off. Next, the State PTA will look over the audit. The audit was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report - Anne Scher

- Nothing to report

President's Report - Sarah Cranganu

- There will be no Boo Bash this year due to the pandemic.
- We will continue to think of ways to safely do things throughout the year.
- We are starting to send out a weekly bulletin each Wednesday with helpful information for families. We encourage people not to unsubscribe so that they do not miss out on anything!

Vice President's Report - Kristen McIntyre

- We are currently seeking 2 homeroom coordinators for each classroom. We are still in need of coordinators for the following teachers : (2) Mrs. Densmore, (1) Mr. McFerran, (1) Mrs. Chahine, (1) Mrs. Dillie, (1) Mrs. Berrott. The google sign up link was sent out in the PTA Bulletin on September 15th.

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

- Thank you so much for Milkshake Monday for the teachers and staff!
- Ms. Young is back in 1st grade from her leave. Ms. Grecco will be a substitute when Ms. Hill goes on maternity leave.
- Ms. Conner will be starting as the school librarian on Monday, September 20th. She will be the librarian for the remainder of the year.
- Open house is scheduled for September 29th. We wanted equal access for everyone and so it is being offered both live and virtual. Families are being separated by last name. A-L will be in one group and M-Z in another. Each classroom will present twice. Ms. Reed will be splitting her time between Baker and Streams. There will be a 2-hour early dismissal that day, and all health and safety guidelines will be in effect. Masks must be worn inside of the school. For additional parking, a shuttle bus will be running from Morton up to the school. Parents are also welcome to park at Baker Park and walk up to the building. An email will be sent out with specifics.
- The health and safety plan has been going smoothly. Baker has been minimally impacted. So far there have only been students quarantined because of close contacts outside of school. No students have shown up during their infectious period.
- 4th grade clubs will begin in October. Clubs include art, chorus and intramurals. They will be offered on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's. Depending on numbers, we may have to have two groups. We are hoping for a chorus performance this year, whether this is live or video. A musical is also in the works for the spring.
- FID (flexible instructional day) are days that may be used in place of a school day that would otherwise be canceled because of inclement weather or another emergency situation. Students will be able to use their ipads and will work remotely. If an FID day is announced, students will need to check canvas for their schedule for the day. It will include both instructional time and independent time. Attendance will be taken on these days. Please note that every cancellation may not be an FID day.
- The purpose of the school ipads is not for students to have to be on them to do homework every night. Homework does not begin until 3rd grade, however the ipad may be used for certain learning programs such as Reading A-Z, Extra Math and Epic Books.
- We do not yet know whether we will have to make up the cancelled school day on September 1st. School is scheduled for 183 days, and must be in session for 180. We will have to wait to see what the school board decides.

Committee Report / Upcoming Events

- School tool kit - Tara Simmons
    - 72 kits were sold this year for a profit of $344. The majority of the kits were sold to 3rd and 4th graders. Tara may explore a different vendor, as these kits were fairly expensive. We would like to make it more economical and more profitable. There was confusion with another school named Baker in Arkansas. Some families accidentally purchased kits through the wrong school.

- Membership - Betsy Wilson
    - 85 memberships have been purchased so far for this school year. Membership has been posted on the website and also in the weekly bulletin. We are hoping to have a presence at the open house as well.

- Baker Gardens - Pamela Scureman
    - So far there have been three opportunities to have people come together to work in the garden. The front of the school looks beautiful! Thank you to Pam, and to Bethany Salmen (co-chair) for your hard work. Thank you also to Simmons who donated a lot of the flowers.

- Staff Appreciation - Bethany Salmen
    - Milkshake Monday was a big hit! We will plan to do this again. Pencils, pens and notes were placed in teachers' mailboxes during the first week of school, as well as donuts and coffee for the staff and bus drivers. Next month there will be a breakfast hosted, with a sign up for donations through Sign Up Genius. We are also hoping for a December Dip Day, for all of the staff.

- Spirit Night - Sarah Cranganu
    - We are coordinating a number of "spirit nights" where Baker families can dine at a local establishment, and a certain percentage of the sales will then be donated to the PTA. Families must show a flyer, or mention that they are with Baker in order for us to receive the donation. Our first spirit night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd from 4-8 pm at the South Hills Village Chipotle. Please let Sarah know if you are interested in chairing our spirit nights. We would also like to look into spirit afternoons, so that teachers and staff can order food during the day for lunch.

- Spirit Wear - Sarah Cranganu
    - Items will be available to order next week and will be posted for 2 weeks. Once items have arrived they will be available to pick up in person. Date

and pick-up times TBD. Every class has a certain T-shirt color that can be ordered. It is not a requirement, but it is a shirt that they are able to wear for special school events during their time at Baker. These shirts will be available for purchase during this spirit wear drive.

- Original Works - Amanda Walton
    - Amanda hasn't heard back from Ms. Herbay whether or not she wants to continue with this. Original Works is a company where student artwork can be printed on certain items (coffee mugs, magnets, bags, cups etc.) and be purchased by families.

Appendix A - Attendees

1. Dr. McClintock-Comeaux
2. Sarah Cranganu
3. Kristen McIntyre
4. Tara Simmons
5. Jackie Barefoot
6. Betsy Wilson
7. Anne Scher
8. Bethany Salmen
9. Gina Pelusi
10. Christian D'Antonio
11. Christine Dunn
12. Diana Slanders
13. Ethan Fang
14. Farid Zerfa
15. Halley Casey
16. Hilary Moss Regan
17. Jason Curran
18. Jay Glunt
19. Jill Kazour
20. Katie Marsh
21. Kara Krebs
22. Kelsey Minerd
23. Lindsey Lowrie
24. Pamela Scureman
25. Shannon Higgins
26. Tish Gordon
27. Jill King
28. Amanda Walton
29. Alliyson Feldmann