**Baker PTA Meeting Minutes**

**November 11, 2021**

***Meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM***

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of September 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Treasurer's Report - Given by Kristen McIntyre**

- So far we are having more pre-covid activities this year. There has been an uptick in both income and expenses.
- We have had 2 successful spirit nights (OTB and Chipotle).
- Pint glass sales raised over $2000.
- We were able to resume some grade level activities this year.
- PTA has paid for 3 field trips (4th grade, 2nd grade and one of two 1st grade trips). A 3rd grade trip will be in the spring. These were all budgeted expenses.
- Hayride at Simmons, we wrote a check for $1819, but that cost was offset by parents purchasing tickets. Our net expense was only $1018. This was also a budgeted expense.
- At the next PTA meeting, Tara will present a report that compares our approved budget vs actual expenses.

**Secretary's Report - Anne Scher**

- Nothing to report

**President's Report - Sarah Cranganu**

- There will be no Enchanted Shop this year. It is too complicated with having to have three different lunch spaces right now. Hopefully it will return next year.
- Parents should have gotten an email about the USCSD Directory. We are using a service called Membership Toolkit. Last year we used AtoZ Connect. There is a way for you to purchase a printed directory, or you can get the app. It is very useful, but it is important that families please update their information. If you don't want your information in the directory, you are also able to select that option. Please reach out to Sarah Cranganu if you have any questions regarding the directory.

**Vice President's Report - Kristen McIntyre**

- The harvest parties on October 29th were very successful! Please submit your reimbursement requests to either Kristen or Tara Simmons.
- Planning for winter parties on December 22nd.

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

- Mrs. Covelli (3rd grade teacher) attended the meeting for representation of the teachers. Conferences were great, as well as the book fair and harvest parties. Teachers and students are super excited about upcoming and past field trips for this year. The teachers want to thank the PTA for the goodies and snacks during conferences, as well as the breakfast and milkshake day. They are also anxiously anticipating the soup lunch sometime this winter!
- Ms. Hill (resource teacher) will soon be going on maternity leave. Ms. Delgreco will be filling in while she is gone.
- Our first ALICE drill is scheduled for December 1st. We have been doing this safety program for a number of years now at Baker. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. Part of this program is reading part of a book entitled "I'm Not Scared...I'm Prepared!" The goal of the drill is not to raise concern. These drills will always be announced to parents ahead of time and they will be conducted in an age-appropriate manner. Another drill may be done in the spring.
- For Veteran's Day, Ms. Trollman coordinated all of the stars and letters to the veterans. The 4th graders made a video and were able to interview some veterans. The 2nd graders were able to have a couple of guest speakers come, and they all met outside.
- Regarding field trips, we are still following our health and safety plan, and students are sitting according to a seating chart on the bus.
- The masking mandate was challenged by the courts. Our school district has a health and safety plan, and nothing has changed. If anything changes to the mask mandate, that would be decided at a school board meeting. The next school board meeting is to be held on November 22nd.
- Baker will be seeking designation again as a No Place For Hate school. Ms. Rose has had all of the students sign the pledge. The goal is for this to become the culture at USC.

**Guest Speaker - Ms. Kristin Rose, Baker School Counselor**

- Ms. Rose is the school counselor, the baker buzz teacher and also a student advocate. She is available to all kids each week during baker buzz.
- All students have a 30 minute lesson every week. The topics vary, and may include respect, responsibility, integrity, bully prevention, bus safety, feeling identification, self-control, healthy choices, cooperation, interest/career exploration, growth mindset and time management.
- Baker's Anti-Bullying Rules: We will not bully others. We will try to help students who are bullied. We will try to include students who are left out. If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

- In November Ms. Rose will focus on gratitude, and what we are thankful for.
- Ms. Rose offers small groups. 3-4 groups meet each day (during arrival, lunch and baker boost). The groups are 6-8 sessions. Most groups are organized by grade level and topic (self-esteem/positive self-talk, making positive choices/self-regulation, maintaining friendship/social skills). Students can self refer themselves to these groups. They can also be referred to by their teachers.
- Baker Buddies Program is starting back up again this year. 1st and 2nd graders are paired up with 3rd and 4th graders. On December 3rd on World Kindness Day, the buddies will be able to meet up.
- Ms. Rose's goals are for all students to have a positive relationship with her. Students know that they can trust her to help them with issues that are causing stress and interfering with academics and peer relationships. To use classroom lessons and small group sessions to teach all students important social/emotional "norms" so that they are better able to take responsibility for their actions. To partner with parents to help support your child's academic and social/emotional growth and development.

**Committee Report/Upcoming Events**

- Book Fair - Diana Slanders
    - The book fair was very successful. The last in-person fair was in the Fall of 2019. This one was very busy, and there were a lot of purchases. $4800 was sold for the in-person part.

- Spelling Bee - Alyson Stockton
    - Alyston Stockton is going to chair. There will be an email going out, but the spelling bee is set for January 11th, with a make-up date of January 14th. It is going to be held in-person. This is for 4th graders only.

- Baker's Got Talent - Pam Scureman
    - Information for this will go out after Thanksgiving. The talent show is set for Saturday, January 29th with a rehearsal on Tuesday, January 25th. This is optional, but there are many opportunities for students to be involved even if they don't want to be a performer.

- Memory Book - Pam Scureman
    - 4 people have volunteered to help. They are going to collect information via a google form. They are hoping to collect all of the information by the end of January. The order has to be in by April 1st in order to have the books delivered by the end of May.

- Fall Spirit Wear
    - $300 was earned. Pick up is happening now. Thank you to Katy Cain for coordinating.

- Staff appreciation
    - A cookie table will be put together in December for the teachers. We are hoping to get 80 dozen cookies, and teachers will be able to make their own cookie tins to take home. Thank you to Bethany Salmen for coordinating.

- Fall Outreach
    - We are going to focus on Friendship Village. We are going to be encouraging students to make cards (they don't have to be holiday related). There will be a collection box in each classroom. Kids can make cards at home, or if there is indoor recess, they can also use this time to make them at school. We are calling this project "notes for neighbors".

- Read-A-Thon
    - Jessica Schroeck will be chairing. We will need volunteers to help! Please reach out to Sarah or Jessica.

- Baker Caper
    - Will will be holding an outdoor school wide gathering on May 20th. This "carnival" will include food trucks and a cake-walk in the Baker parking lot.

**Appendix A - Attendees**

1. Dr. McClintock-Comeaux
2. Sarah Cranganu
3. Kristen McIntyre
4. Jackie Barefoot
5. Betsy Wilson
6. Anne Scher
7. Jill King
8. Kelly Meyers
9. Lucy Curran
10. Gina Pelusi
11. Dawn Hanna
12. Alliyson Feldmann
13. Amanda Palermo
14. Alyson Stockton
15. Pamela Scureman
16. Kara Krebs
17. Jaclyn Covelli
18. Lindsey Lowrie
19. Diana Slanders
20. Annette Melendez
21. Kristin Rose

22. Ms. Covelli