Baker PTA Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of November 2021 Meeting Minutes

Guest Speaker - Ms. Linda Connor, Baker Librarian

- Ms. Connor is really enjoying being at Baker! One of the most important things to her is to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the students.
- Celebration books will be started. This will be a way for families to honor their child (big accomplishment, birthday, etc) and it will be a way to update the library's book collection. Ms. Connor will create a list on Amazon, and families will have the opportunity to purchase one of the books. A bookplate will be placed inside each of the books. An email will be sent out with more information.
- There is a way that families are able to see what books are checked out under their child's name. There is a link to the database on Ms. Connor's Canvas page entitled Destiny Button. She will add instructions on how to look up the information.

Treasurer's Report - Tara Simmons

- There is more activity this year with both expenses and income. The report shown goes through the end of December 2021. There has been $7800 spent over the year, with about $7000 brought in. There are field trips that were budgeted for and there have also been classroom parties. Our income has come from supply kits, notepads, pint glasses, membership dues and spirit nights. As of now we are doing just fine.

Correspondence - Anne Scher

- The board received a thank you note from the 1st grade teachers for covering the expenses for the Oliver Miller Homestead field trip.

Vice President's Report - Sarah Cranganu for Kristen McIntyre

- If you still need reimbursement for the winter parties, please get those to Tara Simmons as soon as possible.
- There will be Valentine's day parties for the kindergarteners. More details to come.

President's Report - Sarah Cranganu

- We have been thinking up ideas of what the PTA can give to the school. We wanted to do something for the specials teachers (Baker Buzz, art, gym, library, Spanish), and so we purchased I-Pad stands for each of the specials classrooms. We have some other ideas that we are working on, and will hopefully have more information soon.

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

- Mrs. Covelli - Thank you for the cookie party in December, and for all of the hard work on the winter parties for the students!

- The end of the second quarter is coming up. Kindergarteners will be getting their first report cards. Report cards will be coming out on January 31st.

- The health office is a busy place right now. Teachers and aides have been helping out for minor things (such as muddy clothes from recess).

- The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, January 10th.

- Last year the county gave the school guidelines to follow for closing school (due to COVID numbers). We don't have that now. There is always a possibility of having to close, however that would not be taken lightly. Staffing right now is our biggest issue.

Committee Report

- Outreach - Kara Krebs
  530 notes/cards were collected for Friendship Village! These were distributed the week leading up to Christmas. The residents loved receiving them. Thank you to our teachers and parents for assisting with this project!

- 4th Grade Memory Book - Pam Scureman
  We have two parents who are willing to help. Our deadline is to be finished by the end of April.

- Baker's Got Talent - Pam Scureman
  The deadline to sign up is January 7th. Please send Pam your music ASAP! Pam will send out more information next week if she is still in need of any help.

- Spelling Bee - Sarah Cranganu
  As of now we have 27 participants! The deadline to sign up is January 7th. If for some reason a student decides that he/she does not want to participate, that is completely fine. As of now, we will still be allowing parents to watch, in-person.

- Staff appreciation - Sarah Cranganu
  There will be a tailgate theme lunch for January 21st. A sign up genius will be going out.

- Read-a-thon - Sarah Cranganu
  The read-a-thon will be kicking off on February 25th! It is a week-long celebration of reading. Students will track the number of minutes that they read, or are read to. Prizes are given out throughout the week, as well as ribbons (based on minutes read). Bedtime stories this year will be virtual. Teachers will be recorded reading books, and families will be able to listen from the comfort of their own homes.
  Sarah would like to bring in a local celebrity to help with the celebration. If anyone has any contacts, please let her know!

- 3rd grade tile wall - Sarah Cranganu
  Information will be going out to the third grade parents soon.

Adjournment

Appendix A - Attendees

1. Dr. McClintock-Comeaux
2. Sarah Cranganu
3. Tara Simmons
4. Jackie Barefoot
5. Betsy Wilson
6. Anne Scher
7. Ms. Connor
8. Mrs. Covelli
9. Katie Marsh
10. Diana Slanders
11. Teresa Zerfa
12. Jessica Kulzer
13. Dawn Hanna
14. Kara Krebs
15. Pamela Scureman
16. Amanda Walton
17. Gina Pelusi