Baker PTA General Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 23, 2024
9:30am – VIRTUAL ONLY

Call to Order 9:34am

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Today's Agenda: motion to approve by Amanda Palermo; seconded by Halley Casey

Approval of April 11th Meeting Minutes: motion to approve by Alyson Stockton; seconded by Halley Casey

Treasurer's Report (Alyson Stockton)

- Cash Balance: $22,014.00
- Income:
    - Spring Book Fair: $1190
    - Chick-fil-a Spirit Night: $526.93
    - Primo Hoagies Spirit Night: $183
    - Read-a-thon: $1,167
    - Bingo: $785.09
- Expenditures:
    - $1141 Assemblies
    - $266 Tile Wall Deficit
    - $787 Variety Show
    - Field Trips — Last meeting, the Board voted to cover 100% of all field trips this year (including excess), and it was unanimously passed using a Membership Vote.
        - Budget for all Grades: $5500
        - Actuals for all Grades: $7441
    - Remaining Items for the Year
        - Field Day
        - 4th Grade Pool Party

- The 2024-25 Proposed Budget was presented at the last meeting
    - Since then, there was an added item in the budget for Miscellaneous to include things such as:
        - New Family Welcomes, Spring Into K, etc.
    - Classroom Party budget increased from $25 to $30
    - Total Line item cost increased from $1200 to $1440
    - Grade Party Budget not modified to per person cost due to lack of clear implementation method, so it will stay at $500.
    - 4th Grade Party Budget may need to be increased in the future.
- Motion to Approve Budget for 2024/25 School Year
        - Motioned by Lisa Schafer, seconded by Amanda Palermo
            - Budget was approved and adopted.

Teacher's Rep Report (Mrs. Connor) - Mrs. Connor is so appreciative for all the staff appreciation events and for all of the support of the parent volunteers that have been helping in the Baker Library. Please find and return all books that are overdue to the library. Friday is the last day to check out.

Secretary's Report - None to Report

President's Report (Kelly Meyers)

- Motion to Approve Proposed School Calendar for 2024/25 School Year
    - Motioned by Kristen McIntyre, seconded by Emily Hand
    - Note Modification on Proposed School Calendar:
        - Next year, the Spring Book Fair will be the week leading up to the Read-a-Thon Kick-off.
            - Ex: Spring Book Fair will be (Wed/Thurs), Read-a-Thon Kick-off would be Friday, & the Baker Bedtime Stories would be the following Weekend
    - Received Feedback
        - Talent Show timing - this past year it had been moved from January to April.
        - The plan is to keep it in April for the next coming year.

- Committee Chairs
    - Openings:
        - 1st Grade Social - Still need a few parent volunteers for this.
        - Spirit Nights
        - Chair-in-Training for Book Fair (Erica Moore will be aging out after next year.

Vice President's Report (Amanda Palermo)

- Home Room Coordinators:
    - Have been in touch with families for End-of-Year Teacher Contributions, please CC Amanda Palermo so that she can keep track.
    - No outstanding permits currently. Now that the calendar has been approved, let her know if you need a permit for an event.

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

- Wonderful Field Trip to Phipps yesterday (May 22nd), next up will be the Zoo field trip with the 3rd Grade class tomorrow (May 24th).
- Kindergarten Social was wonderful. Would like to continue this framework consistently each year, it was the perfect amount of fun & socialization for kids and parents.
- Spring into K
    - We currently have 88 students registered for Kindergarten and will likely get more students as time goes on.
    - Numbers for school are higher than they have been for 20 years.
- 4th Grade Musical
    - Amazing experience for everyone involved. Please encourage upcoming 4th Graders to participate in some way.
- Parent Info Forms due by May 30th
    - The feedback portion filled in by the parents is so helpful as well.

Committee Reports/Upcoming Events

- School Supply Kits:
    - Baker PTA arranges for this optional service every Spring as a way to help save time for parents shopping for school supplies.
        - There was an issue with the website but it is fixed now. The 3rd & 4th Grade kits have decreased in price; refunds will be issued for those that have already purchased.
    - Supply Kit Sale will open in May and close in June.

    - Pick up date will be Wednesday, August 7th at Baker Gym entrance. 10am to 12pm. If you cannot make the pickup, try to find a neighbor/friend that could pick up your kit for you. If you are unable to get your kit either of those ways, we will find an alternate time to get your kit to you.
    - Sale Information will be coming out soon on how to purchase. You will be able to purchase on the Baker PTA website.
        - This is a small fundraiser for Baker PTA. A few dollars per kit goes to Baker PTA. Thank you for your support! Last year, we sold 200+ kits and raised over $900 for Baker PTA.
- After School Specials
    - Thank you to everyone for their help and support!
    - These will be offered again in the fall. No specific details yet, but will keep everyone posted.
    - If you would like to help, Committee volunteers are welcomed!
- Baker Gives Back — Katie Marsh / Kara Krebs
    - (Kara) Pajamas Drive went really well. Holly Fisher is going to deliver everything this week.
    - It was a great year!
    - Sign Ups for Next Year
        - What is it?
            - Community Service/Giving Back to Community/Baker
            - 3rd & 4th Graders
        - Sign-Ups will go out the first week of school. It is first come, first served. Will give preference to 4th Graders since it is their last year at Baker.
        - There will be a separate sign-up for the Fall sent by Dr. McClintock-Comeaux.
            - There was a nice article about Friendship Village's Valentine's Day Party in USC Today, including the letters sent from Baker.
- Field Day - Betsy Wilson
    - Had a tremendous response for volunteers. There are plenty of volunteers but she will leave the sign-ups open for last minute unexpected drop-outs. Slotting volunteers with assignments will be sent by Monday.
    - If anything arises and you are unable to volunteer, please let Betsy/Kara/Kristen know asap.
    - No siblings please.
    - Volunteers will be needed for the full day, you will have time for a quick lunch.
    - Kindergarten Field Day is a separate event, it is this coming Wednesday, May 29th, with a Rain Date of Thursday, May 30th.
    - Grades 1-3 is May 31st with a Rain Date of the following Monday.
- Grade Level Socials
    - Amanda - 2nd grade social went well!
    - 1st Grade Social - April 19th
    - Kindergarten Social: Went awesome, close to 100 kids. It was a Carnival theme. There was an inflatable obstacle course, face painting, balloon animals, a professional DJ, lots of fun games, dancing and socializing. Everyone had a great time.
    - 3rd Grade Social - Lots of fun had by all.

    - 4th Grade Pool Party - June 4th
        - Lisa Schafer and Katie Marsh are finishing details, everything is ready to go.
        - There is not a rain date as of now (which is standard) - the party still can happen, only lightning and thunder would cancel.
        - It will be held at Montclair Pool
        - Thank you to everyone that ordered a Bundle - Class of 2032 T-shirt & Memory Book
            - Should arrive early next week and will be delivered to students next week so that they can wear their class T-shirts to Field Day.
- 3rd Grade Tile Wall – Leigh Slowey -
    - 3rd Grade Tile Wall (Kelly Meyers for Leigh Slowey)
        - 72 Tiles completed
            - 67 tiles from students this year, 5 tiles from last year (due to mixup last year)
        - Produced by Original Works and they have arrived at Baker.
        - Next step is installation, the Murray family from Rusmur Flooring has donated a box of filler tiles to our project. We are hoping they will install again for a reasonable price.
        - Leigh will connect with Mrs. Rooney about the timing of the installation.
        - Once installed, an email will be sent with a picture of the final install so that everyone knows where to look when you come into Baker.
        - Thank you to everyone that created and submitted artwork. Big thank you to Mrs. Rooney for all her help in facilitating this project.
- Spirit Nights – (Diana Slanders)
    - Last one was May 16th at Millie's in Bridgeville. We do not have the final total as of yet.
- Staff Appreciation – (Bethany Salmen)
    - It has been a busy May, everything has gone well so far!
    - End of the Year – Raffle Baskets - Staff Favorites
        - Last event of the year, the baskets are due by next Friday.
        - 18 baskets submitted so far - Examples: Spa Day, Backpack North Face w/ North Face Gear, Tailgate Wagon w/ Beer, Ready for the Summer Basket (Always looking for more!)
        - Will draw names last week of school - June 3rd or 4th
        - All staff are included: Office, Bus Drivers, etc.
        - Donations include gift cards, flowers, etc.
        - There will be some type of lunch every day that week for staff.
        - There will be a theme every day of the week.
        - Dr. McClintock-Comeaux is passing out tickets to the staff to submit a chance to win a basket at the end of the year.
        - Sign up if you would like to donate a basket – go in with friends to make it more fun and affordable! PTA: Baker PTA Raffle Baskets (signupgenius.com)
        - Bring baskets to office, they will stay at a safe space in the school.

Election

- **Halley Casey Nominated for VP**

- **Heather Elmer Nominated for Treasurer**
    - **Unanimously approved by vocal vote by all on call.**
        - **“I” by all Elected Officers**
        - **All members say “I will”**

Baker PTA Board 2024/2025 School Year

- **President - Amanda Palermo**
- **1st Vice President - Halley Casey**
- **Secretary - Emily Hand**
- **Treasurer - Heather Elmer**
- **Board Advisor - Kelly Meyers**
    - **Unanimously approved by vocal vote by all on call.**
        - **“I will” by all Officers**
        - **All members say “I will”**

Members on call all also pledged their support for the Officers, Baker PTA and school, stating “I will”

Installed for the 2024/25 School Year

Thank you to our outgoing Officers, Kristen McIntyre, Alyson Stockton. And thank you to Mrs. Connor, our Teachers’ Rep.

Adjournment 10:22am

Attendees (Virtual Only)

Dr. Patrick McClintock-Comeaux

Kelly Meyers

Amanda Palermo

Alyson Stockton

Kristen McIntyre

Emily Hand

Halley Casey

Heather Elmer

Jaspreet Kaur

Kara Krebs

Kate Kleinbaum

Linda Connor

Lindsey O

Lisa Schafer

Betsy Wilson

Gina Pelusi

Lucy Curran

Mitchell Minerd

Natalie Jaskowski

Pamela Scureman

Sarah Cranganu

Tere Zerfa

Bethany Salmen