Baker PTA General Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2026

9:32am – 10:44 am, virtual

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Agenda - APPROVED
- Approval of January 2026 Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
- Special Guests: Boyce Principal Tom Kaminski and School Counselor Amy Antonio

- Intro. From Tom Kaminski/ Overview of Boyce and transition into 5th grade
- Amy Antonio - can be a scary transition but Boyce is going to make it great. May 22nd Amy Antonio comes to Baker to talk to the students about the transition; called a “middle school” but with an elementary school feel.
- Last week of school Baker 5th graders go to Baker to check it out
- Open in summer too if parents want to walk around/ take a look
- First few weeks of school teachers walk students to all classes- they will not get lost/ they will feel comfortable
- Parents will get a letter mid-May- a form with questions about the child. This is optional. 4th grade teachers fill out academic info. On each student. Ms. Rose will also speak to Amy Antonio about all students coming to Boyce.
- Review gifted, need extra help?
- No guarantee students will be placed with friends or specific teachers. Still write it down in form- but please understand with placements with scheduling it is a puzzle.
- The biggest 5th grade class to come to Boyce in years.
- Open PTO positions at Boyce!
- More time on Chromebooks at Boyce than Baker, but less than at Fort Couch. - A

balanced approach, peer to peer time, tests on Chromebooks like all of PA. Canvas is how students submit their homework- takes some time/ a big shift. Even when they read books/ write on paper- submit on Canvas.

- Teacher Representative- Mrs. Trollman
  - Some kids are nervous/ some thrilled for Boyce. Mrs. Antonio comes to each classroom for an in depth Q/A.
  - Move up day is so a fun day for kids- can also meet kids from other elementary schools
  - If you need anything for your soon to be 5th grader over the summer- teachers and Mrs. Rose is there/ they care.
  - Super Bowl lunch was so special/ amazing.
  - Baker Cultural Fair- great feedback from event; each family was filmed- morning news highlighted each family
  - Baker Bingo- heard great things
  - Arts USC- kids love seeing the art/ the judging
  - Book Fair- smoothly run event
  - Baker Bedtime stories- a lot of work, but a special event.
    - Hot cocoa part- better landing part? Color a bookmark while waiting? A long line
  - Baker has Talent- heard great things.
  - Thanks to all parents for all of the events.

- Treasurer's Report- Beth Dunn
  - 2026-27 Budget for Review

  - Link to proposed budget/ review
  - Please submit expenses asap as Beth will be out of town much of June
  - Still have expenses to add
  - PTA notepads- not selling as many- only sold 15 this year; now that most people email Ms. Rooney.
    - Do we still need them?
    - Have QR code and can print at home

    - Boo Bash- best year yet even with storms
    - Spiritwear- New store this year or refresh?
    - Memberships are up for PTA
    - Holiday shop- increase of $100
    - Book Fair has done very well for last 2 years- we use scholastic dollars to give to librarian and purchase prizes
    - Spirit Nights –not much income here- other places to try/ look into?
    - Bingo- left budget as is- less people came this year and it still did very well
    - Read a thon- leave as is
    - School supplies- each year we sell a bit less; not sure why
    - Wall tile project- have been lucky instal has been donated; leave extra funds in case

- Givebacks- anyone can sign up for this- can get cash back. $30-$40 month
- Leaves us with bringing in $29,030 for next year
- PTC dues up $100
- Grade level socials: Have heard that we all want a bit more; so we will be giving $2k for 4th Grade, and other grades $750.
- More funds for kinder filed trip
- Variety Show- up budget to $1k
- New family welcome- extra $50
- Gifts to school- removed headphones, now in school supply list
- - everything else same for Gifts to School
- May be a small increase for Author days
- Budget as is $36,450, spend $37k, overage of $865 (we tend to not spend all of our line items - misc. For example, or party reimbursements - should have $700 left or more); so it will balance out, tip into positive.
- For committee chairs: we did take everything into account

● Secretary's Report- Maya Brook

● President's Report- Halley Casey

○ 2026-27 PTA Calendar for Review

- Reviewed as Exec. Board last week and made some updates
- Boo Bash this year is earlier 10/9; hope for better weather- HRC call will happen first week of school to get baskets going right away
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● Vice President's Report- Samantha Adler - next year's President. She is not moving and is excited to be the President next year.

○ 2026–27 Executive Board Nominations (will vote next month)

■ Stephanie Uram, Vice President

- Oldest is in kinder, excited to get involved. Two other younger children

■ Alex Zanic, Secretary

- Has a son in first grade, HRC this year and last year, also has a 4 and 2 year old.
- Husband is from USC.
- Excited to get involved

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

- Next month will vote on Exec. Board
- Those with a child in 1st grade- Mrs. Densmore is taking a leave of absence for the rest of the year. Ms. Lopez is stepping in- a great fit for the kids.
- Next two weeks PSSAs- send Chromebooks in and keep charged, all PSSAs on Chromebooks now. (3rd and 4th graders)

- Back to Boyce- if you have someone that your child should NOT be with do put that in the questionnaire. That's important to know more than who they want.
    - Homework - less take home- they will have more time in classroom at Boyce to complete
- OLSAT- will mail paper copies when we receive

● Committee Reports/Recent & Upcoming Events -

● Unfinished Business

○ Proposed gift to school: school community seating on the lower level we will vote to approve at the next meeting after finalizing numbers ○ Open 2026–27 committee chair positions have been posted and we will reach out to confirm chairs soon from those who have responded to the signup and will continue to fill the positions through the end of the year and into the fall as needed

● New Business

○ Discussion of afterschool specials

- After school specials-
    - We don't make money on it, it is very hard to find volunteers, considering not having them and then see what the parent's feedback is about not having them.
    - Massive car lines, not enough volunteers to keep everything safe
    - Have less next year? Scale back and simplified, but still have a couple of options?
    - Price points were high- not as a fundraiser- just what companies charge
    - This is not the same as the school run programs- robotics and intramurals
    - Only volunteers - Meg Holt and Co-Chair- handling all paperwork and coordination this year (was more of a second job)
    - Open to more discussions and feedback; needs to make a change and what does that look like?

    Committee Reports:

    - Memory 4th Grade Books- Can buy memory books now
    - Staff Appreciation Week:
        - First week of May- email will go out soon; something planned for staff each day
        - Sunday- "chalk the walk" messages of appreciation
        - Monday- Hydration Station, keep special cup
        - Tuesday- Garden on Corner (Baker mom)- make own bouquet
        - Wed- Massages
        - Thurs- Star night- iced coffee/ snack mix
        - Friday- lunch planned at Moes

- Wish List is filled!
- 4th grade shirts- last call
- Third Grade tile wall: over 3/4th of class submitted. All ready to ship out

Adjournment

Attendees:

Special Guests: Boyce Principal Tom Kaminski / School Counselor Amy Antonio

Dr. McClintock-Comeaux
Halley Casey
Maya Brook
Amanda Palermo
Samantha Adler
Beth Dunn
Lindsay Minerd
Ms. Trollman
Alex Zanic
Amanda Walton
Daisy Miksch
Hilary Regan
Lauren Olack
Meghan Mechlem
Stephanie Uram
Kelly Meyers
Diana Slanders
Bethany Salmen
Emily Hand

Minutes by Maya Brook, PTA Secretary