

Baucom Elementary PTA

General Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2022 via Zoom

Call to Order, Welcome: 23 members present

Approval of November Minutes - (no December meeting)

http://www.baucompta.org/uploads/9/6/2/9/96295490/pta_minutes- november 2021.pdf

Treasurer's Report -

- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Cd_d8JgN0HKhtVKBHHJZ3WyM2jMwPD8e/edit?usp=sharing&oid=117001652383124332611&rtfpof=true&sd=true
- The Holiday Cares program paid around \$4,900 to identified families via gift cards. PTA used the extra money we raised beyond our goal for our custodian and bus drivers.
- A local community member made a \$1000 donation to sponsor the teacher holiday lunch.

Administrative Reports

- Dr. Saunders
 - Staff is stretching to cover staff absences. We REALLY need substitute teachers, even if it's one day a week.
 - We also need a covid care center attendant. It's an hourly position.
 - Baucom is the overflow school for Scott's Ridge. Families districted to Scott's Ridge get callbacks in May and early January. A few students will return to Scott's Ridge. Apex Friendship Elementary is opening soon. 45 students earmarked to attend there. Families will decide what they are going to do. The opening of Apex Friendship will reduce the number of overflow students we get from Scott's Ridge. Dr. Tanner Gamble, principal of Apex Friendship, will be reaching out to families that may be affected later this week or early next week. Baucom's overall size will probably decrease a bit in 2022-2023.
The rebuild plans were presented in a School Board committee meeting in December. The meeting went well. Floorplans are still being tweaked. Dr. Saunders hopes to be able to share a more solid plan somewhat soon. We will probably swing to Wood's Creek in January of 2023. Demolition is currently set to begin in February of 2023.

Committee Reports

- Reflections (Lynette Sapienza): Baucom had 2 county winners (Claire Beahm, Evan Barnhart). The Night of the Arts is April 21 to recognize Reflections winners. Mr. Chapman will have art on display. There may be a music performance as well.
- Spirit Nights (Karen Riedl): Reduced price tickets are available for the February 27 Hurricanes game. A portion of the ticket price goes back to Baucom PTA. She is also working on a spirit night at Panera for the week of February 10th. Watch out for that flier in early February.
- Science Expo (Kristin Kullman): We have 100 registrants. She is working on layout of projects and logistics. We may divide the groups into two segments, and make use of one-way traffic. If your child is registered and you have not picked up their board, please come get it in the office as soon as possible. If you have not gotten any communication about the science expo and your child is registered, please contact Christina Owen at christina.anne.owen@gmail.com. The PTA meeting will be before the expo on February 8 in person in the media center.

- 5th grade (Lisa Cotterill/ Heather Johnson): We had a contest for 5th graders for the design of the t-shirt. Devin Kofford's design won. The yard sign design is ready. Boosterthon's yard signs are cheaper than other options, so we went with them. Be on the lookout for a flier about 5th grade shirts and signs.
- The school spelling bee (3-5 grade) is on Friday, January 14. The PTA will sponsor a \$50 Amazon gift card for first prize and a \$25 gift card for the runner up.
- The Soup-er Bowl teacher appreciation event is Friday, February 11.

President's Report

- In Progress:
 - Visiting Author/Cultural Arts Research (likely March 17th or 25th): Jaime Dixon is working on this. We have a possible candidate. We would like the event to take place in person. It would be in the gym by grade level.
 - Ways to spend Boosterthon Money: The PTA board surveyed the staff to ask how they would like to see the money spent. It was focused on STEAM related items (in house field trips by grade, STEAM night, STEAM manipulatives teachers can check out) or another round of \$100 for certified staff. The staff preferred checks and in house field trips by grade level. The PTA board will meet to determine final spending details.
 - Run Club: Michelle Rieber is heading this up. She is hoping to get it going in the spring, after school once/week.
 - Friday Night Family Night (April 1st): We can't justify a fundraiser at this point. We are going to transition this to a family fun night outside sponsored by the PTA with food trucks and inflatables. The PTA may possibly provide dessert tickets that can be given out to attendees. More will be communicated coming up.
 - Baucom Marathon (April 8th): Registration paperwork will go out early to mid February for tracking miles.
 - If you are interested in helping with any of the events listed above, please email Christina Owen at christina.anne.owen@gmail.com.

Upcoming events:

- *January 17th & 18th: No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday & Teacher Workdays
- *February 8th: 6 pm PTA Meeting & 6:30-8 Science Expo
- *February 11th: Soup-er Bowl Lunch
- *February 18th: No School, Teacher Workday
- *February 21st: No School, Vacation Day
- *February 27th: 1 pm Spirit Event with the Hurricanes