

**PTA MEETING MINUTES**  
**A.V. Baucom Elementary School**  
**October 13, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE:** see attached attendance sheet

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Baucom Elementary School PTA meeting was called to order on October 13, 2020 at 6 pm via Zoom. Christina Owen was presiding.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The September PTA meeting minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Alison Edmonds, See attached budget  
-Biggest expense was paying for the PTA website for 5+ years

**ADMINISTRATION REPORT:** Dr. Saunders

-Lots of planning going on as we plan for K-3 to start with one round of cohorts and then full time, and then 4-5 to start in cohorts.

**-Changes to the VA schedule with the daily schedule with live instruction ending no later than 3 pm. VA teachers will be pulled to help with Plan B students.**

Asynchronous learning should continue until 3:45 pm when school ends. Changes to schedules will start 10/26.

-In a regular school day you don't get 7 straight hours of direct instruction but it's interspersed with small group learning and asynchronous learning.

**- Plan B students will find that the school day will look very different** from what they're used to as there will be minimal/no sharing of resources and group/partner work. Plus, they will be wearing masks all day.

-The plan was to have a parent survey at the end of October to indicate their decision for the 2nd semester but due to large amounts of feedback from parents, it's been decided the **Parent survey for 2nd semester decisions will go out either right before or right after Thanksgiving once families have a chance to see how Plan B goes.** The later the survey is delayed, the more difficult it is for schools to figure out logistics for 2nd semester.

-Working on duty schedules for arrival for health screenings, lunch supervision so teachers can have duty free lunch, Covid Health Care Center for kids who don't pass the health screening to wait.

-For **Plan A/B student lunch** we have enough personnel for K-1 to eat in classroom, grades 2-3 will space out in the cafeteria during cohorts but eat in classrooms when back full time, grades 4-5 will eat in cafeteria in cohorts, all facing the same direction.

-**Dismissal**: car riders will have to dismiss from classrooms, each student will be assigned a number, teacher will radio the numbers of the kids who are ready for pick up which will be entered into the computer and will show up on the smartboard in the classrooms, will maintain social distancing during dismissal, adults will be stationed along the hallways to make sure kids are distancing

-**Big concern for 2nd semester is possible teacher changes.** At Baucom teachers are assigned to teach either VA or plan B. Depending on who changes to what venue and depending on numbers teacher assignments could change.

-Teachers are working to make Plan B in person schedules to look very similar to the VA schedules so that the in person week isn't too intense and then there's learning loss the other 2 weeks.

-**Each grade level will decide how to handle the Plan B in person/remote.** For example, in 1st grade the teachers will livecast their lesson being taught to the in person class to their remote students. Other grades will team teach and utilize other formats.

-Christina Jenkins will fill in for Ms. Huffman when she goes on maternity leave next week. Will return Jan 25.

#### **-Parent Questions**

How will things look for **walkers**? Ms. Groseclose will do the health screenings for and be in charge of walkers.

**How many kids** do you anticipate coming back? Class sizes in K-2 are small because of the state class size mandate. Average class sizes are K-18, 1st- 16, 2nd- 17. 3rd grade is 20 this year but that number will go down next year.

-Will we always lose the same **specials on asynchronous days**? Looking into doing some kind of flip flop of the previous day or possibly numbering the specials and rotating each day skipping the no school/asynchronous days. This may cause a lot of confusion and complications for families, so may not end up being feasible.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

-**Teacher Innovation Awards**: Christina Owen for Heather Johnson  
\$5800 budgeted but no grants filled out so we'll table it and send it out again in November once teachers get a better handle on what's needed

-**Spirit Wear**: Soo Kim

Planning on distributing new spiritwear and directories on Oct 22 during the school wide materials pick up day

-**Membership/Directory**: Megan Alexander

Work is underway on directories right now and will be ready for pick up 10/22.

**-Hospitality:** Windie Cronrath

We have some items left from previous days and there will be another sign up genius to supplement the supply so goodie bags can be placed in each teacher's mailbox during the week of 10/26

**-Week of Gratitude:** Lisa Cotterill

11/20 is Pie Day and we'll use that week to do a week of gratitude for teachers, **11/16-11/20**. Lisa will be reaching out to the teachers to make sure each class has a room parent to coordinate Teacher Gratitude Week. Will be working to assign non-classroom teachers to classes so that every staff member gets appreciated.

-Dr. Saunders remarked that efforts like this makes such a difference and helps teachers feel so supported at Baucom. There are many teachers who are scared because they didn't go into teaching to be front line workers so massive resignations are not an unconsidered possibility. Other schools and areas are already starting to see issues with teacher resignations. Parent support and recognition makes a world of difference in encouraging teachers.

**-Go Play Save:** Christina Owen

\$2100 net profit, giftcards which are prizes for best sellers will be mailed to homes

## **PRESIDENT REPORT:**

**-Yearbook help or photos**

Upload pictures for the yearbook at the link below. Kristin McClure is working on getting the yearbook together and needs pictures from families.

<https://plicbooks.com/guest/uploader/e3ac2971-10c0-41dc-8c7e-a3749e1c7a32?school=A.V.%20Baucom%20Elementary%20School%202021%20YB&embeddedTags=destinationAlbum-64622a0e-a635-4bf7-a270-9e899bbad943&destinationName=Parent%20Pictures>

**-No Hassle Fundraiser tabled**

We don't know what Baucom's needs are at this point because so many things are up in the air and we also still have money left over from last year. We can pull out the fundraiser at any point as needs arise.

**-Business Donations**

Donations from 3 companies enabled the purchase of 15 stand up desks for the VA teachers who wanted them and small giftcards to be used as prizes for the staff self-care bingo.

**-Ongoing Fundraisers**

Amazon Smile, search "Baucom PTA" and our school will be pulled up, can link your Harris Teeter card to AV Baucom

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- \*October 22nd (8am-5pm) - whole school material pick up days
- \*October 23rd - Teacher Workday, end of the 1st Nine Weeks
- \*October 26th - Plan B Grades K - 3 begin rotations in the school building
- \*November 2nd - Fall Book Fair Begins online (Bedford Falls)
- \*November 10th at 6:00 pm via Zoom - next PTA meeting
- \*November 12th - Spirit Night at Panera