

PTA MINUTES
A.V. Baucom Elementary School
February 9, 2021

Attendance: Cathay Thibeault, Christina Owen, Soo Kim, Heather Johnson, Jeff Morrison, Carrie Huffman, Jennifer DeVarnne, Brian Saunders, Alison Edmonds, Purvi, Megan Alexander, Mark Fusseli, Karen, Stephanie Amor, Lynn Beahm, Michelle Bevil

Call to Order: The Baucom Elementary School PTA meeting was called to order on February 9, 2021 at 6 pm via Zoom. Christina Owen was presiding.

Approval of Minutes: The December PTA meeting minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote. There was no January PTA meeting since there was no new business.

Treasurer Report: Alison Edmonds

*In December "Aviators Assisting Aviators" brought in \$2,500 in donations which were used to buy gift cards for needy Baucom families.

*We had \$1,000 in donations from our community partners for a staff luncheon of which we spent \$800, leaving us \$200.

*There were no budget changes in January. No income is expected for the rest of the year.

Administration Report: Brian Saunders

***Middle School Open House**

These are the dates for we have so far for rising 6th graders. These will happen via Google Meet.

AMS- Thurs 2/25, AFMS and LMS- 3/4, SMS- TBD

***Baucom Open Staff Positions**

Baucom qualified for a 3rd IA in Pre-K so we're in the process of looking but the candidate pool is very small. We also had an IA for an IEP student who moved to take a position in Durham.

***In Person Learning**

Baucom is already prepped from kids being in person before. In K-3 there was a classroom full of kids for each grade level who switched to In Person. Ms. O'Brochta, Ms. Deal, Ms. Groseclose, and Ms. Hunt switched from VA to in person. No big changes for eating lunch in the cafeteria because 4/5 are coming in cohorts. The In Person kids had already been maintaining a 6 ft distance for eating. The biggest difficulty would've been if 4/5 came back full time because there are 31/32 kids in each class. In cohorts there are 10-13 kids in each group including kids of employees who get to attend everyday. The 4/5 room capacity is 20/21 kids. If 4/5 came back full time, and if the county followed through on their plans of not allowing rooms to exceed capacity, it would've meant pulling all the IAs to supervise groups of students placed in other spaces.

***Covid Quarantine**

If you have Covid, the quarantine period is 10 days. If you're exposed to someone with Covid, the quarantine period is 14 days. If someone you live with has Covid, the quarantine period is the sick person's 10 days plus your 14 days, unless you have a negative PCR test. This creates staffing issues at a lot of schools. Baucom is in pretty good shape because we have 3 regular subs we can call on.

***Baucom Renovation**

No updates yet. A team came out before Thanksgiving to inspect the school to make a recommendation on reno vs. rebuild. Baucom is still on the calendar to swing to Wood Creek ES in August 2023 and to return to Baucom in 2024.

President Report: Christina Owen

***Staff Valentine's Day Cards-** PTA sent out handwritten thank you cards and gift cards to all Baucom staff for Valentine's Day to show our appreciation.

***Bedtime Stories-** Starting in March there will be Bedtime Story events with volunteer staff from Baucom. It will be on various M-F days and 7 PM or 7:30 PM.

***Grant-** Erin Cosgrave applied for and got us a \$5,000 grant from the Robert McEldowney Jr. Family Foundation. Holding onto this money for now in case it's needed to provide supplemental summer programs for Baucom students.

Officer Reports:

***Teacher Innovation Awards-** Heather Johnson, 5 different teachers applied and we were able to award grants to all 5 applicants. Two teachers asked for document cameras. Ms. DeVarnne and Ms. Hunt asked for BeeBots which will be used to work on coding. Mr. Stack asked for Wedo Lego kits and we were able to provide 1 kit to supplement the 13 he already has from another grant.

***Hospitality-** Alison Edmonds, any food provided for the staff needs to be individually packaged and commercially prepared so that limits what we can do for staff events. On Wednesday, 2/24 which is an asynchronous day, PTA will provide 3 snack stations. There will be a sign up genius sent out for families to donate snacks for this event. We will repeat these snack stations a few more times in the coming months.

***Visiting Author-** Mimi McCloskey, David Biedrzycki is the author who was supposed to come to our school last year. On Friday, 4/9 he will do a virtual visit with our school. 4/5- 1 PM, 2/3- 1:45 PM, K/1- 2:30-3. Poster contest winners will do a live drawing session with him at 3:15. He will also do a Bedtime Story event on Tuesday, 3/23 at 7 PM.

***5th Grade-** Michelle Deese, Currently taking designs for the 5th grade tshirt and the deadline is this Friday. Not planning any end of year events yet because they're waiting to see what happens in terms of restrictions.

Upcoming Events:

*2/15- Calendar Out Day, No School for students

*2/16- Teacher Work Day, No School for students

*2/24- Snack Stations for teachers

*3/16- 6 PM, next PTA meeting, this meeting has been changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month because of school out days