

Baker Drive PAC Meeting

October 17, 2023, 7 PM Zoom Call

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Keller moved, Colleen seconded

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM September 19

Colleen moved, Rajesh seconded

INTRODUCTIONS - Corinne Hansen (Chair)

- Welcome all to the meeting - Land Acknowledgment
- Approved agenda and minutes from the previous meeting

Treasurer's Report - Colleen

- Colleen stepped in to present the treasurer's report as Dragana was absent.
- The group voted to adjust the budget to accommodate a rise in the number of students, which was projected to increase fundraising efforts. Colleen highlighted changes to the budget, including increases in classroom consumables and field trip expenses. The total budget was increased by approximately \$1,500.
- Corinne sought a motion to approve the budget changes, which was approved by Terri, and Rajesh.
- The September report showed a high revenue, pending checks, and costs that were not fully accounted for, leading to a large number for school supplies. The group was also approved for a gaming grant of around \$4,500.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Joe Jamieson

- Halloween - Oct 31st two events, we need parent volunteers for pumpkin carving to collect pumpkins and to label pumpkin. We will have a costume parade early in the school gym.
- Remembrance day assembly - Parents are welcome to attend and ask for their contribution to a slideshow featuring photos of first responders.
- Interim Report - Highlighted the importance of interim reports going home this week, emphasizing they provide a snapshot of student performance and are a tool for decision-making. He also noted they cover academics, executive functioning, and classroom behavior. Oct 26 - Early dismissal by 12:40 PM. Interim report parents can request a meeting. It can be scheduled on this day. In many cases, it is not necessary to meet.
- He also spoke about the upcoming class review process, which involves staff members discussing classroom dynamics and setting competency goals. He expressed the

excitement for the process and its potential for improving overall classroom and school performance.

- At the October staff meeting discussed an issue regarding students bringing toys and especially Pokemon cards to school, causing significant challenges. He also informed the group that would send an email to families, requesting that they no longer bring toys and Pokemon cards to school. This will be a positive change for the community.
- Lost n found - it fills up so quickly. He expressed the need for families to check the lost and found more frequently to retrieve valuable items. It is put out so that parents can see and recover it.

PAC Updates - Corinne Hansen

- Halloween dance - everyone should have received mail on the last wave of tickets. Kristin is leading the event. Thanks to all the parents volunteers. Preorders will done on October 23rd. Pizza on day sale will happen with limited options.
- Halloween Firework update - If you are new to baker drive, prior to covid we had fireworks after halloween. We have to go through a certain channel to use the school land. We need permission from the School Board and potential liability concerns. Jamieson mentioned ongoing communication with the executive director of facilities and a plan to take the issue to a committee of peers. The outcome of this meeting was not known at the time of the PAC meeting. He also discussed the ongoing challenges related to the situation at Hazel Trembath elementary school, and the subsequent allocation of resources towards supporting affected students and staff. Corinne acknowledged the community's interest in the situation and assured everyone that more information would be shared as soon as possible.
- Bear wear - still looking for a trainee, it will run in november.
- Trivia night - Nov 24th, planning is done for that. Colleen updated that it is a work in progress, and can reserve tables by purchasing. Jamieson will check whether we can get to the gym early for this.
- Block party - Corinne emphasized the need for someone to take lead of the block party happening in June 2024, promising that it would be a fun and help-filled experience.
- Hot lunch remainders - Orders for next month close on 20th of the previous month.
- Communication - we are doing it through email, instagram, fb account.

Kids Holiday Market Update - Terri Besworth (for Jennifer), Joe Jamieson

- Jamieson gave an update on the Christmas gift exchange. He discussed the scheduling conflicts around school activities and events, particularly in the month of December. There was a discussion about the annual winter concert and the gift exchange event, which was moved to an earlier date to accommodate curling. Terri emphasized the need for feedback from teachers and students to enhance these events and potentially incorporate them into classroom learning. Additionally, Terri discussed the need for help sorting gifts for the kids' Christmas market and requested the gym from Tuesday after school until Friday. Jamieson agreed to book off the gym for these dates.
- Terri will coordinate with Jennifer about storage arrangements for the Christmas market items.
- Terri and Colleen discussed the Christmas market experience where children exchange gifts they have chosen themselves. Colleen expressed some confusion about the

process but acknowledged that her kids enjoyed it and still use the items they brought home. Keller, representing a teacher's perspective, agreed, highlighting children's enjoyment of selecting their own gifts and the surprise element. The group discussed the activity's benefits, such as learning independence and caring for family, with parents given a template to determine their spending and shopping. Any leftover items are donated.

Grade 5 Committee Update - Gill/Terri

- We had our first meeting, all the hoodies are ordered now. Jamieson confirmed 25th of June will be the ceremony, 24th will be the field trip.
- Corinee and Terri discussed the grade 5 Hoodie Coordinator email and Whatsapp chat for contacting parents.
- Priya asked about joining whatsapp group. She also asked about before/after care spots. The team agrees to forward the information to Colleen, who will forward it to Priya's. They also discuss the need for more information on aftercare centers in the area and the challenges of finding spaces.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Colleen moved and Kristin seconded

Attendees:

Rajesh Kumar, Colleen O'Connor, Joe Jamieson, Terri Besworth, Corinne Hansen, Cooper Heibloom, Kelsey Keller, Kristin Vandegriend, Camille, Ashley, Xiaodi, Kim, Priya, Maryann Weaver, Tamara D, Alia Shabani

Board Members:

Corinne Hansen Chair | Colleen O'Connor, Past Chair | Dragana Pavlica, Treasurer and Assistant | Rajesh Kumar, Secretary | Gill Tempest/ Cooper Heibloom Communications | Betty Wang, Kimberley McCarthy - Hot Lunch | Christie Nelson, DPAC Representative | Michelle Chan - After School Program Lead | Gerry Besworth, Milk/Fruit and Veggie | Joe Jamieson, Principal