Baltimore Public School – Parent Council

Meeting Minutes –February 15, 2023

Members Present: Renee Cameron, Jane Oulahen, Breeann Cochrane, Natasha Kryger-Wilson, Kendra Kryger-Wilson, Lindsey Logel, Rachel Finlay, Trish Lorenz, Brittany Heenan, Anthony Bassutti, Chelsea Neill, Jen Chilvers, Danielle Dafoe

Opening statement from Renee, and welcome for her first meeting at Baltimore Public School as Principal!

• Minutes from the previous meeting were approved from November Meeting.

Chair’s Report:

* Parent Council Goals
  + Short Term – Trips, Fundraisers, Support Teacher/Classrooms
    - New Uniforms have been ordered
  + Mid Term – School Lab
  + Long Term – New Equipment, Climbing Wall
* Parent Council Funding Support
  + Some teacher’s requests were made, and reminder of $150-$200 per classroom.
  + See Teacher’s Report for additional information.
* Hot Lunch Update from Angie
  + Question re: when Pizza Pizza will be changed to Mondays. To check with Angie to determine when the change will be made. A quick look shows that Pizza Pizza remains on Fridays until the end of May.
  + Angie informed that because of some price adjustments from East Side Marios, the council is not making as much due to wanting to ensure cost to parents is reasonable. Bar Burrito prices weren't great, and parents did not use them as often. Prices have increased for many restaurants across the board because of their supply cost increases, which will bring council net down.
  + Foodland has joined the lunch program, but they are not willing to join Healthy Hunger. This has resulted in some complications that she is hoping will be ironed out as the months go on.
  + Angie is requesting a volunteer, or someone to be designated to take over the lunch program. She has noted that she will stay on for the remainder of the year to train and help them with anything that arises. Angie has run the program for 5 years and is ready to pass this task on to another volunteer.
* Fundraising:
  + Purdy’s Fundraiser Earned Profit - $1,097.09
  + Mabel’s Labels remains ongoing
    - “Support a Fundraiser”; Search for Baltimore Public School
  + Domino’s Pizza Night
    - Booked tentative date of April 6, 2023; to confirm with Domino’s to determine if this date is manageable
  + Fun Fair Fundraiser in Spring
    - Discussion re: previous Fun Fair having fire trucks, food truck (though it was noted there should be multiple), archery, jumping castles
    - There were things happening in the gym, cupcake sales, face painting
    - To charge tickets per family to attend
    - June 8, 2023 – tentative date booked; to confirm with Ms. Kernan re: KPREAA to determine when the students will return that day.
    - Council to send out e-mail requesting parent volunteers, etc.
    - Suggestion that there be a Fun Fair Committee, and to let teachers know what assistance may be required. Jane also suggested that high school students have assisted in the past to complete their community hours.
  + Other Fundraising suggestions – Dance a Thon, Yoyo Guy, Casino Night, Celebrity Servers and Spell-a-thon – Table for now as the fair will be a large undertaking.
  + Popcorn Fundraiser – to look into Rainbow Cinemas or Kernels as options and determine if Angie has a contact from when this was previously run.
  + Spirit Wear – Renee has stated that she will look into the process for having online orders completed between the end of Feb/Early March
* Other Business:
  + Pride Flag – Renee will find out where the flag is and supported having it added, noting that several other schools have it year-round.
  + Yearbook – Discussion about having it put together. Will ask teachers if they are able to compile pictures, or request pictures from parents if they have been taken during events. Council to look into different printing options (i.e. Staples, ReadyPrint, etc.) to determine cost.
  + Rachel noted that Mrs. Finlay would like to make a donation to the school and would like Nova and Eloise to be present for the donation. It was previously mentioned by Trisha as well. To have a further discussion when Trisha is present.
  + Parents asked about SK graduation. It was noted that parents have organized one if they wanted to have their own. Kindergarten teachers have done it in the past, but has not been a consistent celebration for some time at Baltimore P.S.

Teacher’s Report:

* No teachers have made purchases for their classrooms as of yet, though there have been a few things requested. Jane noted that the Junior Grades are looking for calculators (Class Set). Kindergarten classes are looking to purchase larger light tables for each classroom. Decision was made that Teachers will source what they need and will provide the information to Jan. Renee explained that she will inform Jan that it will be coming from the school council funds.
* Pirates of the Curry Bean was a success! Although it was quite crowded, the community came together to show their support. He ability to renting equipment and the funding provided by council was appreciated. Discussion re: charging $1 per ticket next year to assist with costs. It was also noted that there as an extensive amount of work put into the production, and it may be offered every other year.
* A lot of other things are happening at the school: Team sports are going well. Basketball program is running currently. There is a hope the weather will cooperate, having more snow to run the winter carnival and ski trips.

Principal’s Report:

* Staffing updates: Lynn Fox is the current SERT. At this time there is no return date for Chrissy Dasalvo
* Kate Elliot will remain until March Break and Sydney Brazolot will return after the break
* The first ski trip was refunded and they are hoping to get two ski trips in. They will be going skiing February 16 and 23. Six staff and several parents are able to assist with supervision and there will be 70 students attending. Renee noted that ski trips will continue next year as well and they commence in Grade 4.
* Ms. Olver and Mr. Duke’s class will be going bowling on February 22
* Ms. Olver’s class will be going skating on February 24
* Ms. Elliott’s class will be attending the Outdoor Education Centre in Brighton on February 21. Other class trips may occur throughout the year, but not all classes were provided dates.
* School Jerseys have been ordered and will be completed by PJs
* Grade 6 Trip is scheduled for June 26/27 at the Ganaraska Forest Centre

Treasurer’s Report

* Total balance is currently $13,338.54

**Next Meeting:** March 22, 2023, at 6pm in the library at Baltimore P.S.