



## Minutes of PTO Meeting – May 26, 2020

Present:

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| Mr. Cross- Principal                |  |
| Mrs. Gaglio- Teacher Representative |  |
| 6 PTO Officers                      |  |
| 69 Parents                          |  |
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### 1. Welcome

- a. Virtual meeting via Zoom called to order at 7:00pm by President Tara Colussi.

### 2. Approval of April 27 Meeting Minutes

- a. Group reviewed the meeting minutes from the April 27 PTO Meeting and approved them as is. Motion made by Kristen and seconded by Colleen.

### 3. Principal's Report: Mr. Cross

- a. **Thank you to PTO Officers.** Thank you to Tara and the other PTO Officers for their work.
- b. Have received **many questions from parents** since we are approaching the end of the school year. Will try to answer some tonight.
- c. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Celebration.** The celebration will include yard signs, a clap out car parade and a virtual walk across the stage video.  
**Yard signs** have been ordered and should be delivered to Baker on 5/28. Invoice of expenses has been sent to the Baker PTO email. Will distribute the signs to the students during the promotion celebration **clap out car parade on June 10 from 5-6pm** when families will drive their cars thru the parent drop off loop for a clap out for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There will be a tent at the walkway to the front of the building where signs will be distributed during the parade. Parents are asked to decorate their cars and put the student's last name on the passenger side of the car. The Social Studies Department is helping with this event. The promotion celebration will be a virtual walk across the stage in a video. The students were asked to submit a 10 second video or a PowerPoint slide for the video. Their submission was due 5/25 and received participation from only 50% of the students so have extended the deadline to Friday 5/29. **The 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration video will be premiered on 6/10 at 8pm on the TSD YouTube page.** Will then provide a link for downloading.
- d. **Virtual Author Visit on 5/29.** Author Supriya Kelkar will be available on two zoom sessions on 5/29 at 9am and 9:30am where she will read the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of her book. There is a link on Schoology to preorder a signed copy of her book.
- e. **Parents asking when their student will have access to the building to get their items.** The District has advised this will happen after 6/8. There are 2 possible scenarios: 1) curbside pickup of student's items; 2) limited building access with social distancing. Prefers option #2 but is waiting for guidance from the District and will then advise families.

#### **4. Teacher Representative Report: Mrs. Gaglio**

- a. Echoes Mr. Cross that it has been a pleasure to work with PTO and hopes we have her back.
- b. Teachers were very happy and thankful about the gift for Staff Appreciation Week.
- c. Author visit on Friday. If you buy the book on Bookbug, it will be a signed copy.
- d. TFEE (Troy Foundation for Educational Excellence) is supporting the Middle School ELA Classroom Libraries in January. Will get input from the teachers and media specialists.

#### **5. President's Report: Tara Colussi**

- a. **Presentation of Revised Bylaws.** At the last meeting we discussed revising the bylaws. They were 20+ pages in length and have been revised down to 6 simplified pages. Tara shared the revised bylaws on her screen. They will be posted on the Facebook page and the PTO web page.
- b. **Introduction of Candidates for PTO Board 2020-2021.** Want the voting to be fair, anonymous, and done by Baker PTO members only. A verification process will occur, and we will not be able to announce the results tonight. Link was posted for only those present on the zoom meeting to fill out a Voter Registration Form with each participant's name, email address, student's name and grade. The candidates introduced themselves.  
Running for President: Rose Delui, Mary Frederick, Sam Irani, Kristin Kennaugh  
Running for Vice President: Jennifer Bouren, Mary Frederick, Sam Irani, Sonia Piggott, Becky Stencil  
Running for Treasurer: Michelle Langston, Anita Sundaresan  
Running for Secretary: Becky Dominguez, Kelly M. Martin
- c. **PTO Board Officers Election 2020-2021.** An online ballot was emailed to each Zoom participant that completed the voter registration form. Voting was open until 9pm.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report: Sue Kumar and Mary Ference**

- a. Mary reported that she was able to get the Bob Shop money which was \$144. We also received a Kroger check for \$239 and \$7.60 from Box Tops.
- b. Sue reviewed the proposed budget for 2020-21 totaling \$17,665 (via sharing her screen on Zoom). She also shared the cash flow report to show where the money to fund the budget comes from.

#### **7. Committee Reports:**

- a. **Do any committees need action before end of school year?** Most activities were wrapped up before school closed and we were able to approve the water filling stations.

#### **8. New Business/Announcements:**

- a. Colleen Geyer shared that if you have a student coming to Athens you are encouraged to get involved with the Athens PTO. Feel free to reach out if you are a first timer at Athens.
- b. Mr. Cross again thanked the outgoing Board and is excited to welcome the new Board members.

#### **9. Adjourn at 8:11pm.**

Minutes submitted by Susan Holle, Secretary.