

Banneker Elementary School

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021 9 AM

Attendees: Kim Harris, Kristin Phelps, Robert Carter, Susan Strong, Joyce Shanholtzer, Ashley Epling, Taryn Obssuth

President's Report

- Goody bags were delivered for Bus Driver Appreciation Day.
- Spirit Wear – Total of 64 shirts ordered and delivered.
- Banneker Blossoms – most orders have been filled. Waiting on the vendor for the final bulb order to deliver the remaining three orders to families.
- Spirit Night at Monks – moved to spring 2022.
- Original Works – Order forms should be going home to families on 10/28 – before the November break. Tile work. 8-10 school days to return. Due back on 11/10.
- 11/5 and 11/3 are asynchronous days.
- Election Day Bake Sale – November 2nd. Megan Bloom is trying to coordinate 2 sites: Banneker and Philomont. We need more volunteers for two sites and may have to cancel one. Bake sale tables are available in room 3 at Banneker. Banneker has 2 coffee makers that can be used.
- Turkey Trot – November 23rd. The PTO will be sending-out pledge sheets and the volunteer Sign-Up Genius soon (week of 11/8 for pledge sheets).
- Middleburg Parade – Candy collection will begin the week of 11/8 and will continue through 11/23.
- Teacher Treats – PTO would like to kick it off with 5th grade hosting a Chili Cook-Off the week of 11/8.
- Box Tops final collection will bring in about \$35.

Volunteer Report

- Susan will distribute a Google Form to teachers to determine who still needs help finding a room parent.

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Treasurer's Report



Banneker Elementary PTO Account Review October 20, 2021

STARTING BALANCE			
			\$5,473.94
DEPOSITS			
Date	For	Amount	
9/27	Forget It Fundraiser	\$5,000.00	
10/5	Spirit Wear	\$905.00	
10/5	Pizza	\$600.00	
10/5	Forget It Fundraiser	\$200.00	
10/18	Pizza	\$10.00	
10/18	Bulbs	\$930.00	
Total Deposits		\$7,645.00	
WITHDRAWALS			
Date	To	Amount	Check #
9/20	State Corp Fee	\$287.04	3582
9/20	PTO Today	\$769.00	3583
10/29	Rachel Holdsworth Check	\$225.00	3585
10/29	Molly Allen Check	\$225.00	3586
Total Withdrawals		\$1,506.04	
ENDING BALANCE			
Scholarship			\$ 1,000.00
AVAILABLE BALANCE			
			\$ 10,612.90

OCTOBER 2021 FUNDS REQUESTS

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Requestor	Amount	Description	Status
Robert Carter	650.00	Landscaping*	Approved
Keena Wilt	300.00	History Connects for VA studies	Approved
Christa Lynch	120.00	Middleburg Parade float supplies	Approved
Christa Lynch	150.00	Science Performance Assessment	Approved
Cy Acord	64.20	Cotton candy rental for Fall Festival	Approved
Cy Acord	296.06	T-shirts for Spirit Wear	Approved
Susan Strong	620.87	Fall Festival paper products and pizza	Approved
Susan Strong	237.32	Banneker Blossoms bulb order	Approved
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2438.45		

*Landscaping funds request was necessary this year due to school construction that continued until the end of summer which did not allow for the typical grounds maintenance to occur. Typically, One Community Church performs community service to clean-up grounds.

In the future, Mr. Carter would like a budget line item for purchasing 25-30 yards of mulch. Volunteers can help to spread the mulch before the school year.

Principal's Report: Robert Carter

- For this school year, there have been 6 COVID positive students and 25 quarantined close contacts. Families are notified if you're a close contact, but not if there's a COVID case in the classroom.
- The school uses a contact tracing diagram and checks bus, classroom, and lunch contacts. Bus tapes take 2-3 days to receive.
- School Improvement Plan – Academics, social/emotional, PBIS. All students should make progress as measured by MAP grades 2-5. PALS, DRA, and ESGI for grades K-1
- More growth needs to happen
- Students need to grow in 70% percentile for 3 years to make-up for quarantine (18 months)
- Parents can have input into SIP. Latest survey results indicate that bullying is at an all time low (98%). Survey occurs in March.
- Parent teacher conference time – sign-up!
- Volunteers and visitors – school is still limiting volunteers, however Foxcroft requested to volunteer. All Foxcroft students are vaccinated and masked.
- New hires/vacancies – the school's goal is to keep morale high, however, it is difficult when staffing isn't at 100%. As a small school, Banneker feels the pressure of staffing shortages more acutely. Need a site-based sub and cafeteria monitor.
- Added SEARCH teacher 2 days per week. Social Worker is also at Banneker more frequently.

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- Banneker teachers and staff are maximizing every square inch within the school, but with increased growth, more building space is needed. Engineers have visited, but Banneker is still uncertain about the results of the reviews. Banneker's 75th anniversary is next year.
- The school needs more representation and involvement from elected officials. Parents can help by reaching out to them: Ian Serotkin (LCSB) and Tony Buffington (BoS)

Teacher's Report – Joyce Shanholtzer

- Morale – staff have said that it's a pleasant place to work. Teachers are positive.
- Advisory council – Include advisory council the November PTO meeting agenda.

Future 2021 PTO Meeting Dates:

- 11/17
- 12/15