Clara Barton PTA General Meeting Minutes- October 9, 2024

1. Welcome
   1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Jen Becher.
   2. A motion to approve the previous month’s minutes was made by Kaitlin Charles, a 2nd by Deanna Dugan. The motion passed unanimously at 7:06pm.
   3. Treasurer’s Report- lottery payouts continue, payments are starting to come out, membership dues processed. Deposits from lottery calendars and book fair are coming. November report will be more active. \*See printout
   4. Principal’s Report- Thank you to the PTA for the welcome and kindness as I join this building. 10/2 was Custodian Day- teachers and staff helped to support with gifts, lunch and cards. The Grand Event was such a wonderful event. The Photo prop was amazing. 10/11 Pink Pumpkins going home. 10/16 is wear orange day for Unity, it is also birthday with the principal. 10/18 the high school football players and cheerleaders will come to visit. Safety week is 10/21-10/25 it is packed full of fun. 10/28 pumpkin winners announced as well as Steeler Tailgate Day. 10/29 is conferences, papers should be coming home today and tomorrow for scheduling. 10/30 Junior Achievement curriculum from Duquesne University students. 10/31 Halloween parade and party. As always, my door is open. Please reach out!
   5. Title I- Benchmark testing is complete; Tier time has begun. Please reach out to Mrs. Baker/ Mrs. Vidic with any questions. Placement and tier group focus can be discussed at conferences.
2. Upcoming Calendar Events
   1. 10/11 Pink Pumpkin Distribution
   2. 10/16 Birthday with the Principal, Unity Day- wear orange
   3. 10/17 School Board Meeting
   4. 10/21 Pink Pumpkins Due
   5. 10/23 End of grading period
   6. 10/25 2 Hr Early Release
   7. 10/28 Student of the Month Celebration & Steeler Tailgate, Pumpkin Winners Announced
   8. 10/29 NO SCHOOL – Conferences
   9. 10/31 Halloween Parade @ 1:30pm, party 2-3pm
   10. 11/1 2 Hr DELAY
   11. 11/5 Remote Learning Day
   12. \*\* 10/21-10/25 Safety Week\*\*
3. Committee Reports
   1. Assemblies-working on some options, nothing final yet
   2. Birthday with the Principal- 10/16 will celebrate Aug/Sept/Oct
   3. Book Fair- $9,000 sale!! Sales from the Grand Event matched with the 3 days of classroom sales. We receive our profits in scholastic dollars which is 50% of total sales. The next sale is in February and will be open on STEAM Night. Mrs. Baker thanked Lauren Rowe for having the high school students come and accompany any student that did not have a special person attend. Share the Fair made $150 which provided books for those students who were unable to shop for whatever reason. Mrs. Baker/Mrs. Whalen/ Miss Kim combined their allotted scholastic money to purchase a green screen. This screen will be used to upgrade the morning announcement experience. To tie into the travel theme- the backgrounds will feature different places with facts. Will look into Titan TV options for parent viewing as well.
   4. Bowling Parties- We had 74 bowlers, over $100 on 50/50 and other donations. Next bowling party 1/129.
   5. Box Tops- $54, Jill Shook will send out information about linking to Walmart account for automatic submission, even without using Walmart pay. Can still upload photos of receipts.
   6. Character Visits- Looking into, Grinch and Santa will be needed soon
   7. Communication- Figuring out google chats to streamline communication, it is still a work in progress. Please reach out with any issues. Committee chairs please use chats instead of text threads.
   8. Decorations- Beautiful fall decorations are up. Amanda’s mom has been watering the mums. Plants around the flagpole are not doing well. Kindness Club was going to water however, members have not been chosen yet.
   9. Dr. Suess Week- February, no report
   10. Fun Day- May, no report
   11. International Week- Crystal is heading. 11/18-11/22. More information to come. Currently discussing foods, book, visitor options. Possibly have 30-minute cartoon video about PR- will be approved prior to showing. We multiple nationalities within the district- will try to connect with as many as we can. Tiara offered a Hawaiian contact and dance.
   12. Lottery Calendars- Giant thank you to all of those who are supporting this fundraiser. Deposit #1- $2,950, Deposit #2 $3,075. $50 started for the next deposit. Requests/payments are being processed daily, sometimes the same day. There are currently 292 left available for request. Top seller tracking will be updated in November as more returns come into play. Request forms are available. \* See attached form
   13. Membership- 108 members, disbursed incentive school calendar magnet. Teachers are aware of those cleared for classroom parties; you should be contacted soon. If available, please help a classroom with less volunteers. Clearances need to be updated every 5 years. Miss Kim tracks when they expire. Email coming with classroom party reimbursement form. Each class can receive up to $30 per party. It can be split as needed among the helpers once the proper form is submitted.
   14. Party Refreshments- Jen is a 3rd grade parent so this position will be available next school year. If interested, please work with Jen. Buy Huggies, submit receipt, sort by classroom. 3rd grade students deliver to the classrooms.
   15. Pink Pumpkins- 250 pumpkins being picked up 10/11. Helpers have been on contact with Amanda already. Each student will receive a passport sticker regardless of participation in the contest.
   16. Playground Safety- no issues, 4 new tables are working great.
   17. Purse Bash- Planning has begun. A little snag with dates available but currently working on getting those set. Always shopping and looking for ideas. Major shopping on the day after Thanksgiving. Lat year was a success due to the amount of support- we hope to have it again this year.
   18. Reflections- Dates were too soon to after last meeting to be able to complete. If anyone is interested, please reach out to research the process and be prepared to start in spring.
   19. Safety Week- 10/21-10/25 will include Fire, Police, EMS and a surprise. 10/21 is breakfast with a Cop, Police will give a Halloween safety talk,10/23 EMS Visit and Mr. Yuck, 10/24 Fire Depts- hoping for a firefighter to be fully dressed. If unavailable Nicole Sopko offered to do it, 10/25 PJ Day. Rachel offered a tractor trailer for Friday. All students will receive a passport sticker. Nicole Sopko offered to do a Coloring Contest in which the pictures are given to the agencies as a thank you. Suggestion for all students to receive prize vs winners. Looking into options as each student will receive passport sticker.
   20. School Board Liaison- Kayla still willing to represent the PTA.
   21. Santa Shop- 12/9-12/13. 12/5 product arriving. 12/6 possible set-up date, Using Darren from Santa’s Little Helpers again. Last year’s company was constant reorder. Kaitlin Charles is working with Jen Morrow to transition chairperson for next year.
   22. STEAM Night- February, no report
   23. Student Gifts- Mr. G designed the logo. Looking into color options, will present at next meeting for voting, as well as staff meeting for input. Looking into dry fit options, pricing options. Using Ink Division again. Will send out sizing sheets.
   24. Teacher Appreciation- May, no report
   25. 3rd Grade- May, no report. Crystal looking into Color Run
4. Unfished Business
   1. Pink Pumpkins, Safety Week, Classroom reimbursement, International Week, Character Visits addressed in committee reports.
   2. Santa- we need a Santa to distribute student gifts in December. No date set yet. Kaitlin Charles to reach out to Norm from Meder's.
5. New Business
   1. Student gifts- discussed in committee report
   2. Popcorn and Cotten Candy Machines. Old machines in the storage room. Possible sale vs donation. Jen Becher is looking into the legality of donating. Food for thought- motions can be made at a later date.
   3. Half trees- we still have half trees that we can sell.
   4. Storybook Forest (missing from agenda) 12/13 committee report submitted. Asking for donations for mini insta polaroid cameras and film. Amanda would like to take student/family photos to fill the ornaments. Barb Smith offered one. Discussion of logistics due to glass ornaments with sharp edges.
   5. 5 below fundraiser- Tiara brought up the possibility of a 5 below fundraiser to coincide with Santa Cop shopping. We can do 2 a year. Possible Black Friday sale, possible Easter, possible Back to School events. Tiara will be in contact with Mrs. Baker about Santa Cop dates.
6. Next Meeting- Thursday, November 7, 2024 @7pm
7. Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by Jen Becher.

There were 32 members present at this meeting.

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