



# BAKER-BUTLER PTO

**Date:** 12/6/2023, 7pm

**Facilitator:** Aileen Watchko, Co-PTO President

**In Attendance:** 12 in-person, 9 on Zoom

**Minutes Approved:**

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Math Night
- Walk-a-thon
- Election Day Bake Sale

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Aileen: We raised \$16,639.17 with the walk-a-thon (16,036.97 after fees). 10% will go to specialists. Specialists will each get \$200 for their classrooms. Food Lion, Harris Teeter, and Kroger donated fruit.

Kiersten Teitelbaum, PTO Treasurer, presented our November overview of the budget. We've made about \$5000 in clubs, \$3500 in Attractions. We made nearly \$3000 at the election bake sale. Almost \$18,000 up in our budget this year, which puts us in a positive space for next year

We still have Feed the Bear open, but we will have a push for Feed the Bear in the spring.

## PARENT COUNCIL REPORT

Parent Council Representatives Chrissy Houff. The main focus of the Parent Council meeting was about reading curriculum and reading intervention options.

Donors Choose was at the end. Baker Butler has 6 teachers funded, 12 projects funded for about \$9000. Average project cost was about \$700.

The main focus was about high school scheduling options. There is talk about switching high school block schedule.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: SPIRIT NIGHT AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Spirit Night is Wednesday, December 13.

Volunteer opportunities: Courtney Zehntner would like some volunteers to help her unload a truck that has presents matched for underserved students.

On Thursday, 14th, volunteers to help package boxes of food for families in need during winter break.

If you are not getting emails to volunteer, email our volunteer coordinator, Tara at [volunteer@bakerbutler.org](mailto:volunteer@bakerbutler.org)

## **CLUBS REPORT**

Clubs have been very successful. We made about \$5000 this year. There will be a second session in the new year.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Handrich was excited to share that the UVA men's basketball team came and interacted with the students.

All-in-Virginia tutoring is finalized. This is a directive from the governor's office and has been in the process of being finalized. Baker Butler families will inform the families of students in grades 3, 4, and 5 who are eligible for tutoring. This will be during school hours. This will begin after winter break. Families have the opportunity to decide what they would like to do. There might be opportunity for tutoring or additional support during station or rotation time during instructional time. There might be less independent time for those students during rotation, but this allows additional support without students missing other activities.

All lost and found items will be donated at the end of the year.

The 12 days of gratitude: there is a little treat or surprise for staff or students. PTO has supported some of these days.

The first music performance is on Thursday, December 7.

Reading curriculum update: There are two options for curriculum that are up for review. Those curriculum are for review online through newsletter and email links. Feedback is critical. Once ACPS receives feedback, they will make a formal recommendation. This selection will happen by the time we get back from break. The curriculum will be implemented in the fall. The current curriculum was missing a phonics component that was approved by the state. Because of this, Albemarle supplemented phonics instruction with UFly to make sure that students had a comprehensive program. The new curriculum selected will be comprehensive.

## **REDISTRICTING REPORT**

BBES representative Eileen Watchko discussed the meeting on Monday, December 4. There were 4 options presented for next year. The repeated scenario discussed was students from Baker Butler being shifted to Stony Point or Hollymead. Aileen will share the slides.

## TEACHER'S REPORT

DeDe Leach reminds that on Friday, December 15 it is pajama day. They will also be doing the annual sing-along.

Teacher representative Randi Wellborn reminded everyone that you can still sign up for conferences.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

- December 7: 5th grade music performance
- December 8: Fall picture retake
- December 13, Buffalo Wild Wings Spirit Night, 5-9
- December 18-January 1

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

- Clubs
- Camp4Real
- Spring Carnival
- Book Fair
- Dance

## ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

No January meeting. There will be a board retreat to plan the rest of the year.

Next meeting February 7, 2024

