

Butler PTO General Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2021

7pm

Attendees: Ali Abelson, Amy Beaver, James Bender, Amanda Bonsall, Lisa Brassell, Amber Cichon, Cristina Cinquino, Jeanine Colón, Monica Dick, Jodie Dinoulis, Sinead Doherty, Jen Emma, Karl Funseth, Donna Katzman, Laura Kuhnle, Edna Miller, Jennifer Mininger, Julia Notwick, Lauryn Orozco, Lynn Richter, Kristen Rusnack, Nicole Scabarozi, Shirley Schombs, Rachel Stasik, Jennie Temple, Christine Thames, Amy Wigo, Kari Zwiebel

President's Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions: Ali Abelson

- Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Principals Report: Mr. Funseth, Dr. Doherty

- Dr. Doherty introduced herself; has felt very welcomed to our community; Graduated with a degree in Anthropology!
- Mr. Funseth – Back to School Nights have gone well
 - October 1 – evacuation drill w/ New Britain Township Police Department
 - Thank you to PTO for welcome to school events (New Family Orientation, Kindergarten Orientation), and welcome back lunch for teachers
 - Reading Initiative – dunk tank w/ Mr. Funseth happened today; also did fundraiser for ALS with staff
 - Looking forward to fall events

President's Report: Ali Abelson, Rachel Stasik

1. Directory - forms and Google form have been distributed
2. Red Ribbon Week – will discuss later in meeting

Treasurer's Report: Jen Emma

1. Budget Presentation – YTD (\$820 family contributions; Spirit Wear \$1,461)

Vice President's Report: Amanda Bonsall, Jeannie Redner

1. No updates to report

Committee Chair Reports

1. Teacher Appreciation (Jennifer Mininger) - Chick-Fil-A for lunch – great to see people
2. Constant Contact (Donna Katzman) - all good
3. Assemblies (Chris Snyder) - First assembly to be virtual; moving forward plan is to do in-person if possible. Can't have all 800+ kids in one assembly. Will be split based on grade, etc.
4. Room Parent Coordinator (Lisa Hood) - still some classrooms with needs; volunteer meeting on Friday, September 24 (RSVP requested)

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Family Programming: Christine Hartman

1. Butler Bash October 1 (Cari Cantor, Dana Paliwodzinski) - first free event of the year. Will be outdoors this year. Fun yard games, DJ, etc. Encouraging families to bring dinner (may also have pizza for pre-sale); selling Spirit Wear, may have Kona Ice truck
2. Red Ribbon Week – October 25-29 - (Nicole Flannery/Edna Miller/Mariam Mahmud) - anti-drug/alcohol/bullying prevention awareness week; Theme is “Drug Free Looks Like Me”
 - a. October 29 – half day; classroom parties and parade on October 29 too; carpool recommended as parking will be limited.
3. Butler Boy Event (Edna Miller) - Hellerick Farm (October TBD)
4. Haunted Hallway – October 15 (Colleen Lynch, James Bender) - potential to relocate to gym to help keep crowd size
5. Holiday Shop/Vendor Fair (Michelle Lockett, Keri Zwiebel, Amanda Bonsall) - November 19
6. Skate Night (Jamie Beck) - tbd

Fundraising

1. Spirit Wear (Monica Dick) - will sell at Butler Bash; online sale around the holidays (sweatshirts, shorts, hats, socks, etc.); special T-shirt for Field Day
2. Book Fair (Amy Wigo, Shirley Schombs, Amanda Bonsall) -
 - a. Two per year (First one is October 4-7)
 - b. Only two volunteers per hour – must have volunteer clearances
3. Dine & Donate (Amy Beaver) - Gran Rodeo in Montgomeryville wants to do a Dine & Donate
4. Save Around Books (Tracey Johnston) - digital option available. Will have some available at Butler Bash
5. Giant Gift Cards (Amanda) - \$5-\$500 denominations

Additional Discussion/Concerns/Questions?

- Butler Boo IS happening. Will start after Butler Bash

Close Meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 7pm