

BUTLER PTO GENERAL MEETING

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Monday, May 15, 2023

Attending:

Jen Emma, Donna Katzman, Ali Abelson, Shirley Schombs, Jennifer Mininger, Karl Funseth, Sinead Doherty, Amanda Bonsall, Amy Wigo, Gelena Tonkonogi, Heather Contes, Shakhi Priyadarshini, Ricki Herman, Stacey Tocci, Kelly Kaufman, Terry Appel, Victoria Nedza, Terry Nedza, Susan O'Neil, Dianne Matteson, Sarah Kendrick, Amy Beaver, Rachel Stasik, Christine Hartman, Cristina Cinquino, Anu Raman, Alison Ficociello

Welcome/Call to Order _____ Ali Abelson / Jeannie Redner

- Meeting called to order at 7pm.

Principal and Assistant Principal Report _____ Karl Funseth/ Dr. Sinead Doherty

- Shelter in Place Drill went well today. 6th grade Camp of America trip today went well. Lip Sync was a great event. Book Fair going well this week. PSSAs are done – all makeups finished. Students showed great effort, were motivated, and respectful of testing times and locations. Rita's Celebrity Scoop is May 17, 5-9pm.

President's Report _____ Ali Abelson / Jeannie Redner

1. Approval of Minutes from February 2023 General PTO Meeting: Cristina Cinquino and Shirley Schombs approved minutes – motion passes.
2. Bylaws - discussed 3 changes due to Spring Fair Chair coming off the Executive Board. Rachel Stasik and Amanda Bonsall approved Bylaws. 2023-2024 Bylaws approved.
3. Volunteers- Thank you to all of our 2022-2023 volunteers. Great to see new faces on committees. Suggestion for incentivizing Spring Fair volunteers. Idea for sharing best practices between various elementary schools in the district.

Treasurer's Report _____ Jen Emma/ Christine Hartman

1. Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year – reviewed changes
 - a. Vote on Proposed Budget. Terry Appel and Donna Katzman made motions to approve budget. Motion passes unanimously. 2023-2024 Budget approved.
2. Budget Update – shared money in and out since our last General PTO Meeting in February. Gifts to school – security shades have been purchased; playground equipment will come in the summer. \$37,486.35 is current balance. Spring Fair totals: Silent Auction and Teacher Auction totaled \$10,280; sponsors \$1,950.

Vice President's Report _____ Amanda Bonsall/Shirley Schombs

1. Proposed Chairperson Slate for 2023-2024 School Year
 - a. Reviewed Executive Board Officers and Chairperson list.
 - b. Vote On Proposed PTO Slate – Shirley Schombs and Jen Emma made motions to approve the Slate. Motion passes unanimously. 2023-2024 PTO Slate approved.

Committee Chair Reports:

1. Parent Advisory Amanda Bonsall
 - Proposed changes (have not been voted on yet) - Full day kindergarten future plans for 2025-2026, adding school resource safety officers, adding cameras for elementary schools, Grade level building changes and redistricting proposed for 2025-2026 school year. High School counselors will change to assignment by last name vs grade levels. Changing start times no longer on the table for discussion.

2. Teacher Appreciation Jennifer Mininger
 - Shared details of plans we had for all staff last week.
3. Promotion Jen Shahin, Colleen Lynch
 - The team has ordered t-shirts for 6th graders, plans for decorating on the night of promotion.
4. 6h Grade Memory Book Melissa Griffin, Jenni Temple, Nicole DuMond
 - Book has been sent for publication.
5. E-newsletter Donna Katzman
 - Spring Fair Brochure and Field Day Teams were highest “clicks”, followed by Book Fair e-wallet and Spirit Wear.

Family Programming _____ Tracy Johnston/Donna Katzman

1. Lip Sync Ali Abelson, James Bender, Colleen Lynch
 - Great event. For the future, make sure the event is advertised as being open to all families at Butler.
2. iRun4Life Karen Cassidy
 - This Friday is the last day with the color run.

Fundraising Report _____ Amy Wigo

1. Spring Book Fair Amy Wigo, Amanda Bonsall, Shirley Schombs
 - Currently running this week. Kids enjoying the selections. Each child received \$5 from the PTO to spend on a book at the Fair. More purchases at this Book Fair than last year.
2. Spirit Wear Amy Wigo
 - Sold Spirit Wear at the Spring Fair. New order for green and white t-shirts for Field Day. May do a small pop-up sale before Field Day if we have enough inventory. Online spirit wear site is open year-round.
3. Spring Fair Rachel Stasik, Terry Appel
 - Raised over \$20,000. Full crowd all day. Wonderful whole-school community event.

Other/Additional Discussion

- None

Meeting Closed at 8pm

Enjoy your Summer!!