

## Butler PTO General Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

Virtual via Zoom @ 7PM

**Virtual Attendees:** Amy Beaver, James Bender, Tracy Johnston, Jennifer Mininger, Amanda Bosnall, Amy Beaver, Amy Polis, Donna Katzman, Jen Emma, Jesse Brosious, Karl Funseth, Nicole Scabarozi, Ricki Herman, Mariam Mahmud, Rachel Stasik, Tamara Gamble, Amy Beaver, Amy Wigo, Jeannie Redner, Ali Abelson, Diane Matteson, Maria Julia Mendoza,

**President's Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions:** *Jennifer Mininger*

**Principal's Report:** *Mr. Funseth/Jesse Brosious*

1. Modified Quarantine Update: Following safety plan requiring masks in schools, mask breaks in hallways and six feet spacing for meals. Any signs of illness: kid and teachers should stay home. Now if there is a low exposure contact, as long as the student/teacher shows no signs of illness they can still attend school. The nurse's office will manage assessment of symptoms. If there is a high exposure such as a house hold contact, there will still be a 7-10 day quarantine at home.
2. Recess equipment, gym equipment and library books are allowed to be shared now, with proper hand sanitizing without needing to quarantine. Field trips are beginning to be allowed across district, specifically for secondary schools.
3. Traditional end of the year events are beginning to be planned. Modifications will be made. Communication will come from the district first and then from the school for specifics.
4. Mrs. Dabinski is piloting a language arts program for possible implementation next year. Other CBSD schools are piloting another program and at the end of year decisions will be made. Replacement of current program "Lead 21" and "Great readers/Great habits" is at the elementary level.

**President's Report:** *Jennifer Mininger*

1. Approval of Minutes from February Meeting
  1. Motion: James Bender; Second: Rachel Stasik. Minutes Unanimously Approved.
2. Approval of By Laws 2021-2022
  1. Motion: Nicole Scabarozi; Second: Jen Emma. By Laws Unanimously Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** *Jen Emma*

1. **Update** – Income – Family contribution \$15, Dine and donate \$484.79, Build a bear- \$974.38, Giant- \$504, Book Sale- \$550, Paid Out: \$163.63 for water
2. **Current Balance-** \$18,869.20
3. **Next Year Proposed Budget-** Family Contributions decreased, box tops decreased, Dine and Donate is a new category, Giant Gift cards decreased. Spring Fair is unchanged. Assemblies is at \$4000. Book Fair has earned scholastic bucks, which is being given to the library but the budget is being decreased. Constant Contact lowered to \$70, cost of water lowered, Library is decreased. Line added for PTO manager (yearly subscription). Student homework planners updated to \$1500.
4. **Approval of Budget 2021-2022**
  - a. Motion: Amy Polis; Second: Mariam Mahmud. Budget Unanimously Approved

**Vice President's Report:** *Ali Abelson/Rachel Stasik*

1. **PTO Slate:** Openings remain. PTO Board changes: Co-Presidents Rachel Stasik and Ali Abelson, Co-Vice President- Amanda Bonsall and Jeannie Redner. Family Program co-chair open. PTO Slate: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Party chairs open, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion open, Looking for a shadow for Assemblies Chair, BINGO chair is open, Co-Chair for Butler Bash open, Lip Sync Chair Open, Co-Sprit wear open, Silent Auction co-chair open, First grade lunch grader open, Looking for replacements for Red Ribbon Week. Vote will be held in May. If openings still remain they will be voted on in September.

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### Committee Chair Reports

1. **Parent Advisory** (Amy Polis) -
  - a. Superintendent Report- Last meeting with Dr. Kopicki. Spoke about the vaccination process. Prior to offering vaccine, there was a survey of who was interested. Majority of staff (teachers, aids, bus drivers, etc) accepted the vaccine. There were only 200 staffers who declined the vaccine.
  - b. Pandemic Coordinator spoke regarding change to 5 day for secondary students and at the time the state lifted the travel restrictions. From 12/16-3/8 there were 773 positive cases. Butler had 30 cases (teachers and students) (Unami had 38). 18% of cases were virtual only. Masks were removed as requirement for outdoor sports. Prom dates were set and graduation is being planned.
  - c. Steve Willis presented science curriculum. Science companion combines multiple disciplines to learn (Reading, writing, mathematics). Focuses on Collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking. Environment and ecology education will be focus across the state of PA.
  - d. Mr. Loftus reviewed district budget which was approved. Waiting on government to increase funding to school, states declined increasing taxes, so schools are waiting on Federal support.
2. **E-newsletter** (Donna Katzman): 46 people opened the Scavenger Hunt Clue sheet today. 26 people opened the cooking classes. 14 people opened the Lip Sync document.
3. **Teacher Appreciation** – (Rachel Stasik)- Cards being collected from families. They will be distributed with gifts.
4. **Year Book-** (Ali Abelson) Shout outs all in. There was a small decrease in submissions. Time line for delivery not released yet.
5. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Party-** (Amy Polis) In the planning stages as the rules from the district evolves
6. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion-** Generally the school is decorated. Waiting for more information from the district on what is allowed.

### Family Programming: *Jeannie Redner*

1. **Lip Sync-** (Ali Abelson)- Virtual presentation which will be hosted Live. Students will perform and record sessions which will then be compiled together.
2. **Enrichment Classes:** (Jeannie Redner) Variety of classes held virtually. Thanks to volunteer teachers.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** (Jeannie Redner) Will be held weekend of 5/8-5/9. There will small prizes awards to random submissions.

### Fundraising: *Amanda Bonsall, Tracey Johnston*

1. **Spirit Wear-** Flyer will be sent out for Field Day with teams. There will be spirit wear sold for field day.
2. **Book Fair-** (Nicole Scabarozi) Virtual 5/7-5/20
3. **Used Book Sale-** (Tracy Johnston) 15 boxes of books (about 8 left which will be donated to Green Drop)
4. **Build A Mascot-** (Tracy Johnston) 105 bears sold. There are a few extra if anyone is interested.
5. **Dine and Donte-** (Amy Beaver)- Rita's - May 27 4:00pm-8:00pm.

### Open Discussion/Concerns/Questions

Ring Door Bell Give Away- Ring Door Bell- Amy Polis Winner

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**Close Meeting – Meeting ended at 8:00pm**

*Next Meeting: Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 @ 7pm via Zoom*

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