

## **Butler PTO General Meeting Minutes**

Monday, February 22, 2021

Virtual via Zoom @ 7PM

**Virtual Attendees:** Jennifer Mininger, Jesse Brosius, Rachel Stasik, Nadeene Francesco, Karl Funseth, Jeannie Redner, Dell Jones, Amy Polis, Amanda Bonsall, Amy Beaver, Joanna Curran, Alissa Bruner, Amy Wigo, Jeff Bonsall, James Bender, Tracey Johnston, Maria Julia Mendoza, Nicole Scabarozi

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

**Principal's Report:** *Mr. Funseth*

1. Welcome and hope all are well with the snow. Custodial Staff did excellent job keeping walkways cleared for dismissal. Thanks to parents who were patient with pick up.
2. Black history month. Literature department made recommendations which some schools are using. Butler have focused on those from Pennsylvania and including in the B1 campaign.
3. Read across America starts next week. There will be spirit days throughout the week,
4. PSSAs- are on schedule (Grades 3-6). Window to complete was extended to end of May. Staff training will occur. There is a state request to cancel the PSSAs, but waiting for Federal response. As of now, school plans on having the tests as required. They will be taken in school. Still figuring out how to accommodate the virtual kids.
5. Paw Power- Students receive paw prints based on Butler Attributes. Rewards offered are a special t-shirt from the drawing winner. Mrs. Augustine has been keeping the attributes on kids mind with morning announcements.
6. Pennies for Patients- Have been very successful. Goal is \$6,000.00. It will be all virtual campaign. Email with video will kick off campaign. Each class will have a link. If you want to participate, you create a profile for your child to raise funds.
7. COVID numbers have been good. There have been no in school transmissions. The whole school has had the deep clean twice.

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

1. Approval of Minutes from November 2020 Meeting
  1. Motion: Tracey Johnston; Second: Rachel Stasik. Minutes Approved.

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

1. **Update** – Income- Box Tops- \$99.20, Sprit Wear- \$122, Dine and Donate- \$132, Giant Cards- \$274. Expenses- Bingo, Holiday Shop, Water for school, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade promotion (paid expense from last year), staff appreciation- \$4760 total spent.
2. **Current Balance**- \$17,269
3. **Next Year Budget**- We are planning for a normal year next year. Using budgets from last two years. A few numbers have been adjusted due to the decrease in income from some fund raisers (i.e. Giant and box tops)

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

1. **Teacher Appreciation- (Review)**- Lunch was provided. Friends themed. All food was individually portioned foods (soups/salads)
2. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Promotion/year book/party**- Undecided what the end of the year will look like. Alternative plans will be arranged. Year book is looking for non-traditional ways to fill pages. Asking parents for baby pictures.

**Committee Chair Reports**

1. **Parent Advisory** (Amy Polis) Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>-
  - a. Business manager spoke about budget. Last January pre-covid we were in good shape. This year the budgets not as good. Budget Goals- Continue funding the 1:1 program. Elementary reading, social wellness, capital investments (additions, paving, HVAC), refund existing debt, manage health care costs of CBSD staff. Taxes can be raised 3%, but CBSD

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is looking for 1.2%. 50% of budget goes to salaries. There are 10 million dollars in deficit. In 2019 there were 100 children that attended private cyber school, this year 201 children chose private cyber schools. Those tuitions have to be paid by CBSD. Custodial budgetary needs have increased with chemicals and all-inclusive cleanings.

- b. Ventilation- Fans are run 24 hours a day in high schools. In middle and elementary they are run over night.
  - c. Transportation-Buses are cleaned daily. Once a week they go through an electrostatic sprayer.
  - d. Dr. Kopicki- COVID numbers were 507 total cases at time of meeting. Butler had 22 total cases. 1.6% of elementary kids got COVID, 2.4% of middle school students got COVID. Schools have not had to close. Brought up bringing kids back 5 days for all grades, which has now happened.
  - e. Vaccines- Are looking into whether or not they can require vaccinations of students/staff
2. **E-newsletter** (Donna Katzman): Continues. Has important information for parents/families.
  3. **Giving Tree** - Went well, nurse distributed funds.
  4. **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Events**- Will continue to be planned though guidance of district

### Family Programming: *Jeannie Redner*

1. Paint Night- Went really well. Kids had fun. Videos posted for people to do after.
2. Holiday Shop- Kids Holiday Shop- \$1300 was sold and we received 10%. This company does Spring Fair prizes also.
3. Butler Clubs- Going really well. A lot of variety. Will be doing cooking classes in April.

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

1. Dine and Donate- Chipotle Dine and Donate will be on 3/16 4-8p.
2. Book Fair- Beginning of May. Profits will be in Scholastic Dollars. Rep offering different ways to do the book fair. Will most likely keep our method the same
3. Used Book Sale- Will be held at Tracey's house. Books will be dropped off through March and then sold in April.
4. Butler Build a Bear- Fundraiser. Sign-ups will be virtual. Must be ordered ahead.

### Open Discussion/Concerns/Questions

Question- Orientation for Unami 6<sup>th</sup> graders mentioned kids will pick their classes, when will Virtual kids pick their classes? Mr. Funseth will follow up with counselors tomorrow.

Question- Why do virtual schools end early on early dismissals? (Karl and Jesse Answer) Times have been adjusted and because today was last minute, they couldn't force teachers to change plans last minute regarding the schedule of lunch. Normal/scheduled early dismissal- virtual academy does not end early.

Question- Is there going to be a Butler girl event? (Jeannie Answers) As of now we have not planned anything. We didn't feel there was an event that we could do virtually that would bring girls and their special person together that would be fun and gain a lot of attendance. Most virtual events so far have had limited participation.

### Close Meeting – Meeting ended at 8:05pm

*Next Meeting: Monday, April, 2021 @ 7pm via Zoom*