

BURTON STREET PTA GENERAL MEETING

November 18, 2019

7-8pm

Art Room

Minutes:

Attendees: Kate Sinsabaugh, Erica Snyder, Karisha Solomon, Nikki Skeelee, Mary-Ann Macintosh, Tiffany Crawford, Christine Jenner, Jess Colby, Liz Cobb, Gretchen Etringer, Sarah Paige, Tim Paige, Jen Bryz-Gornia, Claire Hollman, Colleen Fox, Robin Weisbrod, Elizabeth Blackburn, Jennifer Marshall, Katie McGinnis, Christy Allen, Allison Chase, Mike Sinsabaugh, Diane Jillson

Call to Order: 7:04

PTA President Welcome – Kate Sinsabaugh – Keep in mind the 4th grade parents who may be moving up

Principal Update – Mary-Ann MacIntosh – Thank you to parents being patient to be buzzed into school front door one at a time

Playground Update - Presentation in April about Capital Project.

- Using \$1,000 now to create a motor lab - giving children the opportunity to work different parts of their bodies to let their minds focus on schoolwork. Helps with children that don't get outside as much.
- Screenagers - What issues arise from giving children technology early on and how to get ahead of it before problems develop - more than just screen time, this is taking responsibility for pictures and texts you send and receive as well as the repercussions for certain actions
- Tuesday 11/26 - 20 min early dismissal

Business Items:

- Budget Update – Colleen – 2 big fundraisers of the year have fallen a little short
- Account balance – Colleen – \$45,777 (includes \$30K going to playground)
 - donation to school update - \$30,000 state gives 50% if it goes through the capital project so it's actually \$45,000. We're basically getting a whole new playground. NYS suggests doing a community outreach to ask for sponsors to also contribute more to the amount the PTA has already promised. There's a 3D rendering in process. We may be able to see in Dec/Jan.

- Membership Update – Erica – 59 active members

Committee/Activity Wrap Up:

- Box Tops – Liz – May send in \$201 in tops, Oct sent \$103.80 in. Should receive \$304.90 in Dec They send out checks for the scanned ones twice a year.
- Save Around – Christie, Diane – 22 outstanding books, notes will be sent home asking for them. Empty envelopes will be sent home with students next year that didn't return their books this year. We should do a survey after the new year to see if people are still interested in this fundraiser or if we should switch it up. \$7,595 in sales so far, we make about 50%
- Spirit Wear & Mugs – Dec 3-ish delivery – 19 paper orders, many more online orders. We should be receiving about \$900 from this fundraiser (~\$740 clothing, ~\$155 mugs). Possibly add another selling time in the spring. Push it out later next year so delivery is closer to Christmas - this year ran Nov 5 - 17. Have notice go out prior to sale start. Possibly place a bulk order of items to keep on hand to sell at PTA events etc... Question if next year there could be an option to use debit card to avoid transaction fees.
- Movie Night – Nikki – 56 people attended, everyone enjoyed it. Sold 74 bags of popcorn. Maybe an outdoor movie would be fun in May/June

2019 & early 2020 Upcoming Events – Committee Updates:

- Penguin Patch 12/16 – 12/20 – Kelly, Liz – Chance for children to purchase Holiday gifts for family. 15 cents - \$5.00 price range. Waiting until after Thanksgiving to start advertising. Store will run Monday - Thursday during the week before Christmas break. Will need volunteers to help with coordinating children etc. Will use Signup Genius to get volunteers
- Spring Pictures (Yearbook incentive) – 2/5 & 2/6 – Nikki to chair - Will need 1-2 volunteers to help kids. Picture packets get sent home, if you don't want them you need to send them back to school. You can send a note in with your child if you do not want their picture taken at this time.
- Square 1 – 3/4 send home, 4/15 products received – Jess Colby – Square 1 sends special paper for kids to draw/color on. Artwork ships to square 1 in February and Catalogs come back in March. Projected to make about \$1,000.
- Scholastic Book Fair (PTA) – 3/9 thru 3/13 – Christie, Robin, Liz – Signup Genius for volunteers, plan a night for parents to come shop. A night with parents seems to be the best night for sales.

Ideas for more fundraising: Jen Bryz-Gornia suggested raffling a Cazenovia themed quilt - Elizabeth B. to ask quilters about possible interest in donating their time if PTA purchased the material

Maybe an artwork auction with high school involvement

2020 Upcoming Events – Committee Updates:

- Science Fair – 3/27 – Kara, Mike –
- Talent Show – 5/1 – Erica –
- Teacher appreciation – 5/6 & 5/7 – Mike –
- Yearbook – May - Erica, Katie McG, Eryn Kelly –
- 4th Grade Moving Up – 6/22 – Colleen, Gretchen, Nikki – need a few third and fourth grade parents to help organize things
- State Testing treats – Jen will help with Diane on planning this (\$200-\$300 budget)
- Carnival – 6/25 – Christie, Nikki –
- List of field trips/AFR's – Send out letter in late March and they are due back Early May
- Spring Enrichment classes – Emily Stevens – She's asked for teacher volunteers, need sign ups to start January

Kate looking into 3 different companies for school supply kits - one is allowing a lot more personalization for teachers and parents adding/removing items. Classroom Genie will ship to house for just \$6. Can order during the summer also, no early cut off.

Discussion Items from last meeting:

- Caz Cans status – Burton Street PTA account - we will get a check for every \$50 donated
 - Erica and Colleen to make sign to put up in Caz Cans advertising BSPTA account.
 - Amazon Smile – search for our group **PTA New York Congress 03-330 Burton Street Elem Schl PTA** – charity of choice earns 0.5% of your purchase every time you purchase through the Amazon Smile page.

Open discussion

Battle of the books is up and running through Scholastic with Mrs McGinnis right now (not PTA thing). Question as to when BOB is done in Feb if a book club could start up.

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2019-2020 Meetings

September 30, 2019 November 18, 2019 January 27, 2020 March 30, 2020 May
18, 2020

Ajourn 8:22 pm