

BURTON STREET PTA GENERAL MEETING

November 16, 2020 7 – 8 pm

Zoom Call <https://zoom.us/j/99452291895?pwd=YjQyZXZdZeW9UM2lGUDFoeHJjOVQ5UTo9>

Agenda:

PTA President Welcome – Kate Sinsabaugh – Nothing to report as an overall report

- Attendees: Kate Sinsabaugh, Michelle Belden, Becky Choquette, Katie McGinnis, Annie Parry, Tricia Molloy, Jaci Korver, Kristen Manchester, Jen Bryz-Gornia, Kelly Hyatt, Amy Austin, Annie Scott, Nikki Skeele, Christin Vincent

Principal Update – Kara May – (not able to be in attendance)

Business Items:

- 2020/21 Budget Update – Becky – looking very good. Fundraisers doing well
- Account balance – Becky – \$17,985.53
- AFR Status – Becky – 95% complete. Orders being sent into school, all but 2 teachers have been repaid at this time
- Membership Update – Michelle – 78 members with 11 of those being teachers (last year was 4 teachers)

Committee/Activity Wrap Up:

- Opt-out Fundraiser <https://bit.ly/2FO7XqO> well received especially after printed form went home with students. Raised \$3-4K so far. Took place of Save Around Books. WAY easier to execute. Will keep for next year (update from Becky - Opt Out at \$2665)
- Picture Day (retakes 11/12) - Lifetouch has the 12/17 date available just waiting on ok from the school. Remote students retakes will be 12/11. If retakes can't happen we always have the spring pictures.
- Snack Days - going really well in school and remote students really appreciate it. 3 done for remote (ice cream, gold fish, pretzels), 2 for in-school (gold fish, pretzels)
- Box Tops submission - has brought in about \$50 which is substantially lower than past years but with the new way of "collecting" box tops it's a little harder for some to do/remember to do it.

Upcoming Events – Committee Updates:

- Fall Spirit Wear Sale – 11/8-22nd – Lizzy Blackburn & Jaci Korver - Over \$670 online sales so far - Online sale ends on 12/7 - Paper sales have to be in by 11/20 - Both going well.
- Winter Market (f/k/a Penguin Patch) – Kelly Hyatt/Kelly McCrink - <https://burtonstreetpta.weebly.com/winter-market.html> Winter market prep going really well! Has been collecting a ton of homemade products, amazon purchases from our wishlists, etc.
 - Products are \$10 and lower
 - Kelly went to school and created 3 different display cases to show the students what to expect this year! Displays will be up for 3 weeks
 - Products are currently being stored at the nursery at the Cazenovia Presbetarian church so a big thank you to them!!
 - School would like consistent as far a volunteers go so there is less chance for exposure/easier contact tracing
 - Remote students will be able to shop on 12/11 which is also a remote packet pick up day

- Will have an envelope system with the day/time students will be able to shop. This will make it easier to pick out gifts, know how much to spend on everyone, etc.
- Raffle Baskets – We also have enough items to do 16 gift baskets for a winter raffle!
 - Idea for money to go towards something special for the teachers!
 - Will all be online and will run around December - Kelly looking into different options for this.
- Square 1 Art – Jaci Korver/Amy Austin - Getting started early just in case students have to go remote. Remote students should already have for a project now
 - We are ahead of schedule currently and hoping to get the art in before Christmas to be able to have the spring shopping available and delivered before Mothers Day
- 4th Grade Moving Up – Gretchen/Nikki Skeelee – Gretchen and Nikki are going to get together at some point this month to hash things out and come up with different options as far as distanced moving up day or even maybe being able to get everyone together depending on what is going on with COVID.
 - We will then put together next month, a zoom meeting for all those who have volunteered to help out so far to discuss and get more ideas.
- Summer Learning Resources using earned Scholastic Rewards – Jen Bryz-Gornia & Katie McGinnis - Going to get together a summer workbook from Scholastic that is age appropriate for all Burton Street students.
 - \$5.50 each - about \$3,000 all together for a whole school
 - Need to talk with Kara May, and the teachers so they can review it, and approve.
 - So far teachers like the idea!
- Library Book Fair -- Katie McGinnis - Flyers and wishlists going home this week - Katie is not sure how well it's going to go over but hoping to at least fulfill some teacher wish list items with profits.
 - Goes until 11/23
 - Would like some help with promoting it on social media - purchases will go right to their house
 - If parents want to help out with teacher wishlists, they can always send an email to the teacher and ask if there is a book that they would like that the parent could purchase for them.
 - Katie is also going to make a general teacher wish list and we can post on the website for parents to look at and purchase if they want. That way the teachers don't have to feel like they are overstepping, asking for classroom books so close to the holidays. Wishlist found here <https://burtonstreetpta.weebly.com/library-scholastic-book-fair.html>

Discussion Items:

- Katie McGinnis is going to mention AFR to teachers to see if they need anything else to make it through the rest of this year and into next year. Nothing is off limits at this point as long as we as a team realize what is really needed.
- The staff at Burton Street is looking into creating scholarships for families if we were to go into an extended remote situation who can't afford daycare for multiple weeks -
 - They are going to reach out to business and also maybe there could be a PTA sponsored scholarship? - All ideas are being explored.
- Possible idea to do a "PTA wants to grant you a Christmas wish" kind of thing to the teachers - Katie going to reach out.
 - Looking for fun stuff for them rather than disinfecting wipes etc.

Stay up-to-Date:

- Our monthly Newsletter will be sent by Mrs Richer & we'll email meeting info to PTA members (agenda, meeting minutes)
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/674365839617952/>
- <https://burtonstreetpta.weebly.com/>

Help us without spending extra:

- Amazon Smile – Set up instructions to make us your charity of choice - \$14 dollars from Amazon smile got deposited into our account today!
- <https://burtonstreetpta.weebly.com/amazon-smile.html>
- Return your cans at **Caz Cans** on Rte 20 & donate to Burton St PTA - \$100 coming to the PTA
- Clip Box Tops &/or submit receipts on the app (w/in 2 wks of purchase). Set up instructions <https://burtonstreetpta.weebly.com/box-tops-for-education.html>

2020/21 Meetings Sept 21, 2020 Nov 16, 2020 Jan 25, 2021 March 22, 2021 May 17, 2021

BURTON STREET PTA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

bolded names indicate agreement to chair committee in 2020/21

FALL

- ****likely cancelled for this year** Curriculum Night – PTA board members**
- Picture Day – **Nikki Skeele**
- ****modified** Friday Popcorn Days – Casey Frazee**
- Box Tops – **Lizzy Blackburn** – much of this has moved to the app & no longer requires clipping & mailing though there are still clippable tops on packaging
- ****decided not to do for 2020/21** Save Around – Christie Williams, Diane Jillson**
- Spirit Wear – **Lizzy Blackburn & Jaci Korver** – work with local printing company to coordinate clothing & gear sale, once orders in distribute to classrooms
- Square 1 Art – **Jaci Korver & Amy Austin** – easily coordinated from home - company sends reminders as to due dates, work with Ms Kelly (art teacher) to get art created and sent to company, once orders in distribute to classrooms
- ****modified** Penguin Patch – Kelly Hyatt**

SPRING

- Spring Pictures (Yearbook incentive) – **Nikki Skeele**
- Winter Break Read-a-thon - **Lizzie Blackburn & _____**
- Scholastic Book Fair (PTA) – **Christie Williams, Robin Weisbrod, Lizzie Blackburn**
- Science Fair – _____
- Talent Show – _____ organize students (w/committee of 2-3) for a 1 night talent show
- Teacher appreciation – **Mike Sinsabaugh**
- Yearbook – **Katie McGinnis & Colleen Fox**
- 4th Grade Moving Up – **Gretchen, Nikki Skeele, _____** need 3rd grade parent
- 3rd Grade shirts – **Colleen Fox**
- State Testing treats – **Diane Jillson & Jen Bryz-Gornia**
- Carnival – **Christie Williams & Nikki Skeele**
- List of field trips/AFR's – **Becky Choquette**

- Spring Enrichment classes – Emily Stevens