

## BURTON STREET PTA GENERAL MEETING

March 22, 2021 7 – 8 pm

Zoom Call <https://zoom.us/j/99672547068?pwd=Rk13MWh4ZjN6VGxkUGlwbW80K3J0UT09>.

If needed meeting ID: 996 7254 7068, Passcode: PTA

Meeting started: 7pm

Attendees: Kate Sinsabaugh, Mike Sinsabaugh, Kara May, Katie McGinnis, Amy Austin, Nikki Skeele, Annie Parry, Michelle Belden

### Minutes:

PTA President Welcome – Kate Sinsabaugh – this is the 2nd to last meeting, but the second half of the year is when a lot happens

Principal Update – Kara May – 5 min

- State tests - 3rd & 4th grade testing are currently 1 session. Remote students are not required to test. If they want to they will be provided a safe testing room
- Mental health piece - Burton St is featured in a mental health piece for their “Hang Ten Time” initiated this year - We are so proud of our teachers!

Business Items: 10 min

- 2020/21 Budget Update & AFRs for 2021/22– Becky – AFRs due in April. Budget is on track for remaining spring events.
- Account balance – Becky – \$23,635
- Membership Update – Nikki – 85 members
- By-Laws approved - signed copy [found here](#)
- Better Together Remote Learning assistance program - funds via PTA no longer needed.
  - If we need this program, district parents will be asked to donate supplies & Caz Cares can cover snack needs.
- In May we will be voting on a new President & Secretary
  - Nominating committee needed - 2 executive members & general PTA members to make up 3-person committee.
  - Any interested parties should reach out to let the executive board know they are interested.

Committee/Activity Wrap Up: 10 min

- Snack Days - Nikki - we asked parents to help fund the remaining months with an Amazon wish list & Paypal donation link.
  - Parents liked this option & donation so much and the PTA no longer needs to pay for the snacks
  - THANK YOU to all the parents who have donated!!
- Spring picture proofs have gone home - Nikki
  - no retakes and no need to return proofs unless ordering
  - Contacted LifeTouch about some of the parent concerns with Spring Pictures and these were addressed - our lifetouch rep will go over everything with the photographers at the next training session at the end of April.

- Reminded parents that Spring pictures are basically like a fundraiser for us and it gives us the opportunity to provide all of Burton Street with a **FREE** yearbook at the end of the year
- Winter Break Read-a-thon – Lizzie Blackburn - read-a-thon was well received and earned \$5201.78 (Becky - to confirm number)
- Square 1 Art - Amy - did well with \$6400 in sales. We will receive 33% since we did over \$3k in sales.
  - Made \$2,000 in profits for the PTA!
  - Amy might need help distributing the goods around school (VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY)
  - Erin Kelly has asked for supplies used to be covered by the PTA.
    - She used a lot of her own colored pencils this year.
    - Katie will request Erin provide a monetary estimate for supply costs as long as we continue with Square 1 Art.

#### Upcoming Events – Committee Updates: 25 min

- Scholastic Book Fair (PTA) – **Christie Williams, Robin Weisbrod** - occurring May 10 - 14 and hopeful to have outdoor family night to shop.
  - Katie offered the library as a space - As long as students use hand sanitizer before & after, shopping in the library space should be fine.
- Science Fair – **Jessica Garay** – sign ups run through 3/31 with video submissions due 3/31 through 4/7.
  - Posters/exhibits will be displayed in the school April 12-16 for selected projects
  - Mrs. Emmons making videos showcasing students who participated in the science fair and grouping them by grades and they will be shown in the classrooms.
- Talent Show – tabled until 2022
- Teacher appreciation – **Mike Sinsabaugh** - planning is going well - set for the first week in May
  - Will need volunteers to help when the time comes to assemble things at school.
  - Mike needs to talk with Kara further about hanging appreciation signs around the teacher's doorways.
- Yearbook – **Colleen Fox, Mike Sinsabaugh** - right on schedule with next due date April 16th
  - We are very appreciative that this is being done so fast this year!
  - They both did an amazing job as well last year considering it was thrown together in a week last year due to the COVID chaos.
- 4th Grade Moving Up – **Gretchen Etringer, Nikki Skeele, Corrinne O'Hara, Colleen Fox** - Going well!
  - Shirts & pennants have been ordered.
  - Arlington Acres has been rented.
  - Having trouble nailing down a food truck. Annie Parry had some contacts and she will pass them along and see if the trucks have availability for the main date as well as the rain date.
  - 4th grade class donation has been decided and materials being donated!
    - Lumber - Johnston's Lumber
    - Plaque - Skeele Insurance Agency
    - Soil for garden - Spruce Ridge
    - Labor to build the raised garden - Adam Etringer
- 3rd Grade shirts – **Colleen Fox** - Colleen is in the middle of nailing down shirt costs & then it's just a matter of letting the company she chose know when she needs shirts.
  - Keeping them around \$7 a piece.
- State Testing treats – **Diane Jillson & Jen Bryz-Gornia** - Testing days are still up in the air as to if NY will request a waiver for the year.

- Remote students have the option to test, but it is not mandatory.
- ELA test April 20 & 21. Math May 4 & 5.
- Treat will be a pencil and hard candy with encouraging messages.
- Carnival – **Becky & Michelle** to lead committee - What if Carnival Days became more like “field days” and happened one day during the last few weeks of school? - Agree on a class color by grade and then the entire grade gets to go outside for an hour doing some fun stuff.
  - Lunch outside
  - Everyone will get a goodie bag to take home
  - Kara says this can definitely happen and separation of students doesn’t need to remain as strict as it has been - we’re allowed to start mingling some classes and hopefully will be able to do so a few weeks after spring break.
- Summer Scholastic Learning Books - **Jen Bryz-Gornia & Katie McGinnis** - on hold for this school year, needs more research.
  - Teachers need to look over the selection and make sure it’s appropriate.
- (possible) **Summer AFR 5K - Becky** - suggested a summer 5K to strictly raise funds for AFRs
  - Would have to happen Sept or even beginning of October
  - Going to start the planning process with a women in the community who has organized a few 5ks - will update soon!

Discussion Items: 10 min

- Nothing to discuss

Meeting adjourned - 8:10pm

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
- <https://burtonstreetpta.weebly.com/amazon-smile.html>
- Return your cans at **Caz Cans** on Rte 20 & donate to Burton St 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