

BURTON STREET PTA GENERAL MEETING

September 19, 2023 Library 7 pm

Attendees:

Nikki Skeele, Amanda Traynor, Beth Alton, Kate Sinsabaugh, Jaci Korver, Lindsey Henning, Lauren Ulinski, Lynton Slater, Nicole Maggio, Cristina Knapp, Peter Neeves, Bethany Joncas, Katherine McGinnis, Sarah Stocks, Paige Brodock, Amy Austin, Karisha Solomon, Sarah Dennis, Amy Netzband, Renee Fuller, Sara Smith, Jessica Garay,

Agenda:

PTA President Welcome – Nikki Skeele - President position is open for interested candidates. Nikki is serving as interim president.

Principal Update – Cristina Knapp- excited to be a part of the PTA presence in the school because she has heard of all the great things the PTA has done for Burton Street.

- General school information-
 - Raptor is the new scanning in system for the school. It's a one-time scan and you are in the system. The secretaries will enter info into the system using license, won't need to enter each time you enter the school. Information will be entered each year (Aug/Sept). Large events will still need to utilize sign in sheet. System will alert staff if someone shouldn't be with children.

Business Items: 10 min

- 2023/24 Budget Update – Beth Alton– Projected amount for next year \$51,750. Amounts will be adjusted. Read a thon expenses seem high. Beth will double check. Square1 amount was 0 from last year should be 0 for this year but Art teacher will request reimbursement of supplies for square1.
- Account balance – Beth Alton – \$17,413.92
- Membership Update – Need 172, currently at 61 - Lindsey Henning. We receive rewards from NYS PTA if we meet membership goal. We need a volunteer (to create & disperse QR code envelopes to encourage teacher enrollment). Paige Brodock volunteered! About 95% of teachers traditionally join. While they may not attend evening meetings teachers have reported that they enjoy reading meeting minutes.
- Chairs/co-chairs for this years PTA fundraisers/events- Nikki brought sign up sheets. Chair and cochair work together on committees to plan events. Without chairs the event will not happen.
 - talent show
 - 4th grade moving up (graduation ceremony-singing, t-shirts, bounce houses, food, etc what the committee comes up with) PTA gives \$3,000 for that event. Usually, a 4th grade parent chairs this event.
 - 3rd grade shirts- typically chaired by a 3rd grade parent
 - state testing treats- Beth Alton
 - Raise Craze- Kindness fundraiser- encourages kids to “pay it forward”, 93% of the proceeds benefit the PTA
 - Square1 art- kids artwork made into things like pens, stickers, t-shirts, etc. PTA gets a percent of sales. Comes around the holidays.
 - Winter market- holiday sale at school for kids to buy gifts
 - Teacher Appreciation- yoga for teachers- Paige Brodock offered classes throughout school year.
 - Science Fair- Needs one co-chair, takes place May 2nd.

- Read-a-thon- encouraging kids to read over winter break, prizes for how much they read. Water Safari tickets were an incentive last year. Co-chairs to help Sara Smith with brainstorming prizes, printing, updating forms, logging minutes, tracking money raised, etc. Most of the work for this event takes place after the event is over.
- Yearbook- PTA covers cost of yearbooks through picture packages sold so each student will get a yearbook
- Work together with bjk photos for pictures.
- New program to implement and possible author visit - Katie McGinnis- PARP week (Peers As Reading Partners) choose a theme(decorate library), school dedicates time every morning, classroom prizes, next year incorporate with read a thon, March 17-22nd. Stan Tucker from "Very Airy Library" to come as a visiting author. Agreed to give a large presentation but then will go into each classroom to give small group discussion. Need Volunteers to decorate library before the week starts and to take decorations down. Author cost \$3,000 per day. Plus travel and lodging (Brae Loch) We can split costs with Mexico school district. 'Arts in ed' can cover a portion of the cost but will need a budget for decorations.
- Hazel's Hope pathway - Nikki Skeelee- Hazel's pathway is the new pathway on playground. Colleen Shaw is Hazels Mom. Pathway is in memory of her daughter Hazel who was a student that passed away a couple of years ago. Pathway is meant to be an inclusive pathway for students on playground to utilize the equipment. Pathway needs to be moved and replaced. It was done incorrectly. It is not wide enough to be ADA compliant and it is unsafe for wheelchair access. PTA donated over \$14,000 to this project. Pathway will be reconstructed during the school year which means the playground will be closed for a portion of the year. Cristina Knapp- Something will need to go up to prevent the public from walking on the pathway during construction.
- Miori update – Beth Alton – Miori (Master Beth) is looking for PTA to help with advertising for after school program(s). Last year the PTA benefited from ½ of the proceeds. They will also need a dedicated space for one night a week for 20+ kids. Advertisement can be put on parent square. Martial arts- once a week for 6-8 weeks. Master Beth asked if parents/kids will be involved in pumpkin carving for Fall Festival Carving contest.

Committee/Activity Wrap Up: 10 min

- Class of T-shirt sale- Kate Sinsabaugh- sold 103 pieces, \$2 per shirt. Approx \$206.00. Utilized Scholastic Sports in Manlius (devote extra time for next year for production). They set up an online store making them easy to utilize.
- Jaci Korver- We have t-shirts for curriculum night. Jaci will need to order more XS and S in rainbow tye dye and blue & white. Will order 10+ of rainbow tye dye. Also taking requests for larger sizes. Order XXL for one person.
- First Popcorn Day- Amanda Traynor- big hit! Need to purchase supplies. Discussed popcorn being delivered to UPK and offered free for UPK for October since they didn't get popcorn this month. Amanda will email UPK teachers to verify if its safe/ok. Volunteer shifts had to be limited due to amount of volunteer interest. Water spillage was at an all time high, need a better system for little ones to pour their own water. Popcorn purchases are limited to 2 per student.

Upcoming Events – Committee Updates: 20 min

- Picture Day- Sept 27&28- Nikki- will post volunteer sign up once its generated. The company offers discount for multiple students. Will advertise on sandwich board, will advertise on Facebook once schedule is released.
- Fall Book Fair - Nov 13th-21st Katie McGinnis- Benefits the library and library “donates” funds to MH suite. Cash donations are preferred over scholastic dollars so they can purchase a broader range of items. PTA will organize the volunteer sign-ups for fair and family night which takes place the 21st.
 - Amanda- Laker exchange- donations of used laker gear and people can get gear for no charge. Collection begins in October. Will be available for Family night.
- Spirit wear gear- Caz athletic Association sells items at sports events. PTA will discuss with scholastic sports and Kelly McCrink to purchase Spirit wear to sell.

Discussion Items: 10 min

- Possible idea for a breakfast/Lunch with parent/caregiver at school in addition to end of the year BBQ. Problems may arise due to Lunch having limited timing(20 minutes), some kids may feel left out if parents can't come. Discussed that parents want to volunteer in school.
 - Suggested ideas: Parents can ask to be a guest reader in library. If teachers have a need for volunteers, they can ask PTA for volunteer parents, roles such as recess monitors. Event like a simple quick, muffins with moms, donuts with an adult, would need to work with teachers to avoid extra work load.
- Katie McGinnis- Volunteered to brew coffee in the morning for teachers. A new coffee pot is needed for the teachers lounge. Keurig isn't reliable. Amazon wish list for new pot- teachers would contribute 50 cents for coffee to offset costs.
- Jaci- High school volunteers for babysitting during PTA meeting. Would anyone like to utilize the high schoolers for babysitters during future PTA meetings? No one expressed interest. Students get volunteer hours for their time served and would like to volunteer in this role.
- Curriculum night is September 27 (adult only event)PTA will have order sheet for Caz gear and Caz gear available for purchase.

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:

Return your cans at **Caz Cans** on Rte 20 & donate to **Burton St PTA**

2023/24 Meetings: Nov 27, 2023 Jan 29, 2024 March 25, 2024

May 20, 2024