

# Burke High School PTO

## Parent/Teacher Organization



*Date | Time* 10/8/2018 7:00 PM

*Location* Burke High School Library

Type of meeting	Monthly Meeting
Facilitator	Susie Gundersen
Note taker	Christine Goetzinger

Attendees: PTO Membership

Please Read:

- Minutes – September 10, 2018

Please Bring:

- Wine for the Wine Pull
- Textured Items for Bash Pottery

### Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome	Susie Gundersen	2 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Principal Updates	Gaye Lannan	5 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> OPS School Board Candidates	Susie Gundersen	30 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Post Prom Next Steps	Susie Gundersen	10 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer's Report	Alan Hauschild	5 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary's Report	Christine Goetzinger	3 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Kudos - Upcoming Events - Closing Remarks	Susie Gundersen	3 Minutes

### Other Information

Next Meeting:

- November 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM – Burke High School Library
- Guest Speaker: DeAnn Hanisch, Art

Upcoming Events:

- October 4, 2018 – Meet And Greet With Dr. Cheryl Logan
- October 11, 2018 – PTO Fall Bake Sale and Supply Drive
- November 16, 2018 – Burke Bash

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1. How would you describe your role and responsibility as a member of the OPS Board?
  - a. What unique skillset would you bring to the Board?
  
2. What do you see as the strengths of Burke and OPS? What are the weaknesses of Burke and OPS?
  
3. Burke competes for students with not only other OPS High Schools but also with non-OPS schools (Millard, Elkhorn, Bennington, Skutt, Creighton Prep, Marian and DC West, among others) how do you plan to be a proponent of Burke High School?
  - a. In General?
  - b. Within OPS?
  - c. With the new High School?
  
4. Notwithstanding Central, which offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program, Burke is the only High School that is not designated as a "Magnet". Only Magnet schools, as well as the IB program at Central, are allowed to promote their curriculum and recruit students to their schools. As such, Burke is negatively impacted by not being able recruit students to our school based upon a designated specialties or the perceived benefit to attend a Magnet school/International Baccalaureate Program over Burke.
  - a. How would you address the uneven playing field in recruiting or the perception that Burke is not viewed as academically challenging as other schools within the district?
  - b. Should we even be using a designation of Magnet schools?
  - c. If all schools are a Magnet except one, is that fair?
  
5. What is your plan to address OPS Budget shortfalls?
  - a. Are there areas where you feel could see funding reductions?
  - b. Are there areas that you feel should receive increased funding?

## Burke PTO Minutes- September 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

President, Susie Gunderson, welcomed the attendees.

Mrs. Lannan, Burke principal reported that everyone did a great job during the great flood at Burke. -all classrooms should be back in working order by Tuesday. Mrs. Lannan complimented students and staff on their handling of the situation and stated they all did a great job. Mrs. Lannan thanked parents in advance for their help at the upcoming Homecoming festivities and dance. Mrs. Lannan invited everyone to the Oct 4<sup>th</sup>-ribbon cutting for new activities facility and reception for Dr. Logan which will begin at 5:30. Sept 26<sup>th</sup> is Open House and Mrs. Lannan invited all parents to come and see their student's classrooms and visit the new additions to the school.

Next, Mr. Groth, Vocal Music teacher gave an update about the Vocal Music department. He stated the vocal music department has seen a 15% growth in enrollment in the last 3 years and stated that with good growth in a program it offers more opportunities for students. Mr. Groth shared some recent awards that the Vocal Music department was awarded. Synergy will perform at Open House and their first concert will be Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Groth will be hosting a student teacher in vocal music in October. Mr. Groth recognized Mrs. Emily Mokryski for her recent award, the League of Educators Apple award that was presented to her at the Broadway Ball. Parents took a tour of New Music wing & multipurpose room.

Next, Mrs. Ward, English teacher spoke about ACT Prep Opportunities. Mrs. Ward shared that there is a one semester class for juniors and seniors. Summer sessions are available for free for students. Saturday ACT sessions start in October, students may sign up in the Counseling Office. During ACT Prep sessions students work on practicing pacing for ACT. ACT website also has test prep. Juniors will again take ACT in April. Feel free to email Mrs. Ward with questions.

Secretary's report: The August minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report-\$2,110.00 In revenue thru August 31<sup>st</sup>. More expenses coming up for teacher grants, individual, department and a new Jumbo Grant is available for staff to submit an application.

President's Report: Susie thanked parents for wine and doilies for Burke Bash. Pottery students are using the doilies in their making of pottery pieces for the silent auction at Burke Bash. Susie talked about Burke School signs that are available for purchase. It's a great way to promote Burke school spirit in your neighborhood. Look for flyers at teacher's conferences. Thank you note from Brooke Lawson for 2018 PTO Senior Scholarship was shared.

Susie discussed that during the next PTO meeting on October 8th, we will have a meet and greet at 6:30 with Nancy Kratky and Jeff Jezewski, school board candidate. During the meeting the 2 candidates will be answering 5-pre planned questions. Susie asked for questions they would like addressed from the school board candidates.

Upcoming events: Alumni tailgate on Sept 21 before the Homecoming football game.

Homecoming dance Sept. 22nd.

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>-Open House-PTO membership table-shifts available to help staff table

Sept 27<sup>th</sup>-Cookie Jar-will be put in Teacher Collaboration room, Kuerig-K-cups (will be asking for those) Drop off during Open House.

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>-Meet and Greet with Dr. Logan.

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>-Fall conferences/bake sale/ teacher desserts.

Karen Burmood mentioned donating silent auction items for Burke Bash.

Meeting adjourned-8:02p.m.