

Burke PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Susie Gundersen, PTO President, welcomed the attendees.

Spotlight Teacher of the Month, Laura Luckinbill, has been teaching for 28 years. Ms. Luckinbill showed how she uses dry erase boards for quick assessments in her classroom and thanked the PTO for supplying the dry erase boards and makers over the years. She talked about different projects her students complete and shared samples with the PTO members. Mrs. Luckinbill was given a teacher of the month traveling sign to display in her classroom.

Mrs. Razor was unable to attend the PTO meeting due to a family emergency, but is asking PTO members if they are interested in helping to complete mock interviews with students, April 25 & 26th. If interested in helping please email, Mrs. Razor at Jennifer.razor@ops.org.

Mr. Jay Dalton, Marketing Career Technical teacher and lead advisor of DECA chapter at Burke. DECA prepares students in many different fields. Students are judged by performance indicators during competitions and are encouraged to use critical thinking, problem solving, communication, creativity and innovation in their given situation. Mr. Dalton integrates concepts in his classroom, students apply their learning and knowledge during their various competitions.

Mr. Sieck was unable to attend PTO meeting to discuss the Burke Focus program due to house/water emergency, we will reschedule him for another meeting.

Mrs. Lannan gave the Principal Update: Several teachers are heading up the gathering of relief items for Burke Cares campaign for flood victims. She thanked PTO for staff holiday meal and the parent teacher conference meal for staff. UNO School of Architecture & Design students want to design outdoor classroom area for the north lawn, have dedicated about \$30,000 for outdoor classroom space. Cameras have been updated throughout the building over spring break. Updates to cabinets in culinary and science classrooms. New lighting in parking lot this summer. Burke improved from a rating of Good to Great in School rankings.

Treasurers report: 1 Spring teacher grant received to date, February 28th bank statement balance was \$67,361.51.

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

Post Prom & Budget Adjustment: Post prom was originally scheduled to be held at Alley V which went out of business, we have been searching and can't find a viable venue to hold post prom. In addition, we have had declining numbers of students attend post prom the last several years, therefore we aren't getting a good return on our investment. We will not be able to host a post prom this year and will need to decide if we want to continue a post prom event for the future. Budget adjustment-PTO has been asked by Burke Alumni group to help them build a framework/network to track alumni groups and to position themselves as a foundation. Scott Noble has been generous as an alumnus and has encouraged other alumni to give back to Burke. Burke Alumni group has asked PTO for \$5000 to help them get their information into a data base and build relationships with our Burke Alumni which will continue to help Burke grow. PTO has the additional funds to support this measure due to the cancellation of post prom (extra \$9000) Burke Alumni Group has established a 501C3. Alumni group will be utilizing OSF tracking system to help track Alumni groups. Motion was presented to adjust the budget to give \$5000 for the Alumni group, seconded and approved by PTO members.

Kudos-Upcoming Events & closing remarks: Thank you to Michelle Fryzek for heading up the teacher grants. Thank you to all who helped with the 8th grade Open house, we put on a great show this year, best one yet. Thank you all for coming tonight, next PTO meeting we will have PTO Elections. Cookie Jar on March 28th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18p.m.