

Burke PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, November 12, 2018

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

Susie Gundersen, PTO President, welcomed the attendees.

Mrs. Lannan gave Principal Updates: 61 AP Scholars were honored at the Scholars Tea; 135 students, mostly juniors, took the PSAT; Phase II Bond meetings started. Phase II includes mostly HVAC upgrades, but would also like to see the school's culinary space updated; No summer will be held at Burke again this year; Burke's band was the first Nebraska band to attend Bands of America St. Louis in October. The Instrumental Department also had another successful Band Boutique; Shout out to Varsity football team and Mr. Williams & staff for all their hard work and hosting additional games and the responsibility that comes with that; Also urged attendees to watch KETV's feature on Burke's softball coach; Lastly, Mrs. Lannan stated it has been a bumpy road so far this year, with highs and lows, but she is very thankful for all the support from the PTO and parents.

Mr. Williams spoke briefly to thank the Booster Club for their generous donation to pay for bus transportation and tickets to the championship game in Lincoln. The Booster Club also provided a pizza dinner prior to departure.

Next, Susie Gundersen welcomed and introduced DeAnn Hanisch. Ms. Hanisch, Visual Arts teacher, gave a brief slideshow presentation and tour of the newly upgraded classrooms, which included expanded work space, and 12 additional pottery wheels. Her slideshow presentation included our district standards & current course offerings. Ms. Hanisch looks at the arts as an outlet for students to find themselves and is important – improving mental health and life skills, such as thinking outside the box and being less afraid of failure. On behalf of her entire department, Ms. Hanisch thanked the PTO for past, current, and future financial support.

Motion was made and approved by the attendees to pay for a teacher/staff thanksgiving lunch and, if needed, supplement the Booster Club's donation for the State Championship football game.

The October meeting minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Outflow reported at \$5,607.88 with revenue of \$8,483.80; Ending checking account balance of \$62,288.31; CD balance of \$15,303.03.

Kudos to Bash Committee, as well as everyone who donated and/or purchased baked goods at the Fall Bake Sale.

Closing remarks by Susie included a request for pies for the annual Thanksgiving luncheon in November, as well as, for the December Holiday luncheon. Burke to host a presentation for the new inductees to the Alumni Hall of Fame. Susie also mentioned the upcoming Kendra Gives Back Party on Tuesday, December 18th. Kendra Scott in Village Pointe will donate 20% of all proceeds from this night to the Burke PTO.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.