

Burke PTO Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2019
Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 pm

Welcome: PTO President Susie Gundersen

- Meetings once a month, explained meeting format. Principal's report, teacher of the month, staff speaker, general PTO budget
- Emails will be used to keep you informed of meetings, volunteer opportunities, and PTO insights

Principal's Welcome: Gaye Lannan

- Positive start to the school year. Focus at Burke is that the school culture will outweigh strategy. Want to make the building a place that meets the needs of adolescents. Added 25-minute advisement to the school day with the primary focus on making connections and building staff relationships with student.
- Faculty representatives Ms. Chuda and Ms. Dixon
- Instructional focus: Raising the instructional bar and level of expectation while providing support to ensure students reach those higher goals.
- Construction updates: This is the final year of the bond funding construction. Continuing to work on air conditioning issues. All new carpeting, flooring and curtains, lighting and sound updates in the auditorium. Office area all new carpeting and paint. Cabinet painting created the opportunity to declutter hallways and classrooms. Permanent walls to replace moveable walls. Culinary classrooms are being completely. Upgraded security cameras. New signage to welcome students and families as they enter the building. Fence finally removed from the parking lot for teacher parking spots. New lighting in the parking lot. Cooperative project with UNO graduate students and Burke students to design and construct an outdoor classroom. New softball facilities. New library furniture. New parking lot for the stadium should be able to use it by the first home game, Sept. 13.

AP/Dual Enrollment: Jane Luethge

- Burke offers 35 AP courses. That is the most AP courses offered by any school in the entire state of Nebraska.
- Burke is the only AP Capstone school in the state of Nebraska.
- Last year over 900 exams were delivered to over 400 Burke students.
- The other component is dual enrollment. Dual enrollment courses are through UNO, Midland and Metro based on teacher credentials.
- College Credit Information Night: During Open House (Sept 18: 6-8) More information on AP/Dual Enrollment will be available at 7:15 in the auditorium. This event is to discuss college credit opportunities.
- Questions to jane.luethge@ops.org

PTO Budget: Susie Gundersen/Alan Hauschild

- Burke Bash is where we receive 90% of our revenue. The rest is membership, yard signs, and bake sales.
- Big Expenses: ACT test prep, honors ceremonies, Burke Alumni database to build relationships, hospitality events for teachers (meals, treats, gift cards), staff grants, college scholarships.
- 2019-20 budget approved as listed. Any changes over \$175 will be brought to member vote.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hauschild

- Current operating budget: ???
- Income from membership: ???
- Expenses so far this year include back to school breakfast and staff welcome gifts.

Secretary's Report: Wendy Kendeigh

- April 2019 minutes approved

Burke Bash: Jane King

- Saturday Nov. 23 at Champions Run Clubhouse
- If your child's club/sport can fill a whole table, PTO will donate \$100 per table back to that organization.
- Actively seeking donations for auction items (smaller items for silent auction, larger ticket items for live auction). Contact Jennifer Knight for auction donation items.
- Soliciting bottles of wine (\$15 minimum) for wine pull. These can be delivered to Jane King or brought to the next PTO meeting.

Kudos/Closing Remarks: Susie Gundersen

- Welcome back staff breakfast coordinated by our hospitality committee.
- Burke Bulldog pride signs \$35 coordinated by Kate Grabill. Great Burke community PR.
- PTO Board welcoming families at registration.
- Post Prom question: Venue to host post prom has been an issue. Hosting at school requires a tremendous amount of volunteers. May consider having activities at CHI during prom. Michelle Jacobs will lead this event.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 pm

Next Meeting: September 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM – Burke High School Library

Guest Speaker: Dr. Andrew Walters, Activities & Student Services

Upcoming Events:

- September 13, 2019 – Alumni Tailgate
- September 14, 2019 – Homecoming Dance
- September 18, 2019 – Open House & Membership Drive
- September 26, 2019 – Teacher Cookie Jar