

Burke PTO Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019
Meeting Called to Order: 7:03

Welcome: Susie Gunderson

Principal's Update: Dr. Andrew Walters

Construction: Sensor issues with HVAC, continuing to work with contractors to get that under control. West parking lot should be usable by first home game (Sept. 13). Homecoming week is here. Daily spirit themes, game Friday against Central, dance Saturday at Burke. Middle school bands joining Burke for mega band half-time performance. Homecoming information: Tickets on sale during lunches. Tickets must be purchased in advance, no tickets available the night of the dance. If your date is from another school, special permission forms are required and due Wednesday.

Open House: Sept. 18, 6-8 pm. Childcare provided if needed. Kids and parents welcome to come and experience a day in the life of Burke High School. Activity fair in the gym, classroom teachers available to meet and greet.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Walters, Burke Activities director:

Explanation of his many roles in the building. Activities, student services, transportation, 10/11th grade administrator, school safety, instructional support (art, music, world language). Provided list of available clubs/activities. Stressed importance of being engaged and involved in school clubs and activities as it gives students a substantial increase in the 40 assets needed to succeed in school and beyond. Current data approximately 910 Burke students in clubs and 800 students in sports. Burke's statistical average of students involved in both sports and activities is above the national average.

Burke Bash ticket drawing: Two free tickets to Burke Bash drawn from registration day membership drive raffle tickets. Winner: Barb Cull. Congratulations!

Burke Bash: Nov. 23, 2019. Seeking donations for silent and live auction items. If you fill a table with a guests for a particular team or club, \$100 goes back to that organization. Wine pull donations needed: bring bottles of wine (\$15 minimum) to any PTO event to be donated to the event.

Secretary's Report: Wendy Kendeigh

August minutes amended to show correct Bash date (Nov. 23) and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hauschild

Burke Bash provides 90% of PTO income

Expenses so far this school year:

- Welcome back breakfast
- Staff appreciation gift cards for birthdays

- Teacher Grants up to \$200 for classroom projects, departments \$350, jumbo grants \$1000. Deadline is Friday, Sept. 13
- Website maintenance fee

Kudos/Upcoming Events/Closing Remarks: Susie Gundersen

Seeking volunteers for Homecoming, Cookie Teacher Jar (monthly treat), Oct. 10 fall conference bake sale and supply drive as well as teacher desserts.

Check the PTO Website: omahaburkepto.org

It has a list of all available volunteer opportunities and upcoming events

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49 pm

Next Meeting: October 14, 2019 – Burke High School Library

Guest Speaker: Kelsey Wirth, Omaha Fashion Week

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
- October 10, 2019 – Parent Teacher Conferences