

Burke PTO Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 pm

Welcome: PTO President Susie Gundersen

Burke Bash postcards handed out to attendees for various sport teams

Principal's Update: Gaye Lannan

- accreditation survey; required to get some input from parents; real quick and appreciate parents' participation
- 10th grade students will be taking the pre-ACT exam on Tuesday, 10/22; no school for other grade levels
- Looking for new PTO liaison as Monica Dixon has left OPS
- Scott Roberts, new CFO, will be in the school tomorrow
- Asked for feedback from attendees on what they wished was in place to make things easier for their freshmen's school year or ways to improve overall communication between the school and parent.
- Advisement Time, 25 minutes every day, update on how it is going/progressing; Implemented to foster relationships; Leadership team is working on visiting and providing additional support to teachers, as needed.
- Burke now has a full-time groundskeeper; have not had one for over a year. It's a constant struggle to keep up to date on maintenance and equipment repair.

Spotlight Teacher of the Month: Ms. Melissa Baldwin/Terese Hammond

- Special Ed teacher; 13 years with last 10 years at Burke. Ms. Baldwin went home sick, so unable to attend.

Omaha Fashion Week: Ms. Kelsey Wirth, Family & Consumer Science Teacher

- Fashion 1/2, Fashion 3/4, Clothing & Textiles 1/2, Textiles 3/4, Design Workshop

- Room is currently set up with 16 machines, but has an additional 9 machines should there be a need.
- Host of Fashion Club & Omaha Fashion Week, held in February, participant
- 25 entries; students model their own designs as well as contract via Omaha Fashion Week
- Design Workshop students have to make 5 outfits, other students may decide between 1-3 outfits
- Burke student was Student Night Winner last year.
- Always looking for fabric should you have some leftovers or extras you are looking to get rid of.

Teacher Grant Update: Michelle Fryzek

- Approved about \$8,800 in department/teacher grants. One of the Jumbo Grant winners is for a warp projector in the planetarium, as the current one is not working; Ultimately needs to be updated to a digital projector at some point; but at this point we are looking for a used warp projector in the interim, approximate cost \$750 - \$1,000. Other Jumbo winner was Mrs. Kelsey Wirth for Burke Fashion Show.

Secretary's Report:

- September 2019 Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hauschild

- Current operating balance (checking): \$51,839.61
- Updates: notable expenses \$5,000 sent to the Alumni Association; \$2,195 to BidPal for Burke Bash Auction; \$500 check to Mrs. Murphy for the Mother's room. Support Bash as it is our only major fundraiser, 90% of our income comes from Burke Bash.

Burke Bash: Jane King

- Wine donations for Wine Pull are needed; minimum value of \$15. Cash donations are also welcome.

Kudos/Closing Remarks: Susie Gundersen

- Kate Grabill, yard sign chair.
- Karen Burwood and Michelle Fryzek for organizing teacher desserts for conferences as well as cookie jar; received tons of positive feedback on both events.
- Michelle Fryzek and Alan Hauschild for all their work on teacher, department and jumbo grants.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:52 pm

Next Meeting: Nov. 11 at 7:00 PM – Burke High School Library

Guest Speaker: JROTC, talk and tour of facility

Upcoming Events:

- Burke Bash Nov. 23