

Burke PTO Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2019
Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 pm

Welcome: PTO President Susie Gundersen

Principal's Update: Gaye Lannan

- Part of the school's accreditation component requires gathering parent input on effectiveness of programs and events. This means offering parent surveys. Thank you to parents for participating in these surveys and providing input on your experiences with Burke.
- More surveys will be coming to help the district determine its strategic plan moving forward. Some Burke families will be included in this survey.
- Pre-ACT was given to 10th graders in October. Results will be back Dec. 4. Burke will host a sophomore parent night with dinner to discuss scores, plan for future assessments and offer college access site information. Students will receive their scores in school and have time in advisement to examine and discuss. Staff will also receive ACT in-service to help understand instructional needs based on subtests and results.
- Juniors will take the ACT in April.
- Senior year planning for parents: Counselor's office says to utilize the Naviance link on the Burke website. You can put in your email and enter as guest. Password is burkeway. This link gives seniors and their parents a lot of timelines for college planning, spring dates, graduation timeline and requirements.

Spotlight Teacher of the Month: Ms. Andrea Burton, Family & Consumer Science

- Has been teaching 16 years, all of them at Burke.
- Sponsors Educators Rising club to help high school students get excited about becoming teachers. Working with Dr. Logan on a task force to begin to "grow our own" educators and help OPS graduates become OPS teachers. ER Club is open to all grade levels for kids who think they might want to be educators. Members attend local and regional competitions, and can take a trip for national competitions during summers. Burke officers serve on state board and national ambassadors for the club.
- Teaches beginning and advanced child development and education classes. This is the class with the practice baby. The "baby" goes home on Friday afternoon and comes back to school Monday morning. A computer program determines how "fussy" the baby might be and tells the teacher how responsive students have been to their baby's needs.

Secretary's Report: Wendy Kendeigh

- October minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hauschild (Susie Gundersen)

- In process of getting teacher grants funded
- Next meeting we will have results of our Burke Bash fundraiser. This will tell us what our actual income will be for this year.

Burke Bash: Jane King (Wendy Kendeigh)

- Ticket sales are a bit down from last year, please encourage purchases.
- Still seeking donations for silent and live auction.
- 5 alumni “Hall of Fame” inductees this year.
- Paws for a Cause: Fundraising toward a new Burke marquee sign.

Prom: Michelle Jacobs

- Met with CHI representative to discuss having activities AT prom. Want to boost our decorations and find ways to have kids stay at the dance a bit longer.
- Mrs. Clark heads Senior Senate who will help determine what happens at Burke prom. She thinks the activities offered (photo booth, karaoke, games) didn’t appeal to kids.
- We will see about working with senior senate to determine how we can help make prom the event they want it to be.

Kudos/Closing Remarks: Susie Gundersen

- Culinary club used to cook and serve a staff meal before Thanksgiving. That is not an option this year, so PTO will help fund the meal for staff. We need to add \$600 spending to our budget to cover a portion of the staff Thanksgiving dinner. A motion was made to add this line item to our 19-20 budget. It was approved.
- Kendra Scott fundraiser where they will donate 20% of all purchases made on Dec. 2 all day and especially from 6-8 to Burke High School if you mention that you are there as part of the Burke fundraiser.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51 pm

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

- Guest Speaker: Angela Wolfe, Burke Journalism and Yearbook

Upcoming Events:

- November 20 – “Cookie Jar” staff treats – pie donations needed
- November 23 – Burke Bash
- December 2 – Kendra Scott “Give Back” fundraiser night
- December 2019 – Staff & Retiree Holiday Lunch