

Burke PTO Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020
Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 pm

Welcome: PTO President Susie Gundersen

Principal's Update: Gaye Lannan/Susie Gundersen

- 8th grade open house tomorrow, January 14, 6-8 pm
- PTO will be handing out dog-bone shaped cookies by the center stairs. Members invited to greet, answer questions, welcome families and share our Bulldog pride

Spotlight Teacher of the Month: Ms. Dara Rosenberg

- Ms. Rosenberg is a Buffet Award winning teacher, a member of the Burke Alumni Hall of Fame, and a new Burke alumni member.
- Teaching Physical Science to Freshman this year after spending many years at Buffett Magnet Middle School
- Enjoying being at Burke as a teacher, learning how to navigate cell phone use and older students ... new challenge of keeping them motivated.
- Loves relationships formed with students and colleagues. Very excited about the upward trajectory of Burke with stronger administration, teachers and student achievement

Counselor: Don Ferree (Building the college mindset)

- Naviance: college and career web-based program
- Find the site on the Burke web page under "important links"
- Every Burke student has an account. Username is 6-digit student id #, password is 8-digit birthdate
- Many search options to help students find colleges that fit their strengths and interests
- Keeps students and parents updated on important deadlines for each college
- 6400 senior log-ins this year with an additional 300 students logging on outside of the classroom. Some students have logged on over 20 times, with a few logging in up to 100 times
- Proposal: Looking to motivate students to use the Naviance program. Looking to have one \$500 scholarship lottery so that each time a child logs on they are eligible to win the scholarship. Hoping to have one for senior and one for 9-10th grader. Hope is for these to be added to the 19-20 PTO budget. This will be discussed and brought up at the February PTO meeting

PTO By-Laws: Susie Gundersen/Kathy Alber

- Changes include reviewing by laws every 2 years instead of every 4 to make sure each president has the opportunity to look closely at the by-laws during their tenure.
- Motion to approve by-law amendments was made and passed.

TAGG: Susie Gundersen

- We are currently in the top 10 of schools for TAGG fundraising!

- PTO is one of several clubs at Burke who benefit from TAGG fundraising
- Simply scan receipts from participating businesses to earn money for our school

Post-Prom: Michelle Jacobs

- According to some Senior Senate members, seniors are not that interested in a post-prom party. Instead we will focus on DURING prom activities. More decorations, more food and more activities
- Student-selected prom theme is Mardi Gras: perhaps dedicate money to making decorations
- Lots of comments from students about music and the atmosphere. They want a new DJ who plays songs they like.
- Perhaps delay announcement of king and queen and open up food or activities afterward to keep kids at the dance a bit longer
- Pancake man or Pizza Pie Guy

Secretary's Report: Wendy Kendeigh

- November minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hauschild

- Burke Bash final has been deposited
- December balance: ???

Kudos/Closing Remarks: Susie Gundersen

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm

Next Meeting: February 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM – Burke High School Library

- Guest Speaker: Gaye Lannan, Principal and John Guhl, JROTC

Upcoming Events:

- January 14, 2020 – 8th Grade Open House
- January 23, 2020 – Teacher Cookie Jar
- February 13, 2020 – Spring Parent Teacher Conference Dinner & Desserts