

# Burke High School PTO

## Parent/Teacher Organization



Date | Time 10/19/2020 7:00 PM

Location Zoom

Type of meeting	Monthly Meeting	Attendees: PTO Membership
Facilitator	Susie Gundersen	
Note taker	Wendy Kendeigh	

### Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome	Susie Gundersen	2 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Principal Update	Darren Rasmussen	10 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> OPS Diversity & Inclusion	Barry Thomas	20 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotlight Teacher of the Month – September	Jamie Johnson	5 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotlight Teacher of the Month – October	Jennifer Razor	5 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash Instead of Bash	Susie Gundersen	5 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer's Report	Alan Hauschild/Michelle Krapfl	5 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Kudos/Upcoming Events/Closing Remarks	Susie Gundersen	3 Minutes

### Other Information

#### Next Meeting:

December 7, 2020

Guest Speaker – Ms. Barbara Boltinghouse House – Academic Decathlon

#### Upcoming Events:

Cash Instead of Bash – November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>

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BURKE HIGH SCHOOL

# CASH INSTEAD OF Bash

**A MONTH OF GIVING**  
NOVEMBER 1ST-  
DECEMBER 1ST, 2020

## BURKE'S ONE-AND-DONE VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER

### WHAT IS IT?

Cash Instead of Bash is a month-long VIRTUAL fundraiser sponsored by the Burke Parent-Teacher Organization in lieu of our annual Burke Bash dinner and auction.

### WHY DONATE?

Your donation allows Burke PTO to provide educational resources (including ACT prep books for all juniors) and help support our amazing teachers, staff, and students.

### FIND OUT MORE!

Get the scoop at [www.omahaburkepto.org](http://www.omahaburkepto.org) then donate between November 1st and December 1st. Every cent of your donation goes toward supporting Burke High School.

*Burke Families! Burke Alumni! Burke Community!*

**PLEASE SUPPORT BURKE DURING THIS MONTH OF GIVING! GO DAWGS!**

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Burke PTO Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 2020  
Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 pm

Welcome: PTO President Susie Gundersen

- First of our on-line meetings. 29 people signed in
- Meetings will be online, every other month this year
- Each meeting will feature a message from Mr. Rasmussen, a “counselor’s corner” to spotlight keeping students engaged and on track, and a teacher or program spotlight
- Notification that the PTO made a \$500 food bank donation and purchased yard signs for 2020 graduates. This was done without a member vote due to pandemic restrictions.

Principal’s Update: Darren Rasmussen

- Brief bio: Mr. Rasmussen is a long-time (27 years!) OPS faculty member. He taught high school social studies, was dean of students at Burke, an assistant principal at Bryan High, and principal at Bryan Middle. Mr. Rasmussen has very strong ties to Burke. His own children recently graduated from Burke and he lives in the Burke attendance area.
- Remote Learning: Watch for a weekly email with ongoing updates about remote learning and technology deployment. Freshmen already have their district iPads. The expectation is that students in grades 10-12 will receive their iPads in late September.
- School supplies: 1600 students picked up their text books and school supplies. There are still quite a few who need to stop in to collect their learning materials.
- Student engagement: Teachers are working hard to make sure students are present and engaged during remote learning. The goal is to have 100% of students logged in and learning each day. Teachers also have daily office hours where they are available to connect via email with students and parents.

Counselor’s Corner: Hope Smejkal

- Counselors are sending their students weekly emails to check in. They are also sending seniors weekly emails with suggested tasks to ensure they are ready for graduation and college applications. Students are able to request 1:1 online meetings with counselors.
- Counselors will provide online lessons which will be assigned through Naviance.
- Students will continue to have ongoing individual contact with counselors to determine course planning and offer social/emotional support.

Teacher Spotlight: Jane Luethge, AP/Dual Enrollment Coordinator

- Burke High School has the largest AP course offering in the state
- Currently offering 33 of 38 possible AP courses
- Spring 2020 AP students managed to survive the pandemic testing experience. Of the 793 exams that were taken remotely last spring, 45% of testers received a passing score of 3 or higher. This is the highest pass percentage in 5 years.
- This year students will need to sign up the College Board’s AP teacher dashboard. This will offer students online practice and experience with AP materials to better prepare them for exams. Students must have an AP classroom account and they must indicate on this account by September if they plan to take the AP exam in May. AP teachers will give instructions on how to do these things during class time.

- Dual Enrollment: Students wishing to enroll in dual enrollment courses will pay a reduced tuition fee (\$250 for UNO and Midland courses, \$50 for Metro courses). These classes do not have an outside exam at the end of the year, but the grade students earn in the class is reflected on their college transcript.
- To see if your planned college accepts dual enrollment credit, contact the university admissions office.
- ACT: As of now this is still planned to be in-person, at Burke on Sept. 22, for seniors only. Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will not have online learning this day as all staff will be on hand to proctor small groups of students and ensure social distancing.
- PSAT: This test is also still planned to be delivered in person on Wednesday, Oct. 14. This test is for juniors and some sophomores. More information to come.

2020-21 PTO Officers:

- An exception was made to the bylaws stating the PTO president cannot serve more than 3 consecutive terms.
- Executive Officer Slate was nominated and elected:  
 President: Susie Gundersen  
 Vice President: Molly Ottens  
 Co-Treasurer: Alan Hauschild  
 Co-Treasurer: Michelle Krapfl  
 Secretary: Wendy Kendeigh

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hauschild

- [Link to 2020-21 Budget](#)

Upcoming Events: Nov. 1 – Dec. 1 Virtual Fundraiser – “Cash Instead of Bash”

- More information to come

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, October 19, 7:00 pm, Zoom