

Burke PTO Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021
Meeting Called to Order: 7:01 pm

Attendance: 21 signed in

(Panera gift card attendance incentive for 3 members present)

Welcome: Susie Gundersen, PTO president

Principal's Update: Darren Rasmussen

- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Online bookings. Some evening options and all teachers available all day Thursday, some available Friday mornings. Link available on the Burke website. Time increased to 10 minutes and some built in breaks for teachers throughout the day.
- **No School:** Feb. 11, 12, 15, 16.
- **Return to full in-person learning:** Feb. 17. Have about 860 students who will remain fully remote. Will still be less than full capacity. Safety protocols will remain the same to ensure health and safety. Cafeteria seating will be adjusted. Students must sit every other seat and no one directly across from you. There will be some optional individual seating outside the cafeteria area. Masks will be required at all times. Social distancing will change as more students are in the building ... encouraging social distancing as much as possible. Contact tracing will remain in place to notify families who are in immediate proximity and need to monitor for symptoms or quarantine.
- **Graduation:** Details coming out. We have May 28 at 7 pm. In person at Baxter Arena. Rehearsal May 25 at 9 am. Seniors last day is Friday May 14. As of now, each graduate gets 4 tickets. Baxter arena will assign seating and protocols. Refining details of band and choir performances. Live streaming has been requested.

BHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director: Jason Williams

- **Covid protocols within athletics:** Following state directives, NSAA directives, city, metro conference, OPS and Burke high school regulations. Separating teams in locker areas. Limiting fans at basketball. No cheer or dance allowed at games.
- **Spring Sports:** currently on track to start on time. Monitor fans at soccer, track, tennis. May have to limit spectators at baseball games due to spectator spacing.
- **Cheer and Dance:** Showcase Nights are in the works. Dance/cheer may be allowed to perform at spring sporting events. Spring tryouts should be on schedule this year unless there is some sort of spike that closes the school.
- **No outside groups:** No private groups allowed to use school facilities. This will likely continue through the summer.
- **No fall sports in the spring.** This decision was based on fall sport coaches. Heavy club season for volleyball and softball. Many of the tennis and golf players are involved in spring sports. Football team had players unwilling to risk a spring injury with no chance at recruiting. Coaches prefer to focus on conditioning and practice for the fall.
- **Student Athlete Signing Days:** Working on this plan. The goal is to find a day where there is not school where they can block off areas for teams to have a space.

Teacher Spotlight: Therese Hammond

January: Zaida Falcon

Teaches: World Language, in her 3rd year of teaching at Burke. Teaches honors Spanish 5/6 and 7/8. Inspired to become a teacher by her mother. Strives to inspire students to be successful citizens.

- Thankful and touched to be recognized. Thankful for the support that PTO provides teachers and staff throughout the year. The small gestures add up and are meaningful and appreciated.

February: Patrick Ryan

Teaches: Social Studies (Air and Space Academy). 21 years teaching experience, all at Burke. Deployed to Spain after 9/11 and joined Burke afterward as a member of the Air and Space Academy. Inspired to teach by his sister. Vision for Burke is to be a guiding path for our young people. He is both a parent and teacher at Burke.

- Enjoys the kids at Burke. So grateful for what the PTO does to support and encourage teachers and students at Burke. The parent support makes teaching so much easier when you have a team approach.
- Grateful to be recognized and thankful for what Burke PTO does for Burke students and staff.

Prom: Darren Rasmussen

- Outdoor venue prom: May 8 reservation
- Free for juniors and seniors
- Must pre-register and register your date if they are not Burke students
- Students who are fully remote may attend prom
- Lauritzen Gardens is current option
- Need outdoor venue ideas that would accommodate 800-1200 students
- Official Post Prom events will not be allowed, must be outdoors

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hauschild, Michelle Krapfl

- CIOB: Received \$17,000. \$5500 corporate sponsorship the rest was from donations from 110 families. Goal was 500 families to donate. Not sure of our net profits as we are still getting some expenses.
- Membership was \$4600
- Recent expenses: Thanksgiving gift cards for staff; Burke monument sign on 120th and Burke, staff grants, CIOB expenses

Secretary's Report: Wendy Kendeigh

- Minutes are linked on the PTO website and sent out in email
- December Minutes: Approved

2021-22 PTO Officers: Susie Gundersen/Molly Ottens

Email going out to describe officer roles and committee chair people

District Citizens Advisory Committee: CJ Jackson

If you have district questions, let PTO and CJ know and she will try to get the answers for them.

Closing Remarks: Susie Gundersen

- Raised almost \$17,000 for CIOB. Thank you to committee members and donors.
- Thank you to Karen Burmood for Panera gift holiday card design.
- Panera gift card drawing: Lisa Carlson (donated to teacher), Julie Pospishil (donated to Mr. Rasmussen), Kate Grabill
- Parent teacher dinner is provided by PTO through A Catered Affair
- April nominations for educator of the year will be coming up

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 pm

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