



Butler District 53 PTO November 12, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 12, 2021, 9:30AM

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

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1. Call to Order by PTO President, Nella Sansguiri at 9:31AM
2. School Administration Reports
 - a. **Superintendent Report**, Dr. Paul O'Malley
 - i. Our District is not letting its guard down with respect to COVID.
 - ii. Recently attended the National Blue Ribbon event in Washington D.C. with Andrea Prola, to accept Butler's award as a National Blue Ribbon school.
 1. Event was filled with overwhelming positivity and humility.
 2. Our District is on a path to continued excellence.
 - iii. Happy Thanksgiving!
 - b. **Brook Forest**, Andrea Prola
 - i. Ms. Prola thanks the PTO for its hard work and support of Brook Forest educators.
 - ii. Culture and climate at Brook Forest is positive.
 - iii. This month, the school focus is "teamwork."
 1. At the beginning of the month, Brook Forest held a teamwork assembly, which was attended by Officer Yaeger. During the assembly, Ms. Prola announced that Brook Forest has adopted a second bottle nose dolphin, thereby emphasizing teamwork among dolphins.
 2. Children are working on teambuilding concepts both in gym and guidance.
 3. Ms. Prola is visiting classrooms once a week to work directly with the kids on teambuilding exercises.
 4. Next month Brook Forest will focus on "movement."
 - iv. 2nd and 4th graders just completed CogAT testing
 - v. Upcoming Events:
 1. **December 1** – 2nd and 3rd grade Winter Performance
 - a. Shows will be in the afternoon and evening
 - b. Each child is invited to have up to 2 parents attend the evening performance
 - c. 6:15PM – 2nd grade performance
 - d. 7:15PM – 3rd grade performance
 - e. PTO will be auctioning front row seats to the Winter Performance
 2. **December 8** – Choir concert in the evening
 - c. **Butler Junior High**, Melissa Zaniewski, John Hamilton
 - i. Recent Events:

1. November 11 – during the afternoon the 6th graders participated in a workshop on social-emotional learning.
2. Student Service Board is holding a canned food drive now through November 18.
- ii. Upcoming Events:
 1. **November 15** – Next week is anti-bullying week; BJH is holding spirit week and focusing on kindness.
 2. **November 19** – TOP SECRET!!!
 - a. Mrs. Kathy Ferrell is retiring after 29 years of service as the BJH school secretary.
 - b. In honor of Mrs. Ferrell, WGN morning news will be doing a Friday Fly-over of BJH around 7:20AM
 - c. Please come! There will be refreshments for students and community members. The student council is making posters and banners that will be visible from the air.
 - d. Oak Brook Police Department to participate with squad cars
 - e. There will be no band practice that morning.
 3. **December 9** – Band and choir concert; afternoon and evening performances.
 4. **December 21** – Talent show is returning live and in-person.

3. PTO Officer Reports

a. President's Report, Nella Sansguiri

- i. Recent district-wide social events have been a huge success including:
 1. Fall Ball Golf event;
 2. Father/Son Bowling; and
 3. Trunk or Treat.
- ii. Fundraisers are more important now than ever. The District and the PTO are experiencing increased costs as a result of the pandemic (e.g., increased cost of busing kids) and supply chain issues. Thank you for your continued support of the PTO.
- iii. Upcoming Events: All upcoming events are posted on the PTO website, including but not limited to:
 1. Mother/Son event;
 2. Daddy/daughter event;
 3. Mother/daughter event; and
 4. Roller skating event.
- iv. See website for volunteer opportunities and keep a look out for sign-up genius emails.

b. Vice President Reports

i. Brook Forest, Jamie Lock

1. BF spirit wear is continuing to be sold at PTO events. Items available for sale include sweatpants, shorts, t-shirts and long sleeve shirts.
2. We are still looking for a chair for the Valentine's Day Sale held on **February 14!**
3. Clubs:
 - a. Golf and BAM are wrapping up for the year.
 - b. Spanish club is continuing to be held on Tuesday afternoons. All levels are welcome.
 - c. Following winter break, the following clubs will be offered at BF:
 - i. iCook – Mondays
 - ii. Spanish Club – Tuesdays
 - iii. Little Veterinarian School – Wednesdays
 - iv. Yoga – Thursdays
4. Friday Fun Lunches are coming to BF. Kids are able to order Jason's Deli for Friday, **November 19**. Order forms are due today by 3:00PM
5. Past Events:
 - a. Book Fair was a huge success
 - b. Halloween Class parties on 10/29
 - c. Trunk or Treat on 10/29 was a success despite the rain.

- ii. **Butler Junior High**, Dr. Resham Mendi
 - 1. Past Events:
 - a. Halloween sock-hop was held on 10/29 and was a huge success!
 - b. Book Fair was held 11/11
 - 2. Upcoming Events:
 - a. **November 19** – Friday Flyover for Mrs. Ferrell at 7:20AM
 - b. **November 19** - El Famous Burrito for Friday Fun Lunch
 - c. **December 14** – Parent Advisory Panel for parents of 8th graders. Panel will be held at 9:00AM, and will offer guidance for course selection and other tips for transitioning to high school. Panel is geared toward parents of 8th graders, but all interested are welcome to attend.
 - c. **Treasurer Report**, Zareena Khader
 - i. The PTO’s budget is posted online.
 - ii. Recent events have been a major success.
 - iii. Please reach out with any questions.
 - d. **Secretary Report**, Nella Sansguiri for Sarah Ghadiali
 - i. Directory Spot is up and running.
 - ii. Everyone who is a member of the PTO should have access to Directory Spot. Please reach out if you do not have access.
 - e. **Website**, Veysel Demir
 - i. Website is being updated frequently.
 - ii. The PTO is always accepting suggestions on how to improve the website.
 - f. **Community Liason Report**, Safia Samee Ali
 - i. Lilly Pulitzer had a great turn out! Thank you to Jan Pawluk for organizing.
 - ii. Trunk or Treat was a great success despite the weather. Thank you to members of our community for showing up and supporting this event.
 - iii. PTO’s handle is @Butler53PTO Follow us on facebook, twitter, and instagram
4. Community Reports
- a. **Oak Brook Park District**, Kim Catris
 - i. Upcoming Events:
 - 1. Winter Lights – half mile walk of winter lights and music. Begins **November 26** and continues through **January 9**, 4:30PM – 9:30PM. Cocoa Cabin will be open inside the Central Park West building where hot cocoa will be available for purchase 3 days in November, December, and 1 day in January.
 - 2. Registration is open for Winter Camps including basketball and soccer clinics.
 - 3. E-Newsletter has been sent home.
 - 4. Dolphin Station is still going strong at the park district.
 - b. **Oak Brook Public Library**, Theresa Ozark
 - i. The library is continuing its virtual programming throughout the fall and into the winter. There is a storytime and craft every Monday and Wednesday. Please check the library’s youtube channel for the latest videos.
 - ii. Digital backpack has a link to the library’s most recent brochure.
 - iii. Upcoming Events:
 - 1. **December 8** - 2 entangled animals art project
 - 2. **December 3 – March 5** – Winter reading program
 - iv. Past Events:
 - 1. Absolutely thrilled with the turn out at Trunk or Treat on 10/29

- c. **Oak Brook Police Department** The police department gave a detailed report on the status of crime in our community. The full report is available as a power point presentation on the Village's website.
 - i. The department is not sharing police tactics, as they don't want to jeopardize any active investigations.
 - ii. Please avoid unnecessary panic in the community which can cause a drain on resources.
 - 1. Example: Walgreens retail theft on November 2 was way overblown on social media. Walgreens does not get robbed weekly.
 - iii. Be aware of ruse burglaries. Do not get distracted away from the front door of your home.
 - iv. If you have questions, please reach out via email. The department is happy to share basic information. "We don't want to be the news!" We want to share information that can help people.

5. Meeting adjourned at 10:32AM

Next D53 BOE meeting: December 13, 2021, 6:30pm

Next PTO Exec Team meeting: November 30, 2021, 7pm

Next PTO General Meeting: February 11, 2021, 9:30am

Minutes compiled by Abby Jung, Recording Secretary