



Butler District 53 PTO September 16, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 16, 2021, 7:00PM

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

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1. Call to Order by PTO President, Nella Sansiguri at 7:00PM
2. Community Reports
 - a. **Oak Brook Park District**, Mike Contreras
 - i. Park District has been busy with its normal programming and implementing COVID safety measures to keep everyone safe
 - ii. Upcoming Events:
 1. **September 18** – 1:30PM Ribbon Cutting at the north fields, followed by Autumn Fest from 2:00PM – 5:00PM. Autumn Fest will feature kid friendly activities including a balloon artist, face painting, and games.
 2. **October 16** – Haunted Trail
 - iii. The Park District looks forward to partnering with Brook Forest to potentially host after school clubs and events.
 - b. **Oak Brook Public Library**, Theresa Ozark
 - i. The library is continuing its virtual programming throughout the fall. Virtual programming has been very popular with many participating in storytimes and the craft pick-up bags. Please check the library's youtube channel for the latest videos.
 - ii. Upcoming Events:
 1. **October 16** – Library will participate in the Park District's Haunted Trail.
 2. **October 21, 22, 23** – Used book sale. There will be many children's books available.
 3. **October 23, 10:00AM – 12:00PM** – Document shredding event at the library.
 4. **October 29** – Library will participate in Brook Forest's Trunk or Treat event.
 - iii. District 53 teachers are now eligible to receive library cards from the Oak Brook Public Library.
 - c. **Oak Brook Police Department** No Report
3. School Administration Reports
 - a. **Superintendent Report**, Dr. Paul O'Malley
 - i. At the last meeting, the Board of Education approved the budget for the 2021-22 school year.
 - ii. The District's infrastructure plan includes many exciting improvements planned for both schools.
 - iii. Upcoming Meetings:
 1. **October 6** - Infrastructure meeting

2. **October 12** – Committee of the Whole meeting
3. **October 18** – Community Outreach meeting
4. **October 18** – Board of Education meeting. In person attendance is now an option, as well as virtual attendance.

b. **Brook Forest**, Lisa Owen

- i. School year is off to a great start. Mrs. Owen thanked the PTO for their partnership and involvement in making this school year a success. In particular, Mrs. Owen thanks the parent volunteers that have been helping supervise lunch in the classrooms.
- ii. Recent Events:
 1. PBIS retreat
 2. In-person curriculum night
 3. Adoption of Noelani, bottle-nose dolphin at Brookfield Zoo
 4. Finished MAP testing
 5. Healing fields
 6. Extracurricular clubs are back up and running, including: cross country, rocket club, choir, BAM theatre, golf club. Drone club will be starting soon.
- iii. Upcoming Events:
 1. **September 23, 9:00AM-3:00PM** – Book Fair
 2. **October 4** – Picture day
 3. **October 25-29** – Red Ribbon Week
 4. **October 29** – Trunk or Treat at the Christ Church parking lot

c. **Butler Junior High**, Melissa Zaniewski

- i. Ms. Zaniewski thanked the PTO for their support and involvement.
- ii. BJH has hired a new social studies teacher. Melissa Feinstein will be taking over the afternoon classes that were previously taught by John Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton will continue to teach his morning classes.
- iii. Upcoming Events:
 1. **September 21** – BAM theatre info session
 2. **September 23** – Curriculum Night (in person)
 - a. Normal start time is 7:00PM
 - b. 6:30PM start time for 6th grade parents and parents who are new to the district
 - c. 6:30PM start time for parents of students involved in band or choir
 3. **September 23** – Kona Ice truck
 4. **September 23** – BJH is hosting a cross country meet
 5. **Week of September 20** –
 - a. Iron Oaks field trip
 - b. Basketball tryouts
 6. **October 30** – District 86 is offering the PSAT to all 8th graders

4. PTO Officer Reports

a. **President's Report**, Nella Sansguiri

- i. Mrs. Sansguiri thanked all of the parent volunteers that have been involved with the PTO and have helped to get our district off to a successful start of the school year.
- ii. The District has recently circulated a COVID self-certification email. Parents should complete this form by 9/20. Once this electronic form is submitted, there is no need to complete the paper forms upon entry to the school buildings.
- iii. Upcoming Events: All upcoming events are posted on the PTO website.
 1. **September 23** – Book Fair, 9:00AM – 3:00PM
 - a. Volunteers are still needed to help with set up after school on 9/22
 - b. Volunteers are still needed to help run the event the day of. Please see sign-up genius or contact Erin Krause.
 - c. Parents will be permitted to shop with their children during their designated class times. Schedule of class times is posted on the PTO website.
 2. **October 3** – Golf outing

- a. Both schools are conducting pre-event raffles. Tickets can be purchased for \$2 a piece either by sending cash to school, or by buying a ticket on the PTO website.
- b. More sponsors are still needed!
- 3. **October 29** – Trunk or Treat at the Christ Church parking lot
- 4. **Classroom Halloween and Winter Parties**

b. **Vice President Reports**

i. **Brook Forest**, Jamie Lock

- 1. Thank you to parent volunteers and to the school administration for all your support.
- 2. Clubs and Events:
 - a. Spanish club will be starting Tuesdays in October. All levels are welcome.
 - b. Golf club is being held at the school Mondays and Wednesdays. There are still spots available for the Monday class.
 - c. BAM theatre is meeting Thursdays to prepare for their Greatest Showman performance in November.
 - d. **September 17** – Spirit wear sale ends! The PTO is raffling a large stuffed dolphin to help promote spirit wear sales.
 - e. **September 23** – Book Fair. Each class has a 20 minute shopping window.

ii. **Butler Junior High**, Resham Mendi

- 1. **September 23** – Curriculum night
- 2. **September 24** – Spirit wear sale ends! The PTO is raffling a \$25 Oberweis gift card to promote spirit wear sales.
- 3. **October 1** – First fun Friday lunch. The kids will be having Jimmy John's and doing fun activities during lunch.

c. **Treasurer Report**, Zareena Khader

- i. The PTO's budget is posted online.
- ii. Please reach out with any questions.

d. **Secretary Report**, Nella Sansiguirri 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. Eco Trash Bin Clean fundraiser is ongoing through September.
 - 1. \$5 is donated to the PTO for every house that schedules a cleaning.
 - 2. To participate in the fundraiser, text "Butler53PTO" plus your town and zip code to 630.352.8022 and you will receive a reply text with instructions.
- ii. Restaurant partnerships are coming up! The first will be in early to mid-October.
- iii. PTO's handle is @Butler53PTO Follow us on facebook, twitter, and instagram

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

Next D53 BOE meeting: October 18, 2021, 6:30pm

Next PTO Exec Team meeting: September 28, 2021, 7pm

Next PTO General Meeting: November 12, 2021, 9:00am

Minutes compiled by Abby Jung, Recording Secretary