



Butler District 53 PTO February 11, 2022 General Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 11, 2022, 9:30AM

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order by PTO President, Nella Sansguiri at 9:30AM
2. Community Reports
 - a. **Oak Brook Police Department**, Officer Reid Foltyniewicz
 - i. Officer Reid Foltyniewicz discussed a theft incident at Oak Brook Center. Many businesses are asking for safety presentations, so the police department is asking the Butler community to help spread the word when these take place.
 - ii. Oak Brook has a new interim police chief who would be happy to introduce himself at the next meeting.
 - b. **Oak Brook Park District**, Kim Catris
 - i. The new brochures for summer athletics and summer camps are out now. Registration starts for residents next Monday.
 - ii. April events include the Aqua egg hunt and Hoppin at home.
 - c. **Oak Brook Public Library**, Theresa Ozark
 - i. Oak brook library winter reading program going on until March 5th.
 - ii. The library will be working with Brook Forest to celebrate its 50th anniversary with an animal project. Library is putting together a presentation on how kids can use databases to research animals.
 - iii. Library is offering all Butler teachers library cards.
 - iv. Library will be attending the colonial fair and will resume classroom visits at Brook Forest.
 - v. Arabic storyteller event is planned at library.
3. School administration reports
 - a. **Brook Forest**, Andrea Prola
 - i. 50th Anniversary Celebration
 1. For the 50th celebration, instead of one day celebration there will be learning focused activities.
 2. Will take 50 balloons and have an activity for each day starting in February
 3. Memory book going to be put together by Katie Donnelley
 4. If you are a former student, faculty, and a memory video you can show a clip of yourself to celebrate
 - ii. Parent teacher conferences next week
 - iii. Valentine's Day Celebration
 1. PTO donut order will be sent Monday.
 2. Valentine flowers order will be sent today.
 - b. **Butler Junior High**, Melissa Zaniewski
 - i. There will be an assembly on Thursday, with Oak Brook police onsite

- ii. Money is being donated to teacher jars and the jar with the most money will be wearing a cupid costume to help support 8th grade graduation.
- iii. The staff will be getting a chocolate fountain for Valentine's Day with a special treat.
- iv. Valentine candy sale will be Monday.
- v. Emergency medicine club starts today. The club sold out in 24 hours and there is a waitlist.
- vi. November 11 – during the afternoon the 6th graders participated in a workshop on social-emotional learning.
- vii. Student Service Board is holding a canned food drive now through November 18.

4. PTO Officer Reports

- a. **President's Report**, Nella Sansguiri
 - i. Thanks volunteers helping with daddy daughter dance
 - ii. Thanks lunch supervisor parents and room parents and volunteers helping at BJH
 - iii. Events on deck
 - 1. April
 - a. April 23rd – mother-son event
 - b. End of April – mother-daughter event
 - 2. May
 - a. Teacher/staff appreciation week
 - b. Following week fun run event 1 mile to 5k run
 - c. PTO carnival/auction May 13
 - i. Auction event on carnival day and online feature for bids
 - ii. Requesting gift baskets for each class
 - iii. Class whose e-basket gets most gets pizza party
 - iv. Looking for sponsors and 4 volunteers for auction committee
 - d. Adding tennis extravaganza –tennis food trucks and prizes, skill challenges
 - iv. Fundraisers are very important –really need district family to support to offset rising costs of programs and assistance to schools
 - v. Need PTO members –consider becoming a member
 - 1. Additional options for booster donations: sports, music, and drama boosters
 - 2. Two board vacancies coming this year: Butler VP and Community Liaison
 - a. Will be voting candidates at next board meeting in May
- b. **VP Report Brook Forest**, Jamie Lock
 - i. Very busy with clubs at BF
 - 1. Four ongoing clubs: yoga, i-cook, little veterinarian, Spanish
 - 2. Large focus on increasing clubs for the Fall
 - ii. Valentine's Day sale coming up on Monday
 - 1. Flowers on Friday and donuts on Monday
 - iii. Second special lunch at the end of the month from Lou Malnati's
 - iv. Exploremore day on June 2nd
 - v. STEAM event coming up
- c. **Butler Junior High**, Nella Sansguiri reporting for Resham Mendi
 - i. Special lunch on Feb 16th
 - ii. Raffle tickets being sold for baskets
 - iii. Candy sale—all proceeds go to 8th grade graduation
 - iv. Fitness Friday April 22nd
 - v. May –sock hop and Viking Day
 - vi. Several clubs during advisory periods
 - vii. Shoe drive –gently used shoes are being donated, goal is to get 2500 pairs of shoes. Class that collects most will win a pizza party
- d. **Treasurer Report**, Zareena Khader
 - i. Opened up a Costco membership and Amazon account, both tax exempt – please ask PTO officers to make purchases for PTO events
 - ii. Budget posted online

- iii. If you need to be reimbursed we have PTO payment form online
 - e. **Secretary report**, Nella Sansguiri reporting for Abby Jung
 - i. Bulletin board with current PTO events is located in BF outside of the main office
 - f. **Communications secretary report**, Nella Sansguiri reporting 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.
 - g. **Website**, Veysel Demir
 - i. No updates
 - h. **Community Liason Report**, Safia Ali
 - i. Reminder to sign up for Amazon Smile to give back to PTO
 - ii. Lilly Pulitzer event planned for spring
 - iii. PTO's handle is @Butler53PTO Follow us on facebook, twitter, and Instagram
5. Erin's law presentations from Kim Bayer and Joann Cikowski
- a. Student Services Team: Second Step Child Protection Unit (<https://www.secondstep.org/child-protection>)
 - b. A presentation on Erin's Law was given. Erin's Law requires yearly sexual abuse and assault recognition and prevention training be provided to staff and students in all public schools. An overview of the education offered at D53 schools was provided. Information for parents on how to opt out and to learn more about the program was shared. Home links will be sent home after each lesson. Differences between the program at Brook Forest and Butler Junior High were explained.
6. Meeting adjourned

Next PTO General Meeting: Thursday, April 19th at 7:00 pm.