



Butler 53 PTO General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, November 11, 2022

Meeting Time: 9:00 - 10:00 am

Meeting Location: Butler Junior High LMC

Call To Order - 9:08AM

1. Community Reports

a. Oak Brook Police Department - No report

b. Oak Brook Park District - Rachel

- i. Winter Lights and Cocoa Cabin - FREE
 1. Bigger and better this year
 2. Selling hoodies this year (adult sizes only)

c. Oak Brook Library - Theresa Ozark

- i. Saturday morning chess continues
- ii. Miss Bridget afternoon art projects, Thursdays at 4:30PM
- iii. Stuffed animal sleep over this weekend
 1. Cute pictures of what the animals did over the weekend
- iv. Toddler dance party 11/19
- v. Ornament making workshop 12/10
- vi. Winter Break Events
 1. pipe cleaner craft
 2. BINGO returns
- vii. Baby story time on Wednesday mornings
- viii. Toddler story time on Thursday mornings
- ix. After school story time on Wednesday afternoons
- x. Pick-up crafts continue to be available
- xi. Juggling workshop 1/14
- xii. 12/21 5th grade field trip

2. School Administration Reports

a. Superintendent report - Christine Grollo (for Dr. O'Malley)

- i. Basketball backboards at Brook Forest have been installed, concrete has been poured for the benches
- ii. Bids are going out for Phase II construction
- iii. Transportation advisory committee met on 11/1
 1. Meeting was fruitful
 2. Feedback is given to board of education to assist with decision making
- iv. Accepted National Blue Ribbon Award in Washington D.C. this past week
 1. Last award was 8 years ago

b. Principal Reports



i. Dr. Prola (Principal at Brook Forest)

1. Safety
 - a. This past Friday there was an announcement about suspicious persons on school grounds, directing parents to call 911 instead of interacting with any such persons
 - b. A new announcement will most likely go out to families this afternoon with more details
 - c. Officer is on property and aware of the situation. We are looking into extending the officer presence to after school and before school clubs
2. Family Mindful Night is coming up this Tuesday from 5-7PM!
 - a. Various stations to help with stress management: mindful coloring, cloud dough, mindful breathing, etc.

ii. Ms. Zaniewski (Principal at Butler Junior High)

1. Today is the first ever all school assembly in honor of Veterans Day
 - a. Question and answer session
 - b. Band and choir performing
2. 6th grade field trip to Museum of Science & Industry
3. Girls' basketball playoffs happening this coming week
4. Whole school field trip to Feed My Starving Children 11/22

3. PTO Officer Report

a. President report - Nella Sansguiri

- i. Past Events:
 1. Fun Run - successful event, thanks to Matt Kelley
 2. Meals provided to teachers during parent teacher conferences
- ii. Upcoming Events
 1. Rollerskating Party
 2. Father/Son Event
 3. Mother/Daughter Event
 4. Mother/Son Event
 5. Daddy Daughter Dance Date TBD
 6. PTO Parent Social Date TBD
- iii. Open Chair Positions:
 1. Sponsor liaison
 - a. Looking for parent support to help with phone calls
 2. Bike Rodeo
 - a. Create flyers, registration and attend on the day of the event
 3. Parent Social Committee
 - a. We have one person on the committee so far, looking for more



- b. Event is not possible without volunteer support
- c. Looking to hold this event in March

b. VP Reports

i. Brook Forest - Jamie Lock

1. Recent Events:
 - a. Trunk or Treat
 - b. Book Fair
 - c. Classroom Halloween Parties & Parade
2. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Winter class parties
 - i. Change to the snack policy
 - ii. COVID restrictions are lifted and parties will be able to include snacks
3. Special lunches are back this year
 - a. Blue Ribbon Celebration pizza lunch
 - b. 2/24
4. Winter clubs: still working with administration to finalize
 - a. Spanish Club
 - b. Chess Club
 - c. STEAM club
 - d. Karate (pending)
5. Spring clubs:
 - a. BAM - drama or musical
 - b. Spanish
 - c. Karate (if it doesn't happen in the winter)
6. Spirit wear - PTO has BF spiritwear if anyone is interested

ii. Butler - Shika Ventrapragada

1. Recent Events
 - a. Halloween Sock Hop 10/28 - great event
 - b. Roberto's Special Lunch
 - c. Butler Book Fair
 - d. 8th Grade Graduation Committee is holding various fundraisers
2. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Special Lunch
 - b. Spring Sock Hop
 - c. 8th grade advisory panel 12/11 at OBPL
 - d. International Day 1/20
3. Additional indoor games provided for kids
4. Winter Clubs
 - a. Chess club
 - b. Finance club (pending, looking for someone to run)



5. Boosters - we would love more parent involvement
 - a. Music:
 - i. possible poinsettia fundraiser coming for the holidays
 - ii. Choir folios - looking to purchase
 - iii. Band folios
 - b. Sports
 - i. BF is done for this year - cross country wound up
 - ii. Sundaes for the basketball teams
 - iii. Banners hanging in gym
 - c. Drama
 - i. Two new chairs!
 - ii. Ms. Zarley is leading a production this year
 - c. Treasurer report - Nella Sansguri (for Zareena Khader, Karuna Dhar)**
 - i. Fundraising is going well. Most events will happen this spring.
 - d. Secretaries report - Sarah Ghadiali**
 - i. Directory Spot is up and running, please become a PTO member to receive emails and to receive access to Directory Spot
 - e. Digital Technology Administrator report - Veysel Demir**
 - i. Please share any suggestions to update the website
 - f. Community Liaison report - Anum Javed**
 - i. Follow the PTO on social media
4. **Share questions and ideas**
 5. **Guest Speakers**
 - a. **Reena Vohra Morgan, MS. ED. and Anne Matern presenting topic on Childhood Anxiety**

Meeting adjourned at 10:37AM

Next PTO General meeting Friday February 3, 2022 9:00 am