



September 22, 2022

Butler Junior High LMC

Attendance: Nella Sansguri, Karuna Agarwal, Jamie Lock, Anum Javed, Abby Jung, Shika Ventrpragada, Zareena Khader, Jaleela Jawadi

Call To Order: 7:04PM

I. Executive Board Member Introductions

II. Community Reports

A. Oak Brook Police Department (Officer Yaeger)

1. The police auxiliary program at both schools is going well. Officers love meeting all the kids and teachers and are having a very positive experience. So far it has been a great partnership.
2. The comfort dog is due to be born in 2 weeks. The police department will pick it up at the end of October or beginning of November. Meanwhile, the K-9 officer is staying with the OBPD.
3. Red Ribbon week is the last week of October!

B. Oak Brook Park District (Rachel)

1. Upcoming event: Pumpkin roll on the sled hill

C. Oak Brook Library (Theresa Ozark)

1. In-house programming has resumed:
 - a) Saturday morning chess is back and is very popular. Library is planning to run this club through the end of the year.
 - b) Pick-up crafts – 2 per month
 - c) Crafternoons with Miss Bridget are Thursdays at 4:30PM
 - d) Percy Jackson Book Club - doing a book per month.
 - e) Lego program is now once per month. First session is 9/27 4:30PM-5:30PM
 - f) Adventure Tales is a parent-child writing class, ages 7-11. 2 hour program. Saturday, October 8
 - g) Cartooning workshop coming up on Saturday October 22. Weird World of Monsters theme
 - h) October 13-15; used book sale at the OBPL
 - (1) Books are still being accepted through the end of next week.
2. Butler lunchtime book club is resuming at Butler on Monday, 9/26. Miss Theresa will be part of the book club.

III. School Administration Reports

A. Superintendent Report (Dr. O'Malley)

1. BF has been named a Blue Ribbon School for 2022.

2. Construction corner: web page to see new information for the upcoming construction for Phase II.

3. Over the summer, the Board of Education and the Village of Oak Brook entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to institute the Auxiliary Police Program.

4. The community is proud of Andrea Prola for earning her PhD in education

B. Assistant Principals Reports (on behalf of the Principals)

1. **Brook Forest** (Ms. Lisa Owen)

a) Ms. Owen thanks the PTO for helping to start the school year.

b) Blue Ribbon Award for Brook Forest

(1) Celebration begins tomorrow morning (9/23) at 11:15AM

(2) More celebrations will follow

c) The Brook Forest community is very proud of Dr. Andrea Prola for earning her PhD

d) Heart healthy initiative is holding a planning meeting on 10/5 at 9:00AM to plan the spring event. All who are interested in helping to plan this event are welcome to attend.

e) Students are loving the PTO clubs, student council, band, cross country, school sponsored clubs, etc.

f) The kids have been doing lots of weather and safety drills to stay safe

g) Upcoming Events:

(1) 10/3 picture day

(2) 10/5 Lunch plus one

(3) 10/18 Blue Ribbon Celebration

(a) Team building activities

(b) Special lunch for the kids

(4) 10/28 Halloween parties and trunk or treat

2. **Butler Junior High** (Mr. Hamilton)

a) 9/23 marks the return of Parent Visitation Day. BJH is excited to welcome the parents

b) Saturday, 9/24 we have a cross country meet in Lemont

c) Girls basketball try outs are Monday (9/26) and Wednesday (9/28) next week

d) Safety drills are starting at BJH

e) Fall MAP testing is coming up next week

f) First PTO fun lunch of the year is coming up next Friday

g) Washington DC 8th grade trip is coming up. 10/6-9, plus a day at Gettysburg

h) October 19 – 7th graders will have a Spanish field trip to see *día de los muertos* museum exhibit

i) October 28 – 8th grade field trip to Go Ape for team building exercises

IV. PTO Officers Reports

A. President's Report (Nella Sansguiri)

1. Thank you to parent volunteers for getting us off to a successful start to the school year.
2. The PTO fundraises to support school assemblies, field trips, Teacher Idea Fun, and - during the pandemic - to help maintain a sense of normalcy (e.g., Santa trolley, Fun Run, etc.) Last year the goal was to bring back the normal:
 - a) *BJH Blue Ribbon Celebration*
 - b) *Started clubs*
 - c) *Snacks during IAR testing*
 - d) *Fifth grade farewell*
 - e) *Eighth grade graduation*
 - f) *Viking Day*
 - g) *Expanded International Day*
 - h) *Exploremore Day*
3. Upcoming Events
 - a) *9/23 – Fun Run, can show up and participate*
 - b) *Mother-Son*
 - c) *Daddy-Daughter*
 - d) *Father-Son*
 - e) *Mother-daughter*
 - f) *Check the website to get updated dates for all PTO events*
 - g) *We still have plenty of parent volunteer opportunities for anyone looking to get involved with the PTO. PTO supports its chairs.*

B. VP Reports

1. Brook Forest (Jamie Lock)
 - a) *Very excited to start this school year!*
 - b) *Chair opportunities still available – reach out to Jamie and she will be happy to connect any willing volunteers*
 - c) *First event of the year: Welcome Back Donuts! (actually muffins) happened on the first day of school*
 - d) *Spirit wear sale is already complete! Items will be delivered by 10/14 in time for Spirit Day.*
 - (1) Last year we added a 3rd and 4th grade t-shirt design contest. Sophia Saltiel won the contest and you can purchase her featured shirt.
 - (2) Raffle: 2 lucky winners for purchasing spirit wear
 - e) *Book Fair coming up 9/29 – come help your child shop*
 - f) *Special Lunches are coming back. We still do need a chair*
 - g) *4 clubs started this week*
 - (1) Golf – completely full
 - (2) Spanish club – year round club

(3) Little Veterinarian Club

(4) Chess Club

h) PTO needs parent volunteers during the clubs. This is a new requirement this year. Babysit the class and make sure the kids get in the correct cars on the way home

i) Survey - Best way to use the PTO money to support parents. We are hoping to add benches to the outside area.

2. **Butler** (Shika Ventrapragada)

a) 8th grade graduation committee. Changed the selection process, prior chairs are eligible. The committee is already meeting.

b) Special Lunches begin next Friday.

c) 10/28 – first sock hop – need a chair

d) 2 clubs: Finance club, and chess club

e) We do have funds available for teachers in the PTO's Teacher Idea Fund.

f) Plenty of volunteer opportunities

g) Need Music Booster help. If anyone wants to join, please let Shika know.

h) Sports boosters are currently active with cross country at both schools.

i) Spirit wear – raffle winner will receive a \$25 Oberweis gift card

C. **Treasurer Report** (Zareena Khader & Karuna Agarwal)

1. Budget is posted on the PTO's website.

2. Chair Idea Fund (\$750)

3. Teacher Idea Fund (\$3,000)

4. Reimbursement process is described on the website

D. **Secretaries Report** (Sarah Ghadiali, Abby Jung & Jaleela Jawadi)

1. Join the PTO! \$35 for the entire year, and you get access to Directory Spot.

2. PTO Bulletin Board is going digital this year.

E. **Digital Technology Administrator Report** (Veysel Demir)

1. None

F. **Community Liaison Report** (Anum Javed)

1. Fundraising with Jenny's Ice cream before the weather turns too cold

2. Share questions and ideas

V. **Guest Speakers**

A. Taylor Harris (BF Psychologist) and JoAnn Cikowski (BF Social Worker) presentation on Stress Management

B. Link to presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1yCcoWWSVPHI1KvqADx_RPeB_wvReo_v9FV1YI_TIZEQ/edit?usp=sharing

Meeting adjourned: 8:16PM

Next PTO General meeting: Friday November 11, 2022 9:00am