



# Butler 53 PTO General Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2023

Butler Junior High LMC

Attendance: Nella Sansguiri, Shika Ventrapragada, Anum Javed

Call to order 9:07am

- I. Executive Board Member Introductions
- II. Community Reports
  - A. **Oak Brook Police Department** (Officers Yaeger and Foltyniewicz)
    1. Game night went well. Brought Ticket to Ride
    2. Child Lures -KG to 4th
    3. DARE--started 5th grade in Jan
    4. Partnering Hinsdale PD, with Dare Lock-in Sat March 18th, 5th graders 5p-1230a at HCHS. Invitations went home with 5th graders
    5. Feedback from community officers at school is good, reach out if concerns or suggestions
    6. FUCIS (?) program--more license plate readers and cameras, can track if individuals banned from schools by reading their license if in area
  - B. **Oak Brook Park District** (Kim Katris and Rachel)
    1. Pairing with library, 1st Mon of month at library food, questions, after school 3p-4p
    2. Pink 5K, teams May 13, teams 10+
    3. Brochures available
    4. Events: Aqua egg hunt, bunny basket deliveries, egg hunt outside own home
    5. Camp registration opens Monday Feb 13
  - C. **Oak Brook Library** (not present, given by Anum Javed)
    1. Flyers for crafts, Tall Tales for younger kids, Balloon animal workshop
- III. School Administration Reports
  - A. **Superintendent report**
    1. BF--new sign up today
    2. Phase 2 construction:
      - a) BF: STEM room, bathrooms within KG rooms
      - b) Butler--library, music/band/art rooms
    3. Education committee of the whole
    4. How our kids do at HCHS
  - B. Building Principal reports
    1. **Brook Forest** (not present)



2. **Butler Junior High** (Mr. Hamilton)
  - a) 2nd quarter ended. Grades posted this afternoon
  - b) Pep assembly last Fri–highlight student achievements (sports, academic, etc)
  - c) Ms. Steiner–planned competitions between grades and staff
  - d) Feb 13–PTO sponsored events
  - e) Taco Grill Special lunch Feb 16th
  - f) Volleyball season to start soon, Coach Tatiana Powell
  - g) Registration for next year’s 8th grade DC trip started, Oct 5-8

IV. PTO Officer Report

A. **President report** (Nella Sansguiri)

1. Thanks to all parent volunteers
2. Parents social: Huge success, thanks to Nadia Kalish & Helen Sandberg, and Rahma Hasan for auction
3. Upcoming events:
  - a) Daddy Daughter Dance Feb 10th
  - b) Father son bowling, Feb 24
  - c) Mother son dance April 14
  - d) Basketball event Prem Bajaj (chair), April 23rd
  - e) Family golf–May 7th, looking for volunteers
  - f) Teacher appreciation week, May 8
  - g) Mother daughter brunch, May 21
  - h) Tennis event canceled
4. PTO memberships when registering, plus boosters
5. 5 PTO board vacancies: BF VP, Butler co-VP, recording secretary, digital Technology administrator, & community secretary

B. VP reports

1. **Brook Forest** (absent- presented by Nella Sansguiri)
  - a) Dec-Winter class parties
  - b) Clubs:
    - (1) Jan-clubs, spanish tues, thurs chess and isteam (full)
    - (2) Feb–trial class of improv, parent led, select students initially
    - (3) Spring–BAM hopefully
  - c) Special lunch Feb 24th, forms sent today, Jason’s Deli, no Quest lunch that day
  - d) Valentines fun–flowers (due today, delivered 2/9) and donuts
  - e) Valentines sale 2/14, send money, raffle baskets for \$1
2. **Butler Junior High** (Shika Ventrapragada)



3. Parent social–Sold 155 tics, received \$2000 in teacher ticket donations
  - a) Auction winners will receive their items in the next few weeks
  - b) Auction earned over \$30,000
  - c) Thanks to Nadia Kalish & social committee for organizing event
  - d) Thanks to Rahma Hasan for running the auction
  - e) Thanks to Nicole Vlahos & Eleni Dimitriou for decor
4. Butler report
  - a) Dec–8th grade advisory panel met, led by former D53 students at HcHS
  - b) International day was Jan 20th
    - (1) Thanks to chairs Nadine Elzein (lunch) and Mouana Kaakaji (activities)
    - (2) 5 cuisines-Indian, Greek, Italian, Chinese, Mediterranean
    - (3) Activities–crafts, games, Martial arts presentation and Lion Dance in celebration of Chinese New Year
  - c) In need of new activities chair next year
  - d) Special Lunch, Taco Grill, Thurs Feb 16th. Order forms at office
  - e) In need of volunteers to organize Butler basement. Currently storage for decor (sock hop, concerts) and play/musical props/costumes. Reach out to Shika V or Erin Krause if can help
  - f) 8th grade graduation committee continues to plan events and raise funds.
    - (1) Have sold raffle baskets at the school
    - (2) Plans to sell candy during lunch on Mon Feb 13th and Tues Feb 14th
    - (3) Bring cash
  - g) PTO donations to Butler
    1. Breakout EDU boxes. Allows teachers to present curriculum in puzzles/escape room format. Currently being integrated into math, social studies and Spanish
    2. Outdoor Butler LED electronic sign
    3. 2 Wireless microphones
5. Boosters
  - a) Music
    - (1) Poinsettia fundraiser, raised \$600



- (2) Plans for future field trips, end of year banquet, music tutors
- b) Sports
  - (1) Will be providing end of season treats for boys basketball and girls cheer
  - (2) Looking to help fund JV basketball uniforms
- c) Drama
  - (1) Productions at both schools, will help as needed
- C. Treasurer report
  - 1. This year facing higher costs for venues, services, etc
  - 2. Fundraiser events are now becoming a self-funded event
  - 3. Difficult to spread out
  - 4. No longer receiving amazon smile
  - 5. Roller skating party done, owners selling rink
  - 6. Main fundraisers/revenue besides Auction is Valentine day sale, Spirit wear, dues
  - 7. Funds help with project, but don't cover big events
  - 8. PTO donations to schools:
    - a) Butler: Wireless mics \$16000
    - b) LED sign \$15000
    - c) BF celebration \$7000
    - d) Teacher idea fund \$600
  - 9. Refund social tics 2020 (canceled due to Covid), \$4000, some families donated \$4000
  - 10. Budget on website.
- D. Secretaries report
  - 1. If issues with Directory spot please reach out
  - 2. New bulletin board at BF, managed by Abby Jung
- E. Digital Technology Administrator report (absent)–Presented by Nella Sansguiri
- F. Community Liaison report
  - 1. Fundraiser–Wolves game, stay tuned
  - 2. Keep engaged with PTO on social media (FB, Twitter, Instagram)
- 1. Share questions and ideas - 15 min breakout session
  - a. Community Member Input:
    - i. Joy–presented flyer of upcoming D86 candidate meet & greet, at OB library
      - 1. Sat Feb 18th, 1p-3p, Catherine “Cat” Greenspon
      - 2. Weds, Mar 1st, 6:30p-8:30p, Kay Gallo
      - 3. Sun, Mar 5th, 1p-3p, Andrew Catton
- 2. Erin’s Law Presentation by D53 Social Workers, JoAnn Cikowski and Kim Bayer



3. Next PTO General meeting Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:00 pm