

Burton PTA
General Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:00pm

- I. Welcome and Convene 7:04pm
- II. Approval of March meeting minutes - Leslee Caplan, Cristina Bradley
- III. Officer Reports
 - A. Officers
 1. President: Leah Wallbillich
 2. Vice President: Natalie Friedman
 3. Secretary: Ciara O'Laoire
 4. Treasurer: Alyssa Levin
 5. Communications: Ashley Csaki
 6. Educational Extensions Chair: Paige Passman
 7. Teacher Appreciation Chair: Leslee Caplan
 8. School Board Observer: Max Shear
 9. Fundraising Chair: Elizabeth Scott
 10. Ice Cream Social Chairs: Melanie Wright, Carly Kardon
 11. Principal: Lauren Fragomeni
 12. Teacher Representatives: Pam Henry and Amanda Brzezinski
 - B. Urgent/pressing business
 1. Principal: Lauren Fragomeni
 - a) Principal update
 - (1) Eclipse went well, very exciting
 - (2) Autism Acceptance Month - we have autism kids in and out of the ASD program in our school. Encouraging empathy, - e.g. why does someone need visuals? Why might communication look different? Body movements, etc.
 - (3) Lots of learning with our team
 - (4) Bird Houses - Empathy core value this week
 - (a) Understanding autism, how to make friends differently
 - (b) Build a shoe tower activity; challenge ok now build without using words
 - (i) How is that challenging? Empathy values
 - (c) Check out the calendar for the month, it should be consolidated into one document
 2. President: Leah Wallbillich
 - a) Executive Board changes
 - (1) For 2024/2025 and beyond in accordance with our bylaws the Executive Board will include the following roles: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Principal, additionally the board includes an appointed

Chair of Standing Committees who represents all the committees to the board

(2) Other roles moving to standing committees

3. Secretary: Ciara O'Laoire

a) Bylaws update - paper copies available!

(1) Feedback from council and MI PTA to clarify which Tuesday of the month meetings will take place and correct fees to Council to \$550 annually

(2) We will vote on all updates/changes today, we have 18 in attendance

(3) Q&A:

(a) Requirement for President to have served in a PTA role prior to nomination (pg. 6)

(i) EM - I don't think this should be a requirement. Is it inclusive?

(ii) LG- its language is open enough from a council perspective. There have been situations where someone might become a PTA president to trigger disbandment for example. It is protection.

(iii) JB - Does just helping on a committee count?

(a) CO - Leading a committee would qualify

(iv) AC - I think it makes sense to have some experience in the organization, I wouldn't want someone who had never worked with PTA before to then run it.

(v) MS - I wasn't sure about it at first but having been working in this organization it's clear some level of experience is required to function well

(b) Two year terms - pg. 8

(i) EM - I think it's too long of a commitment

(ii) LG - Discussed how the first year of a role is often building and learning while also executing. Example DEI role development cycle took a year to develop the role, year 2 implementation

(iii) CO - Brings our bylaws in line with council terms and also with our own practices. It provides stability, so not everything changes every year and we have time to capture learnings

(a) Trying to use year 1 to figure it out
and 1 year to execute

(4) Explain role of Chair of Standing Committees

- (a) LG - As some schools VPs do this kind of role in addition, they might be running Fun Run like they do here! So it can be used as best fits the school
- (b) Committees can present to executive board
- (c) Committees use Chair as point person for communication with the board
- (d) Committee chairs will provide updates at the General Membership meeting, meetings should be more dynamic!
- (e) JB - Discussion of bylaws are we sure this is clear enough?

(5) Motion to vote on the updated 2024 bylaws -

- (a) Motion to vote made by Cristina Bradley, Annemarie Sammulson
- (b) Vote to approve
 - (i) Motion is approved:
 - (a) 17 yes, 0 No, 1 abstention
 - (b) 18 in attendance

4. Vice President: Natalie Friedman

- a) Present open positions (as per Google Doc), will indicate if someone has expressed interest it will be indicated
- b) Further nominations can be made using the Google interest form through May 7th
- c) Nominations
 - (1) Motion to open nominations: Motion by Leslee Caplan and Elizabeth Scott
 - (2) Each role motioned individually. The following is a list of nominations stated. Nominations from the floor at the meeting are indicated with *
 - (a) Treasurer - Max Shear
 - (b) Teacher Appreciation Chair - Elizabeth Scott
 - (c) School Board Observer - *Chris Davidson
 - (d) Fundraising Chair - Alyssa Levin
 - (e) Room Parent Chair - Abigail Bell
 - (f) School Pictures/Yearbook Chair - Paula Bommarito
 - (g) Field Day Chairs - Melissa Purdy and Lyndsay Franklin
 - (h) School Supplies Chair - *Leslee Caplan
 - (i) Landscaping Chairs - Amy Feiler and Jessica Blake
 - (j) Cheetah Running Club Co-Chair - *Annmarie Sanderson

- (k) DEI Co-Chair - OPEN
- d) Vote by ballot at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 14
 - (1) No longer online voting, must be paper ballot in accordance with MI PTA
 - (2) Must have in person only, no proxy
 - (3) Nominations close May 7 th
- 5. Teacher Appreciation:Leslee Caplan
 - a) Teacher/ staff appreciation week - May 6-10 try for 5-10 gift cards per staff member, all staff are included, paras, custodial
 - (a) Please share gift card sign up
 - (2) More sign ups coming, shared travel theme flyer in meeting
 - (3) If you are a room parent please share and repost. We are asking for a lot but really want to show our appreciation.
 - (4) For Thankful Thursday of that week we are looking for - handwritten notes, flowers, etc. from students to staff
 - b) Snacks for lounge
 - (1) Almost through the year but more sign ups are available!
- 6. Ice Cream Social: Melanie Wright and Carly Kardon
 - a) Ice Cream Social update
 - (1) Committee met before break
 - (2) Theme this year The Grand Slam Ice Cream Social
 - (3) Dads Club running baseball games
 - (a) Hot Dogs, Uncle Andy's pizza to order to the field, similar to past with a few new things
- 7. Fundraising: Elizabeth Scott
 - a) Green Lantern Fundraising update - thank you for participation, owner doubled our give back to \$300
- 8. School Board Observer: Max Shear
 - a) Cana Church purchase for BHS, will be used for Robotics, and adult transition starting to work on the building
 - b) We are short on time so I will add additional notes to the minutes; The following are notes from the BOE meeting, not presented today:
 - (1) Burton Design Updates:
 - (a) Includes new corridor
 - (i) Bigger than Pattengill so room to do this at Burton
 - (b) 2 Group Restrooms
 - (i) Don't have one nearby
 - (c) Kitchen Servery
 - (d) Staff Restroom
 - (e) Staff Lounge & Work Room
 - (f) Support Spaces

- (i) Multipurpose Space
 - (a) Showed a photo of the initial sketch of what it will maybe look like – has nice panels in the ceiling to help reduce noise and make it look more appeal

(g) Tech: panels and technology in Burton Classrooms has been accomplished

(h) Furniture: April board consideration – execution (if approved) April-June and installation in July-August

c) Legislative Update

- (1) Dyslexia Bill potential start date 2027-2028 looking to get approval
- (2) Mandated K – looking like it will too
- (3) Safety – Threat assessments – new requirements that we are already doing

C. Other comments by officers

- 1. Landscaping: Looking for spring cleanup date, possibly May 18 or 19?
- 2. Bookfair: Book Fair April 17th and 18th - still looking for volunteers
- 3. School Supplies: Look for an email sometime soon after kindergarten roundup. Window to order will be roughly a month.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Cheetahs Running Club

- 1. Will run spring session April 17- May 29th
 - a) More sign ups for spring. Reached out to teachers to see who wasn't signed up and offered a sign up.
 - b) Wednesdays at Lunch recess
 - c) We really do need the help, 6 volunteers for each session

B. DEI Committee - Ellie Mosko

- 1. Looking for a co-chair, Jenny has stepped down
- 2. Zoom meeting tomorrow 4/10
- 3. Park meet up event April 21st 1-3pm - family networking opportunity
- 4. District DEI event 4/19 5-6:30pm - Celebrating the work of student Diversity clubs,
- 5. Friends of Different Learners hosting event May 1, 6-7:30pm, hoping to share materials afterwards
- 6. May 13 Burton Culture Fest
 - a) We had 10 families last year, very well attended, DEI club will have student projects to share

C. Communications - Ashley Csaski

- 1. Please repost and share as much as possible

D. Council - Lindsey Gurskey

1. April 20-21 PTA State of MI Convention its open to all PTA members
2. May 28th council training session
 - a) Will add Communications chairs this year

V. Good of the Order -

VI. Adjourn - 8:04pm

VII. Important Dates (e.g. PICTURE DAY, EVENTS, DEADLINES)

April

*April 17 & 18: Book Fair, 4pm-8pm

*April 22: Earth Day

May:

*May 3: Burton Kindergarten and TK Round Up - Times Coming Soon!

*May 1: Safety Patrol Tigers Game

*May 7: No School-Election Day

*May 8: Bike, Walk, Ride to School Day

*May 14: PTA Meeting at 7:00pm

*May 15: PTA Culture Fest

*May 16: Kindergarten Music Concert-Burton Gym

*May 27: No School-Memorial Day

*May 29: 5th Grade Choir Concert at Berkley High School

*May 31: Burton Field Day

June:

*June 3 - Food Science Night

*June 7 - 5th Grade Ceremony at 1:30pm & PTA Ice Cream Social!

*June 10-5th Grade Party

*June 12-Last day of School and Clap Out