

Burton PTA
General Agenda
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 7:00pm

- I. Welcome and Convene 7:05pm
- II. Approval of January meeting minutes - approved ES, AL
- 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. Council Delegate: Annmarie Sanderson
 10. Fundraising Chair: Elizabeth Scott
 11. Ice Cream Social Chairs: Melanie Wright, Carly Kardon
 12. Principal: Lauren Fragomeni
 13. Teacher Representatives: Pam Henry and Amanda Brzezinski
 - B. Urgent/pressing business
 1. President: Leah Wallbillich
 2. Vice President: Natalie Friedman
 - a) Founder's Day, March 1
 - (1) Teacher, Staff and PTA members of the year:
 - (a) Big thanks to Principal Fragomeni, Ms. Emery and Leah Wallbillich
 - (2) I'll be collecting notes if you were willing to write one
 - (3) \$35 tickets available for purchase
 3. Treasurer: Alyssa Levin
 - a) Budget update
 - (1) Thanks for supporting fundraising
 - (2) Examples of funding this month: IXL subscription, Math Pentathlon, Staff Lunches
 4. Educational Extensions: Paige Passman
 - a) Literacy Night coming up 2/29 5:30-7pm
 - b) Sign up to help out, sign up genius is out
 - c) 6 stations, family directed at your own pace
 5. School Board Observer: Max Shear
 - a) January School Board meeting update
 - (1) General and Study Session

- (2) Recognized the board of Ed members this month
- (3) Strategic plan update - strong culture, 5 goals
 - (a) Thinking & Learning, LCA game for Berkley Unified 3/17
 - (b) Equity and Well-Being -
 - (i) DEI, Mr. Godfrey Oakland Schools
 - (ii) Staff Wellbeing Support
 - (c) Growth & Innovation -
 - (i) Family Coding night been a big success
 - (ii) Staff retention - trying to combat, get creative, looking for diversity in staff that reflects the student body
 - (d) Resource Stewardship - Bond work
 - (i) Burton will pilot proactive maintenance assessment after Pattengail sewer problems
 - (ii) Furniture upgrades, storage big concern for teachers
 - (iii) Fiber upgrades
 - (e) Forecast 2024/2025
 - (i) 100% funding for special ED from state
 - (ii) MI school meals program in place
 - (iii) MI shrinking population and some homeschooling (not as drastic post covid)
 - (iv) Good success rate for grants
 - (f) Went though most funding updates
 - (g) Scott Francis rated 3.67/4 effectiveness in role
- 6. Board Policy Updates
 - a) Immunization opt outs – new policy is that students need to have them all prior to school
 - b) Weapons – schools are private zones and we can create our own weapon policy (this was in response to something in Ann Arbor)
 - c) Tentative personal list, trying to keep on top of staffing and capacity
- 7. Fundraising: Elizabeth Scott
 - a) Green Lantern Pizza Night - Thursday, text receipts to Elizabeth Scott, Berkley Location only, if you do delivery I need the emailed receipt or a full receipt not the delivery ticket
- 8. Council Delegate: Annmarie Sanderson
 - a) Superintendent Update, No school 2/27 personal staff development

- b) March 12 virtual conferences, no school
 - c) Phonics program good feedback
 - d) Berkley Education Fund Off to the Races at Kingsley Hotel March 16th
 - e) Founder's Day, March 1
 - f) Communications presentation from Jessica Stigler, make accessible fliers, provide text not just images, etc.
 - g) Caring and Sharing update over \$20K raised helped 85 families
 - h) Reflections update - Kick off
 - i) BerkPerk purchases on going
9. Teacher Appreciation: Leslee Caplan
- a) Valentine's Lunch Signup
 - b) Stock the Staff Lounge Sign Up
10. Ice Cream Social: Melanie Wright and Carly Kardon
- a) Committee meeting happened last week, good turn out
 - b) There will be more chances to help on the day of the event
 - c) Working on a fundraiser
11. Principal: Lauren Fragomeni
- a) Bond
 - (1) Traffic patterns - working with a company and HW residents to make some changes, Nadine drop offs keep happening
 - (a) Some playground area will be given up for parking, and new flow
 - (b) One ball field will remain
 - (2) Clock upgrades happening over winter break
 - b) 4th and 5th grade leaders working with the Forgotten Harvest Candy Grams, Rentrop Grabawski and Smith and Fragomeni all support this
 - (1) Forgotten Harvest trip with a bus
 - (2) Distributed 2/14
 - c) Birdhouses tomorrow, working on finishing colors and symbols of our houses
 - d) Leader in Me - proactive vs reactive, goal setting, building trust, some topics this week
 - (1) Lighthouse team going out to see other schools and see what might work for Burton
 - e) March is Reading Month
 - (1) Creating a calendar, goal setting by age, tie to BurtonBerry, goal would be a celebration with a movie
 - f) Community Read aloud - PTA sponsored a book for each family, Burton staff records each chapter, something for the whole school - Because of the Rabbit by Cynthia Lord

- g) Comment LW - Ms. Smith could use some kleenex for the media center if anyone wants to donate a few boxes

C. Other comments by officers

IV. Committee Reports

A. DEI - districtwide team meeting

1. Friends of different learners event - trying to find a date
2. City update - still in discussion
3. Culture Fest - May 15th - would like a subcommittee for planning with Mr. Torres - reach out to Ellie or Jenny after the meeting or via email
4. How to build community? Create a more inclusive community, within parent and pta networks

V. Good of the Order

A. KC: Q: Literacy night when do you need us? What am I doing? -

1. A: Mostly looking for guides/facilitators depending on how many volunteers we get from ourselves and NHS, everything will be ready in the room

B. EM- Q: when are elections and bylaws?

1. A: Nominations in April, elections in May new positions taken at June meeting

C. MB- Q: Traffic at the kiss and go: can we ask the people working in crossing to not park in kiss and go?

1. We are working on that conversation to see if we can relocate, it's actually run by public safety not us directly

D. JB - Q: Family Activity nights? Do we have more of this kind of stuff?

1. A: Email Leah, or anyone on the board if you have an idea
 - a) Bingo night? Movie Night?
2. A: The calendar for the school year is tight, it was hard to find a night for Literacy Night for example. The Rec center also offers a lot of community programming

E. EM - Q: Can we have time after meetings to discuss?

1. Idea Board, Parking Lot, Google Jam board ideas offered by various members
2. A: Good of the order is the time for these discussions. Larger working sessions or brainstorming sessions on a specific topic would be independent of the meeting and more of a committee

F. JB - Q: Do we get emails from room parents?

1. A: Yes, we can have room parents send more emails if that's helpful.

G. EM - Trying to build communities; do you want a Birdhouse for parents? But still be inclusive

VI. Adjourn - 7:55pm

VII. Important Dates

- A. Half Day 2/16
- B. Mid Winter Break 2/19-2/23

- C. No School 2/27
- D. Literacy Night/African American Read In 2/29
- E. March PTA Meeting 3/5
- F. No School (Conferences) 3/12
- G. Spring Break 3/25-3/29