**Burrell PTO General Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, October 12, 2023*

*7pm Burrell Cafeteria*

*No babysitting available*

In attendance:

Robert Worth, Principal

Marion Howe, Co-President

Kate Alpert, Co- Treasurer

Payal Patel, Co-Vice President

Julie Lasoff, Co-Vice President

16 parents

* President’s Welcome: Marion Howe
  + Board Introductions
  + Parent Introduction
* Principal’s Update: Mr. Worth
  + Students have been doing morning announcements-
    - Bdays, pledge of allegiance, day of week, day of cycle, students have been doing an unbelievable job! The kids are nervous but then they step up and they fly right through it. He is very proud of them. Some students who were apprehensive at first enjoyed it after.
  + Robert will be duct taped to the wall, all will be able to participate and it will be during all lunches.
    - Literacy specialists will be helping with the duck taping. The faculty will be taking pictures, Next Tuesday October 17th. All kids will be able to participate.
  + Thank you to the school council. Met with them last week and finalized the plan. Once approved will be sent out to the website, and in email. He is excited to share this info with everyone next friday.
  + The new preschool director was introduced at last week's school committee meeting.
  + Robert is very proud of changes in populations at the Burrell and has added a lot of staff.
    - One new staff member that we are adding is a ELA teacher. This is a full time role split between Taylor and Burrell.
    - Diverse populations of learners have grown and continue to grow.
* Teacher Representatives:
  + 4th Grade Teachers- not available
    - One teacher had a sick pet and another teacher had a sick child
* Treasurer’s Update: Kate Alpert
  + Detailed budget was provided.
  + Basically we want to stay positive in our net income.
  + The wrong version was printed so handwritten corrections were made.
  + Hoping to raise a good amount of money.
  + Spirit Wear looks negative only because we paid out the money.
  + Production budget committee is working on logistics so we shouldn’t lose money.
  + Staff appreciation, one field trip, was an expense.
  + Vote on Budget:
    - A motion was approved to accept the current budget and then it was 2nd.
    - 16 attendees, 4 board meetings, and Robert all agreed on the budget
* Committee Updates: Payal Patel & Julie Lasoff
  + Chipotle Fundraiser went well we raised $209.63
  + Pie Fundraiser profit is currently at $746.00 and MCM Charleston wrap $1170.00- we are doing great and thank you always for helping support out school
  + Trunk Or Treat -
    - 14 cars signed up, we need more candy, 3018 pieces, and she is expecting a lot of kids to come.
    - Flier coming out next week for trunk or treat reminder.
    - There will be peanut free options.
  + Crumbl Cookie Fundraiser
    - 10/26/23 from 3-6pm. No flier is needed anyone can attend and 15% of the proceeds will go to the Burrell School
    - This event is also taking place during the Gillette Stadium halloween trick or treat event.
  + Cradles for Crayons Coat drive -
    - has been canceled currently if we have another opportunity at another point then we will notify everyone
  + Textile Drive - Nov 3rd, 4th, and 5th
    - A container will be delivered at the school for families to drop of textile items
    - A flier will be posted on what items can be donated.
  + We got sneakers Fundraiser:
    - We have shipped out over 200 sneakers so we are currently waiting on our 1st payment which we find out in November.
    - This is an ongoing event so continue to bring those sneakers in :)
  + Winter Craft Night is the same night as book fair Nov 28th
    - We need more volunteers to assist so please don’t hesitate to help and reach out to Marion Howe after the meeting or later
* BIT Update: Ashley Boyd & Serenity Maxwell
  + What is the BIT:
    - Burrell, Igo and Taylor - 2 volunteers from each school that comprise of the committee
  + The Gala is taking place on Nov 3rd, Putnam West
  + The online auction will start Oct 27th (a week prior to the event) - will close Nov 3rd at 11:59pm
  + Some of the event taking place are a videographer, 50/50 raffle, prize wheel, classroom baskets, photographer
  + Tickets are currently $50.00 until October 27th, and then it will raise to $ 60.00 and $60 at the door
  + We are looking for volunteers for next year
  + Any donation items are still welcome. We are still taking items.
  + More fundraisers -
    - Papa Gino’s tonight at both Foxboro locations till 9:00,
    - H2T Spa -
      * On Oct 16th $75.00 Hydrafacial 6-9pm for a 30 minute facial and will provide drinks and appetizers
      * Currently 9 spots filled and 9 open spots with a total of 18 spots
* Oct 21st at Jaycees Fair
  + selling Pure Vida bracelets $7.00, and will have the bracelets at the event,
  + cookies and brownies selling from Sweetness and Honey
* Lindsey Fliger Photography will be Oct 28th for Fall mini sessions, signup is on FB page.
  + Sign up Genius will be sent out in a couple of weeks looking for help
* Recognition and Thanks: Marion Howe
  + Movie Night - Angela Behling and Jessica Harris
  + Spirit Wear- Jen Stark, Ashley Boyd, Shuli Aronson, Pam Gentile, Jen Stark
  + Games donated thank you to everyone who donated.
  + Thank you to everyone that has helped
* Questions/Comments
  + Tiffany Elliott is part of the Culture Council -
    - There is currently a grant that they were given for $9,600 and they look to give the money to different organizations within Foxboro.
    - Last year the Igo received $ 600.00 for their music program
    - The PTO can submit the grant paperwork to the culture council for musical/production/ or cultural night.
    - Kate Alpert offered to reach out to Tiffany Elliott to apply for the grant
    - The paperwork for the grant is due next week per Tiffany.
* Adjournment
  + Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

The next PTO meeting will be Thursday November 9th at 7pm.