**Burrell PTO General Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, February 8, 2024*

*7pm Burrell Cafeteria*

*Babysitting provided by FHS National Honor Society*

**In attendance:**

Robert Worth, Principal

Chelsea McCue, Co-President

Marion Howe, Co-President

Megan Hunt, Secretary

Payal Patel, Co-Vice President

Julie Lasoff, Co-Vice President

Alisa Steel, Co-Treasurer

Teachers: Kindergarten Team and Fourth Grade Team

7 Parents

**President’s Welcome**: Chelsea McCue & Marion Howe

* Board Introductions
* Parent Introductions

**Principal’s Update:** Mr. Worth

* We celebrated the100th day of school this week and gave students the option of dressing up. Some students got really creative and the kids seemed to enjoy it.
  + We had a 100 day themed scavenger hunt around the school. Students found 98 of the 100 hidden bulldogs and had a great time! The remaining two hidden bulldogs were found the following school day.
  + The 100th day of school is a big milestone and fun to celebrate.
* Valentine’s Day and winter break are fast approaching. The school year is flying by!

**Teacher Representatives:** Kindergarten team & Fourth Grade Team

* Kindergarten team: Kindergarteners paraded through the school on the 100th day. The kids stopped by every classroom and had a great time seeing the older students. The older students really enjoyed it too!
* Fourth grade team: Busy planning upcoming field trips. Fourth graders will be going to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. Also working on booking the end of year celebration. Last year it was at United Skates of America and they are working on booking that again.

**Treasurer’s Update**: Alisa Steel

* Budget was distributed separately.
  + Bag Bingo was a big success! Made about $3,400. We will have this fundraiser again next year.
  + No big expenses this month.

**Committee Updates**: Payal Patel & Julie Lasoff

* Yoga with Dawn Doyle had 7 people attend. Planning to do it again in April.
* One more full week of BEAP, plus Monday & Tuesday after break due to MLK day and snow cancellation.
* Calendar sales are going well. 304 sold so far. Mrs. Cronin’s class took the lead with 65 calendars sold!
* Upcoming in March
  + Bulldog spirit day March 8th
  + Providence Bruins night March 16th
  + Textile collection March 14th until morning of Monday March 18th
  + Running club (3rd & 4th graders): Karina Baughman offered to chair this. Looking for one more volunteer. Would be extra helpful if a 3rd grade parent is interested for continuation to the following year. Practice will be Tuesdays and Fridays before school 8-8:45am.
  + March 19th Burn Bootcamp in Sharon is offering free camp, and will donate $5 back to the PTO for each person who attends as part of the Burrell offer.
* BIT Chair: We are still looking for another BIT committee member.
* Play practice for Annie Kids has started for 3rd and 4th graders. This is very exciting! This year the show will be at the MRPAC, so it will be a field trip for the kids to go and watch on April 26th.

**World Culture Night:** Senora

* Senora presented on World Culture Night, which will be April 1st 6-8 PM at Foxboro High School.
* Families are invited to host tables representing their culture: food, crafts, etc.
* Please attend and spread the word!
* Please contact Senora will any questions.
* Flyer to be distributed via email.

**Recognition and Thanks**: Chelsea McCue & Marion Howe

* Thank you to the Bingo committee: Anna Brousaides, Ashley Boyd, Alisa Steel, and Marion Howe.
* Thank you to Meghan Oliveira for managing and updating our Burrell sign!

**`Questions/Comments**

* There was a question about Chess Wizards and whether we were offering it this year. The company was not reliable in the past, so unfortunately we were not able to use them again this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

The next PTO meeting will be March 14th at 7pm.