**Burrell PTO General Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, January 11, 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

Kate Alpert, Co-Treasurer

Teachers: Third Grade Team

Approximately 8 Parents

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

* Board Introductions
* Parent Introduction

**Principal’s Update**: Mr. Worth

* Kindergarten registration is open. We have received ten registrations so far. If you have an incoming kindergartener, please register as soon as possible. If you know any neighbors or friends with an incoming kindergartener, please encourage them to register for K earlier rather than later. Having those numbers is very important for planning purposes.
* Kindness week: Week of January 22nd is kindness week. More specific information will be shared in Mr. Worth’s weekly email.
  + This is a week to go above and beyond in thinking about how we show kindness.
  + All school assembly on 1/12 to discuss kindness.
* Art Show: May 2nd at 6pm (estimated time).
  + This is for all grades.
  + Working with the school council this year to make this event a representation of our diversity here. More information to follow.

**Teacher Representatives**: 3rd grade team

* Third grade team is busy planning field trips; potentially Sturbridge Village.
* Duck tours is very costly, so looking into other ideas;
* Third graders also go on a Foxboro tour.

**Treasurer’s Update**: Kate Alpert & Alisa Steel

* Budget was distributed separately.
* Bag bingo scheduled for Jan 26th currently has a $1,500 profit.
  + 30 tickets left at $50 per ticket.
* Textile drive was successful. Made $480. We will have another textile drive in March.
* Waiting for final number from BIT auction:
  + Approximately $15,500 confirmed by committee.

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

* Book fair was a big success! Made $3,801.90 scholastic dollars to be used for school books.
* Winter craft was a success, thanks to everyone who helped and participated.
* Jake n Joe’s fundraiser scheduled for 1/18, please plan to participate.
* Yoga with Mrs. Doyle on 1/24 is an adult yoga event.
  + $10 per person with all proceeds going to PTO;
  + Flyer to follow soon with a QR code to sign up.
* North bowl February event is cancelled;
* Founders day float:
  + Burrell will have a float in this year’s parade.
  + Liz Esmond and Eric Stark are chairing this committee and looking for volunteers.
  + Notice will go out in emails.
* Run club: We are looking for volunteers.
  + This happens in the spring and typically meets before school to run on school grounds.
  + YMCA has 5k that the run club participates in as their last group meeting.
* BIT chairs 2024: Looking for volunteers.
  + Ashley and Serenity will provide quotes of their experience to share via email.
* Walkathon: Discussed bringing the walkathon back to Burrell.
  + Happens during school hours (typically recess). Students walk the trail on school grounds.
  + 4th graders and guidance made posters and motivational signs in the past;
  + Sponsorship: students ask for sponsors. Collect money for a nonprofit. In the past funds were collected for Camp Sunshine.
* Upcoming calendar raffle: if anyone has gift donations or monetary donations, please contact Julie and/or Payal.

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

* Thanks to Courtney, Carley, Shuli, and Julie for their efforts at Bookfair;
* Thanks to Marion, Payal, Angela, and Anna for coordinating craft night.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

The next PTO meeting will be February 8th at 7pm.