**Burrell PTO General Meeting Minutes**

*Wednesday September 13, 2023*

*7pm Burrell Cafeteria*

*Babysitting provided by FHS National Honor Society*

**In attendance:**

Robert Worth, Principal

Chelsea McCue, Co-President

Marion Howe, Co-President

Alisa Steel, Co-Treasurer

Megan Hunt, Secretary

Payal Patel, Co-Vice President

Julie Lasoff, Co-Vice President

Teachers: Steph Whitehouse, Erin Goodrich

18 parents

**President’s Welcome:**

* Chelsea McCue & Marion Howe
  + Board Introductions
  + Parent Introductions

**Principal’s Update:**

* The school year is off to a great start!
* We had our first “whole school” assembly last week. We will have assemblies once a month with the whole school together. Last week’s assembly discussed common expectations at school and how we act in different parts of the school.
  + There are new posters hanging around the school reminding students of common expectations. The common expectations are the same every year and give students a sense of consistency. The goal is the keep students safe and happy while they are in school.
* Tomorrow (Thursday, 9/14) is our first spirit day – wear your Patriots gear!
* Summer reading challenge: the classroom with the most minutes will be announced soon. The students are looking forward to Mr. Worth doing something silly as a reward (kissing a llama, being duct taped to the wall!)
* Duke, the therapy dog, will make his first visit to Burrell on Monday 9/18.
  + Duke will visit the school multiple times this year and will be able to visit every classroom throughout the year.
  + Parents will be notified of Duke’s visits. If parents do not want their student interacting with Duke for any reason they can opt out.
  + Duke is highly trained and very well behaved. He is a working therapy dog.
  + We are excited to welcome him here next week.

**Teacher Representatives:**

* Steph Whitehouse, Erin Goodrich
  + The year is off to a great start!
  + Thank you to the PTO for the back to school gifts.

**Treasurer’s Update:**

* **Kate Alpert & Alisa Steel**
  + Detailed Budget was provided.
  + Purchased some spirit wear to have on hand for open house and kindergarten popsicle playdate;
  + Purchased welcome back gifts for teachers and staff;
  + Current fundraiser for digital calendar. Sold 20 so far. Still available for purchase.

**Committee Updates:**

* **Payal Patel & Julie Lasoff**
  + Volunteers are welcome for any event or committee. All are welcome and encouraged to join.
  + 50/50 raffle will begin at Open House 9/14;
  + Board game collection is ongoing to replenish indoor recess options;
  + Spirit wear store online is open now (9/11-9/22). Non-sized items will be available for sale at open house;
  + Outdoor movie night is Friday 9/22. We are asking everyone to bring a canned good to be donated to the food pantry;
    - 50/50 will be drawn at this event.
  + MCM pie fundraiser & Believe Fundraiser will run 10/2-10/16;
  + Chipoltle fundraiser on 10/3;
  + Yoga enrichment classes will be offered every Monday in October:
    - Classes will be Mondays 3:05-4:05pm
    - Will be announced in Mr. Worth’s newsletter 9/15;
    - $10 per class. 20 spots per class;
    - Yoga mats will be provided;
    - Taught by an outside teacher with background in child education.

**BIT Update:**

* **Ashley Boyd & Serenity Maxwell**
  + Introduction to BIT: Burrell, Igo, Taylor schools fundraiser that benefits all three Foxboro elementary schools. This is our biggest fundraiser every year.
    - 11/3 at 7pm, BIT auction event at Gillette Stadium;
    - Includes online auction items, 50/50 raffle, basket raffle;
    - Tickets go on sale 9/22;
    - Flyer was distributed last week in backpacks with upcoming fundraisers;
    - Looking for volunteers to help with event set up from 9am-1pm on 11/3. Signup genius will be circulated soon;
    - Flyer for classroom basket information is forthcoming. Each classroom will put tougher a themed basket for raffle item;
    - Call for next year committee volunteers.

**Room Parent Announcement**

* + Room parents were selected by lottery with preference given to those who have not been room parents previously.
  + List of room parents was shared, as follows:

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| **Cronin** | Melissa Campanario |
| Jenny Ridlon |
| **Muirhead** | Laura Smith |
| Open |
| **Desrochers** | Katie Raphaelson |
| Ashley Selter |
| **Fuller** | Angela Behling |
| Lindsay Carpentier |
| **Nelson** | Debbie Wezel |
| Jen Kelley |
| **Sham** | Chelsey Elliott |
| Meghan Oliveira |
| **Sholes** | Jen Stark |
| Amy Callahan |
| **Pacitti** | Ashley Burke |
| Helen Marshall |
| **Way** | Roxanne Carafone |
| Maria Minias |
| **Light** | Jackie D'Andrea |
| Najat Melouane |
| **Lacerda** | Ashley Boyd |
| Anna Brousaides |
| **Washburn** | Paromita Bhattacharjee Singh |
| Jen Cassidy |
| **Clements** | Megan Hunt |
| Liz Machunski |

**School Council:**

* **Mr. Worth**
  + The school council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the principal, parents, teachers and a community member. Mr. Worth put out a request seeking to fill a position on the school council. No volunteers came forward, however, the current ratio of council members is acceptable, so no additional member is needed.

**Recognition and Thanks:**

* Chelsea McCue & Marion Howe
  + Thank you to our BIT committee representatives for all their hard work.
  + Thanks to Meghan Oliveira for updating our school sign and for being room parent coordinator.
  + Thank you to Payal Patel for the welcome sign on first day of school.

**Adjournment**

* + Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

The next PTO meeting will be Thursday October 12th at 7pm.