

Butler Elementary PTA
*** Meeting Agenda & Minutes ***
January 6, 2016 @ 9:30 a.m.

Meet and greet 9:00-9:30

1. Call to Order by Annetta Hessenthaler at 9:36am
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. See attached report
 - b. Elf Shelf numbers will be on the next report
 - c. Asked about large outstanding budget
 - i. We keep 40% to cover for future poor fundraising efforts. Also we are holding \$ for use in the new school.
4. President's Message
 - a. Getting great feedback about how the year is going. Parents seem to be happy. Parking lot has gone smoother.
 - b. Nominating Committee for next school year
 - i. We need to create a committee to find a few candidates for next year's board. Need to have names by February and nominated by March.
 - ii. Spots to fill: President-elect, Secretary
 - iii. Jamie Isowitts, Lori Jordan, & Lori Scheider have volunteered to help.
 - c. Need a budget / AFR committee in March.
5. Administrative VP - Principal Waddell
 - a. New build update: things are moving along.
 - b. Anti-Bullying program starts next week. We are lucky to get the program for free for 2 years. During Brain Boosters next week he will be meeting with the kids. Give them ways to respond to bullies. Teachers will go in and observe so they know how the program works. He will be coming in once a month to give certificates to the kids. This will help

complement the Watch D.O.G.S. program to help the kids feel safe.

- i. There will be a parent night to provide info to parents.
 - ii. PTA would love to give him a thank you gift.
- c. Ice problem on the playground area due to construction trucks. It has been addressed with the Hogan Construction and they will take care of it.

6. Teacher Representative - Parys Lightel

7. Recap & Evaluation

a. Watch D.O.G.s - Annetta Hessenthaler

- i. Had kick-off meeting before the winter break. 28 dads came to the meeting. Russ Lightel is the Top Dog for our school.
- ii. Working on creating a sign-up genius.
- iii. Will have a Dads & Donuts event in the spring to help promote the program.

b. Reflections - Eric Jensen

- i. Had a good turn out this year. We had several students move onto region.

c. Lego League - Ily Murdock

- i. Competition is January 16th. Due to location constraints, we have had difficulty finding places to meet in the building.
- ii. Will not do Spring league because there is no location. It is good to have 12-16 children for a scrimmage and there is no location large enough.
- iii. We are looking for a new coach for next year. If you are interested, please contact the PTA. It is required to have 2 coaches and we only have one for next year.
- iv. Program is for 4th & 5th graders. Time commitment is 2 days a week ~5 hours a week total.
- v. Technology constraints - no longer having adequate use of district laptops. Would love to have 3 laptops

that can leave the building. The PTA could look into buying them.

d. Gingerbread Contest

- i. They were cute, had more 2nd & 3rd grade entries than any others. Publicity wasn't great, so for next year, we need to get the word out better.
- ii. PTA needs to have calendaring set before school starts and then we can hand out a year calendar all at once.

e. Elf Shop

- i. Extremely successful. It was a big hit with the kids. Kat has motioned to use money this year to purchase discounted items in advance for next year's Elf Shop.

f. Teacher's Holiday Wish Lists

- i. Some teachers felt uncomfortable submitting a wish list. We are considering having the teachers compile a single wish list that everyone will need. Then we can be better about getting the word out. We can go to the school staff meeting in November and present to everyone at once.

8. General & Upcoming Business

- a. Restaurant Night - Jan is Jersey Mike's Subs. But they require a coupon and is a little more complicated. So we are looking into having a movie night at Water Garden's. She will look into doing a Friday or Saturday matinee this month.
 - i. Zuppa's Feb. 16th.
- b. Jr. Achievement Training Meeting - Jan. 25th 2:15 pm
 - i. Still need parent volunteers for some of the classes.
 - ii. French Immersion classes will do their lessons in May.
- c. Classic Skate Night - Feb. 9th
 - i. Need to get the word out earlier in January. Will put it in Cat Tracks
 - ii. Received Skate Bucks - to promote the night. They were given to Mrs. Waddell to use as PRRR's prizes.
- d. Parent Teacher Conferences - First week of Feb.

- i. Kellee Chase has offered to do dinner for the teachers, teachers just need to decide which night they would like dinner.
 - e. Book Fair will be going on as well. They will be open every morning as well as every day after school.
 - i. Will be doing Books & Bagels on Feb. 2nd
 - ii. There is an option to have a mini book fair with a buy-one-get-one free near the end of the year. So students can have a book to read over the summer.
 - iii. Ily wants money to buy bagels for the book fair bagel event.
 - 1. Ily will get bagels from Einstein's & Lori Schneider will look into Rich's Bagels.
 - iv. Ily Murdock wants to know what the teachers would like us to spend our Book Bucks on. Mrs. Lightel will address with the teachers and get back to Ily.
 - f. Parent's & Pastries - Thursday March 24th
 - i. Will be moved to Friday, March 25th to accommodate our chairperson.
9. Questions & Additional Business
- a. Kat Haymond would like to motion to take some existing funds to front elf shop for next year so we can buy additional goods for next year. Ily 2nd, Lori Schneider 3rd the motion. Approved.
 - b. Lori Schneider had done Jump Rope for Heart for the last 2 years. We haven't scheduled the date yet. There have been concerns about having it too close to the Math-a-thon.
 - i. Maybe we could do it along with the 3rd Book Fair.
 - ii. Looking into when the Jump Rope Club can come for the kick-off assembly.
 - c. Cat Tracks will go out this month - Thank you Stacie Skelton for always putting that together!!
10. Call to Adjourn - 10:44am by Kat Haymond

Next general PTA meeting: Wednesday, March 2nd 9:30am