

BURNS PARK PTO
General Meeting – Minutes
February 16, 2017

Executive Board Members Present: Brian Hayden, Amy Huang, Jane Hollingsworth, Dee Lamphear, Alexis Braun Marks, Jenn Monk-Reising, John Pottow, Jill Schloff, Marie Todd, Janet Simpson,

Staff Present: Chuck Hatt

Others Present: Erika Boehnke, Hiag Avsharian, Tamanikes Steward

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by Marie Todd

Executive Board Updates:

President- Marie Todd

- Welcome and introduction: Marie welcome Hiag Avsharian and members introduced themselves.
- Motion to approve the January Minutes. Unanimously approved.
- Family dance proposal/discussion (Hiag Avsharian)
Hiag Avsharian heard about daddy-daughter dance event hosted by other communities. He reached out to other BP families and received very positive responses. Chuck encouraged him to discuss the idea with PTO for funding and collaboration. PTO members discussed the idea and made the following suggestions:
 - Members are supportive and willing to consider sponsoring the event
 - The event should be not a fundraising
 - The event should be more inclusive, a family dance would be more appropriate
 - Members like the formal dance party, however, considering ways to support students who may need help with formal clothes
 - Venues considered: BP school gym and auditorium, parking lot, middle schools and high schools.Based on the feedback, Hiag will decide if he wants to move forward through the school and if so will develop a plan with budget to present back to PTO.
- Request for funds to purchase flags – Jill Schloff
Other schools, such as Angell and Logan, have world flags displayed at their schools to embrace the different cultures. The flags are relative inexpensive. Jill proposes \$350 as one time expense for cost of flags. We can engage students to identify countries themselves. Jill

will coordinate ordering and identifying countries. Members suggested that we should be sensitive in the process of asking students identifying their countries. They also discussed logistics such as display locations, how to gathering flags, and how to label the flags. We should also monitor new students' flags and the school with registration record could be helpful. Marie made a motion to approve a one time PTO budget expense of \$375 for this project, Alexis seconded. Unanimously approved.

- Executive board update:
 - President – Marie Todd
 - National African American Parent Involvement Day was very successful.
 - The ipad costs are coming in lower than estimated at \$478 per ipad instead of the original \$600 (new total for 6 ipads is \$2,390 instead of \$3600)
 - Burns Park Run registration is open and encourage members to sign up to volunteer.
 - The Science Olympiad is open for registration.
 - Fundraising coordinator – Jenn Monk-Reising
 - Burns Park Run sponsors are close to our fundraising goal. Welcome members to provide new sponsors. Alexis will help with the fundraising effort during the event.
 - Ice cream social planning is on the way and the order was just placed for games/activities today.
 - Volunteer coordinator – Marie Todd
 - Sign-up Genius works very well to engage community to sign up for volunteer opportunities.
 - Treasurers – Jane Hollingsworth
 - An updated PTO financial statement was distributed.
 - Two budget items were adjusted to reflect the activities – Funding School Technology Improvement to \$7,800, and add \$750 to Field Trips.
- March Reading Month – Jill Scholoff

March is Reading Month's theme is "Laugh Out Loud with Books". Planning is on the way and they are collecting jokes for "A Joke of the day" activities.
- Principal's remarks:
 - AAPS Superintendent sent out a communication "All Are Welcome in the AAPS" in light of recent national developments. Chuck also echoed that Burns Parks school stands for inclusion, equity, and diversity.

- Chuck will provide yearbooks and school t-shirts for ALL students at BP.
 - AAPS principals are in the process of their annual professional development training. The group has lots of exciting and energizing ideas.
 - The BP Inclusion and Equity group will develop plans for diversity and inclusion. They may approach the PTO as they continue planning. They are also considering adult continuing education opportunities.
 - BP is proud to welcome any student with the spirit of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Chuck will look for opportunities to teach tolerance at the BP morning meeting.
- Other items:
 - Burns Parking Run is scheduled on Sunday 5/7/17. Registration now open
 - Next Movie night – Friday 2/24/17, 6:30-8:30 pm. The movie is Trolls
 - Next PTO meeting is scheduled on Thursday 3/16/17 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50

Respectfully submitted by Amy Huang, Co-Secretary