



Butler PTO General Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 27, 2025 @ 7pm, via Zoom

Attendees: Lauren Dowd, Karl Funseth, Dianne M., Donna K., Sarah V., Sierra B., Kelly K., Heather C., Christine H., Kathy M., Stacey T., Amy W., Michele R. and others

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

President's Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions: *Christine Hartman*

Principal's Report: *Mr. Funseth, Mrs. Dowd*

1. Mrs. Dowd and Mr. Funseth reviewed Behavior Data Review
 - a. Major Behavior vs. Minor Behavior
 - b. Trends are consistent with expectations for grade level behaviors
2. Half-day tomorrow (1/28)
3. World Kindness Week coming up (2/10 to 2/13)

President's Report: *Christine Hartman*

1. Approval of [September PTO General Meeting Minutes](#)
 - a. Motion to approve: Amy W.; Second: Donna K.
2. Volunteers – Thank you and future needs
3. Directory update – first round publicized
4. Harlem Wizards Fundraiser and Vote
 - a. Next year (2025-26) both 5th and 6th grade students will “graduate” from Butler; Needed to come up with “fundraising for a purpose” to support additional programming for events typically limited to only 6th grade since 5th grade will also be leaving Butler;
 - b. Harlem Wizards fundraiser will be hosted November 6 at CB South – 20 Butler teachers/staff vs. Harlem Wizards; Net proceeds will go towards special events for 5th and 6th grade graduates and other needs.
 - c. Motion to approve down payment of \$1,800: Stacey T.; Second: Kelly K.

Treasurer's Report: *Alison Ficociello*

1. Budget Update
 - a. Budget Spreadsheet attached
 - b. Raised over \$4,000 in Family Contributions towards \$5,000 goal
 - c. 25 teacher wish list reimbursements; Dianne M. to remind teachers
 - d. Staff appreciation – PTO purchased an ice maker for staff lounge (very popular and appreciated!)
 - e. Custodial staff were gifted with Wawa gift cards
 - f. Budget planning committee forming

Vice President's Report: *Shirley Schombs*

Committee Chair Reports

- a. Parent Advisory (Stacey Tocci) – notes attached from December meeting
- b. E-newsletter (Donna Katzman, Sarah Villamayor) – all good.
- c. Assemblies (Amy Beaver) – assembly last week – Mr. Funseth said it was a lot of fun; game show; Amy currently working on Spring assembly
- d. Teacher Appreciation (Lisa Hood) – lunch was provided before conferences; well-received; soup, etc.; May 5 is teacher appreciation week – sign-ups coming for that later this year.
- e. Red Ribbon Week (Julie Welsh, Lisa Noce) – all good
- f. Giving Tree (Bridget Hoag) – all tags were taken. Thanks to all who donated.
- g. Butler Bear Clubs – (Not running this year) – need two chairs if this is brought back
- h. 6th grade Memory Book (Melissa Griffin, Ali Abelson) – collecting photos

- i. 6th Grade Promotion (Kristen Rusnack, Kelly Smith); Scheduled for Tuesday, June 10. T-shirt project has started.

Family Programming: *Kelly Kaufman & Stacey Tocci*

1. Monster Mash & Butler Boo (Kelly Kaufman, Heather Contes, Gelena Tonkonogi) – all went well. Great participation; Need shadow chair for 2025-26.
2. Haunted Gym (James Bender, Ali Abelson, Shirley Schombs); 23 tents set up. Need shadow chair for 2025-26.
3. Skate Night (Kellie Andrade) – went well; may move donation collection during this event to Giving Tree and go back to food pantry donations; need a volunteer for 2025-26.
4. Holiday Shop & Vendor Fair (Michelle Lockett, Kerri Zwiebel, Christy Homewood, Jordan Maisch) – went well; need a shadow volunteers for 2025-26.
5. Fall VIP Movie Event (Cristina Cinquino) – went well this year; Need shadow chair for 2025-26.
6. Jump Night - Jan 28 (Stacey Tocci, Kelly Kaufman, Juliana Lodge); Need shadow chair for 2025-26. (71 signed up so far)
7. Butler Ball - Feb 7 (Kelly Kaufman, Julie Welsh, Ali Abelson) – two sessions; DJ; need snack donations

Fundraising: *Amy Wigo*

1. Spirit Wear (Amy Wigo) – new Spirit Wear logo shirt at Spring Fair (thanks Kelly)
2. Dine and Donate (Amy Beaver) – PJ Whelihans in Doylestown on February 19 ; hoping to schedule McDonalds again.
3. Book Fair in May (Amy Wigo, Shirley Schombs, Melissa Griffin, Anne leClercq Hyk, Juliana Lodge); Fall event went well. All students will again receive \$5 in Scholastic Bucks for the Spring Book Fair
4. Spring Fair & Silent Auction - March 22 (Kelly Kaufman, Gelena Tonkonogi, Stacey Tocci, Tami Stevens) – lots of opportunities to get involved. All classrooms have been informed of basket/fun jar themes. Volunteer solicitation has begun. Silent Auction committee is meeting tomorrow night (1/28).

Open Discussion/Concerns/Questions

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm

*Next Meeting: Monday, May 21, 2025 @ 7pm in the Butler Library –
vote on 25-26 Budget, Slate, and Bylaws*

Parent Advisory Council minutes

December 17, 2024

Belonging Survey – Results and Next Steps

Completed in grades 5-12

Dr. Yanni was very happy that teachers and administrators created time in their schedules for this to be completed. He felt this led to higher participation.

18 question survey in which students respond 1-5: 1 being not at all true, 5 being completely true

>3 is considered good

5 is a perfect score and not attainable

They were also able to assess if students just went down and chose the same answer for all 18 questions because several questions were in there to solicit opposite ratings responses. Of all the surveys taken, only 2 students appeared to click down the survey and those results were removed from the report.

Student responses

94% participation rate – Dr. Yanni was expecting 90%

High School	3.42 avg.	3.37-3.47 range
Middle School	3.68 avg.	3.51-3.99 range
Elementary School	4.11 avg.	3.79-4.47 range

A decrease from Elementary to middle and middle to high school is expected.

Females in High School and Elementary School reported a higher sense of belonging than males. This is not typically the norm.

Students who identified as nonbinary reported a lower sense of belonging.

There was no statistical difference seen between different races and ethnicities.

Dr. Yanni found this surprising, but good for Central Bucks.

Seniors participated less than any other grade. Not sure if this is because they're not always in the building for homeroom or because they're seniors.

Elementary students had almost 100% participation.

Staff Responses

Divided staff into 2 groups; school based – anyone who works in a school, non-school based – staff who don't work in the school

Only 80% participated. This was due to staff not believing that responses were going to be anonymous.

High School	3.35 avg.
Middle School	3.37 avg.
Elementary School	3.47 avg.
Non-school Based	3.22 avg.

Central Bucks results were higher than in either of Dr. Yanni's previous 2 districts.

The plan is to continue to administer this test annually.

They are coming out with a new version in the spring, which will be for 3rd-12th grade

Elementary Construction Projects – Update the 8

Construction - Barclay, Buckingham, Gayman, Titus, Warwick

In March, an architect will present phasing plans.

Dr. Yanni expects the construction to be completed in 2 groupings.

3 projects – Titus, Warwick and 1 of the remaining 3

2 projects – remaining 2 schools

A bulk of the work will be completed over 2-3 summers.

Some work will be completed during the school year.

There will need to be roaming classrooms based upon the construction.

Looking to have work completed by 2031.

To Be Decided – Doyle Kutz, Linden

Any decisions have been deferred until May until they hear from the public.

To do this there will be 3 Town Halls at 7 p.m., 1 on the last Thursday of January, February and March

1/30 – CB West 2/27 - CB South 3/27 - CB East

All meetings will be live streamed and recorded.

There will be a QR code, voice mail, email and snail mail to submit questions.

The questions will be categorized and answered and they will maintain a document containing all questions and answers.

The options are to renovate, rebuild or combine the schools.

Based upon Act 34, because enrollment is so small in these buildings, the district would need to rebuild the 3 buildings larger than they are now and larger than they need, so that they are in compliance with the regulations.

Butler Specific Information

An eight classroom addition will be added to Mill Creek. Butler will be redistricted to alleviate our overcrowding if needed. The students who will be moved to Mill Creek are TBD.

The bear dens are leased and past their life expectancy. They will be taken away at some point.

Based on current enrollment data for next year, they are estimating that Butler could lose 3 classes next year.

Realignment

Pioneer Kindergarten Preparations

Staff have visited Hatboro Horsham, New Hope Solebury, Upper Dublin and 1 other district to observe how they run their full day kindergarten programs.

Will be an inclusive program that provides support services in the classroom
Currently looking at the instructional day and how that will look - will not be adding anything to the curriculum, just slowing it down, incorporating play and increasing special time so that it is equal to what grades 1-6 have

They are hoping to have a representative kindergarten teacher from every school to teach in the pioneer program next year, so that they can go back to their home schools the following year to be the “expert” for the building

It is highly likely there will be a soft start and kindergarten students will not be assigned a teacher for the first day of school. Different teachers will run different activities where children will be assessed to better balance classes.

Planning to have Kindergarten eat in the cafeteria - they plan to suggest that parents send lunches the first few weeks until they get use to procedures

Registration at the pioneer kindergarten schools is approximately double the registration at other elementary schools at this time

Middle Schools

They are working on a new middle school schedule to give students better access to a wider variety of electives; 2 music classes, arts, languages, etc. They are looking to create an actual health program that is separate from gym February or March - should be ready to present what that might look like

High School

MBIT will still be for grades 10-12 after the realignment

General

The district wants to have everything planned out for the realignment by the end of this year so that next year they can be using their professional development days to prepare for the realignment.

There will continue to be monthly realignment newsletters.

Calendar Development

Due to the fact that 5 major holidays all fall on weekdays next year, they were unable to schedule an entire week for spring break.

They are currently working on the 2026-2027 calendar.

They are considering bringing in just 6th grade one day and 7th grade one day, at the beginning of the school year, as 2/3 of the middle school students will be new to the building.

They are considering bringing in just 9th grade one day and just 10th grade another day, at the beginning of the school year, as 1/2 of the students will be new to the high school.

They would like to get to the point where parents have the calendar for a year in advance so that they can plan vacations and trips accordingly.

New Resources for our Community

Making Practices Public Initiative

A Community Roadmap for Finding Supports and Services

Community Resources Quick Reference

Housing Resources Quick Reference

On Your Radar

An AI Handbook will be coming out in the near future

They are piloting it with teachers.

There will be a presentation on it at the January meeting.

The Education Association has funded the purchase of an Empath Ed program

It enables educators to work through situations that special education students encounter on a regular basis.

They hope it will give educators a better understanding of what these students may be dealing with on a daily basis.

60 Seconds with Steve

Beginning in January, Dr. Yanni will be putting out 60 second videos explaining something that is currently going on in the district.

PTO Budget Report 07-01-24 to 01-25-25

INCOME Account Type	INCOME Category	INCOME Budgeted	INCOME Actual	EXPENSES Budgeted	EXPENSES Actual	Net Actual	Net Variance
Contributions	Donation Match	\$ 200.00	\$ 267.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 267.26	\$ 67.26
Contributions	PTO Family Contributions	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,080.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,080.65	\$ 919.35
Fundraising	Book Fair	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 8,096.50	\$ -	\$ 8,067.04	\$ 29.46	\$ 3,470.54
Fundraising	Box Tops Program	\$ 25.00	\$ 108.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108.80	\$ 83.80
Fundraising	Butler Spirit Wear/Clothing	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,368.10	\$ -	\$ 3,729.00	\$ (360.90)	\$ 2,360.90
Fundraising	Dine and Donate	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,010.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 510.00
Fundraising	Fundraiser event	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Income	Vendor Fair	\$ 400.00	\$ 560.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Baskets	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Decoration/Signage/Miscellan	\$ (250.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Entertainment	\$ (600.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Food Trucks	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Food/Concessions	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Games	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Pre Ticket Sales	\$ 3,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Redemption	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Silent Auction	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Sponsors	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Ticket Sales	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Spring Fair	Spring Fair Used Book Sales	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSES Account Type	EXPENSES Category	INCOME Budgeted	INCOME Actual	EXPENSES Budgeted	EXPENSES Actual	Net Actual	Net Variance
Earmarked Funds	Assemblies EM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
Earmarked Funds	Library EM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Earmarked Funds	School Grounds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ -
Earmarked Funds	Young Authors EM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Family Programming	Bingo Night	\$ -	\$ 343.62	\$ 300.00	\$ 269.86	\$ 73.76	\$ 373.76
Family Programming	Butler Ball	\$ -	\$ 1,313.28	\$ -	\$ 1,178.32	\$ 134.96	\$ 134.96
Family Programming	Butler Bash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 995.93	\$ (995.93)	\$ 4.07
Family Programming	Butler Bear Clubs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Family Programming	Butler Boo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 257.22	\$ (257.22)	\$ 42.78
Family Programming	Butler Family Movie Event	\$ -	\$ 2,083.83	\$ -	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 183.83	\$ 183.83

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Family Programming	Butler Running Club	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Family Programming	Haunted Hallway Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Family Programming	Holiday/Secret Shop	\$ -	\$ 2,709.06	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,594.95	\$ 114.11	\$ 214.11
Family Programming	Jump Night	\$ -	\$ 1,176.88	\$ 50.00	\$ 283.25	\$ 893.63	\$ 943.63
Family Programming	Lip Sync	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Family Programming	Paint Night	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Art Goes to School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Assemblies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,850.00	\$ (1,850.00)	\$ 1,850.00
General Expenses	Constant Contact/Newsletter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 420.00	\$ 542.75	\$ (542.75)	\$ 122.75
General Expenses	Custodial Gift	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ (125.00)	\$ -
General Expenses	Field Day	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225.00	\$ 84.00	\$ (84.00)	\$ 141.00
General Expenses	Gifts to School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,759.98	\$ (1,759.98)	\$ 759.98
General Expenses	Giving Tree	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Library	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 114.86	\$ (14.86)	\$ 485.14
General Expenses	Paper for Photocopying	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Play Ground/Gym Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Play/Innovation Day (alternating years)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	PTO Manager	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130.00	\$ 139.00	\$ (139.00)	\$ 9.00
General Expenses	Quest Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 748.43	\$ (748.43)	\$ 1.57
General Expenses	Reading Olympics	\$ -	\$ 619.10	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,238.20	\$ (619.10)	\$ 530.90
General Expenses	Ready Refresh Water	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 296.73	\$ (296.73)	\$ 303.27
General Expenses	Red Ribbon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Sixth Grade Memory Book	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Sixth Grade Promotion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Sixth Grade Ropes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ -
General Expenses	Staff Appreciation/Breakfast-Lunch-Dine	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 867.32	\$ (867.32)	\$ 1,132.68
General Expenses	Teacher/Wish List	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ (1,875.00)	\$ 1,125.00
General Expenses	Volunteer Appreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Volunteer Coordinator/Tea	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Expenses	Welcome Committee/Social	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 39.00	\$ (39.00)	\$ 71.00
General Expenses	Young Authors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	PTO Manager Balance	\$ 23,269.86					
	Outstanding checks	\$ 301.50					