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Burton PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 7pm

Date: 11-11-2025
Time: 7:09 pm - 7:40 pm
Location: Media Center

Number of Attendees: 17 (16 members)

I. Welcome and Convene
   A. Meeting called to order 7:09pm by Natalie Friedman
II. Quorum Check
III. Approval of November and December meeting minutes
   A. Minutes from 11/11/2025 and 12/2 were motioned by Max, second by Melanie, Approved
IV. Officer Reports
   A. Officers
      1. President: Natalie Friedman
         a) National PTA School of Excellence Listening Session – following February meeting (2/3/26 ~ 7:30 pm)
            (1) Completed step two of process of becoming a School of Excellence
            (2) Next step is the listening session next month to discuss survey results and get idea of what families wants
         b) *The Anxious Generation* Discussion, part 2 was slotted for March; however, looking into moving to April, more to come
      2. Vice President/Chair of Standing Committees: Elizabeth Scott
         a) PTA Founders' Day – BSD Dinner Thursday, February 26
            (1) National celebration of when pta founded, districted celebrating w/ dinner where boards meet at hall and honor teacher of year, staff (paras, custodial, office staff) of year, and pta member of year, survey hopefully to go out on friday, last year almost 70 responses and vote
      3. Secretary: Ellie Mosko
         a) Membership Update
            (1) No new report, same as last month (224 members and up 17.9% from last year)
      4. Treasurer: Max Shear
         a) Nothing new, not much coming in over budget, most w/in or below budget, $70K in bank
      5. Principal: Lauren Fragomeni
         a) Welcome back
         b) Monday great day back, kids buzzing, everyone still getting back in groove

c) Multipurpose space opens on Monday!
d) Grand opening Jan 12, Thursday afternoon sneak peak for each class
e) Adjustment of lunch blocks: TK/K/1st 11:25-12:10, 2nd/5th 11:50-12:35, 3rd/4th 12:15 - 1 - will be in journal on Friday
f) Shared up to date pictures of new space
g) Launched one word challenge. One word created by John Gordona nd setting intentions with one word for year, and kids participated (some examples included: brave, respect, courage, and ok) ask kids about the one word challenge, also some teachers created keychains to be intentional about one word
h) Friday, January 9 burton bash, change starts w/ me assembly in rec center, kids encouraged to wear Burton gear or blue
i) NWEA M-F next week, encourage kids get good sleep, take time and try best

V. Committee Reports
A. Ice Cream Social – Sarah Gutierrez & Beth R
1. Incorporating 100 year celebration - “Sweet 100 Celebration”
2. Carnival theme, dj, candy walk, games and other activities looking into, question re: field?
a) Site supervisor said “it should be”
b) Thinking April or May - grass needs to take root
c) Plan B option? Looking into that. Hoping to have more clarity by March.
3. Last year food question came up about cost and accessibility, popcorn machine and cotton candy, discussion about how to make sure accessible and also fun - also connecting w/ DEI committee
4. Sponsors came in for trunk or treat - alyssa has orthodontist to sponsor - instead of specific fundraising questions about how that works so not stepping on feet, event sponsorship might be a great way to incorporate, most important part is that fun run is way raising money, family equity and school equity, thinking more corporate fundraising
5. Community art project and time capsule
6. Looking to have age appropriate options for all ages
7. Proposal potential for additional money from PTA surplus
a) Potential to use excess funds from reflections for art project - maybe tie in to reflections for next year
b) 5th grade facepainting tattooing?
(1) In meeting discussed streamlining 5th grade party planning and going to add co-chairs to election slate so that they can manage financials more efficiently and effectively, will depend on what new 5th grade committee wants to do, mixed feedback on amount raised last year, tattoos were

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more expensive so less raised, could also do something different

c) Have some money in budget towards providing food at events
d) Explore how to streamline process, tickets, something,

B. Burton WinterFest Family Skate Night – Leslee Caplan
    1. Wednesday, 1/14 @ Skate World of Troy 6:15 – 8:15 pm, FREE admission and bring your own skates or rent ($3 for skates, $5 for blades)

VI. New Business
    A. Minutes on website
    B. Mrs. Murphy lost husband over break and PTA donated to scholarship fund in his memory - others are welcome to donate via the following link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/fred-murphy-scholarship-for-berkley-students
    C. March meeting going to moved to 8:30 am and via zoom since it is the day before 5th grade camp
    D. Melissa trying to put together district event for reflections, potentially January 29

VII. Good of the Order

VIII. Adjourn
    A. Motioned by Christina, Second by Elizabeth, Adjourned at 7:40 pm

Important Dates

- January 14 – Burton WinterFest Family Night @ Skate World of Troy 6:15-8:15 pm
- January 16 – Half Day of School
- January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day, “A Day On, Not a Day Off” 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Clawson High School
- January 28 – Burton Incoming TK/Kindergarten Information Night 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- February 3 – PTA Meeting 7:00 pm; discussion - *School of Excellence Survey Listening Session* 7:30 pm
- February 11 – Burton Music Concert – grades 2, 3, 4 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- February 13 – Half Day
- February 16 – 20 – School closed – mid-winter break
- February 26 – BSD Founders’ Day Dinner 6:00 – 9:00 pm at Club Venetian
- March 3 – PTA Meeting 8:30 am via Zoom

Support Burton Elementary and join PTA today! Each membership includes one vote in PTA budgets and elections as well as a school directory.

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Have a suggestion, idea, or a skill you'd like to share with us? Or looking to be part of a PTA committee? Link below to our suggestion form: