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Burton PTA
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 7pm

Date: 4-7-2026
Time: 7:05 pm - 7:30 pm
Location: Multipurpose Room

Number of Attendees: 20 (18 members)

I. Welcome and Convene
   A. Meeting called to order 7:05 pm by Natalie Friedman
II. Quorum Check
III. Approval meeting minutes (February & March)
   A. Minutes from 2/3/2026 and 3/3/2026 we motioned by Anna, second by Melissa, Approved.
IV. Officer Reports
   A. Officers
      1. President: Natalie Friedman
         a) PTA School of Excellence Update/Timing
            (1) PTA meetup on 26th @ Urbanrest @ 7
            (2) Form to fill out to help build bird's nest community: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepBY4GKH8a6dMfDxFZ3-irE1YQO-TvuoUJm00be-CmFKGzwQ/viewform
            (3) Will be sending survey out again in May
         b) Tonight: *The Anxious Generation* Discussion, part 2
      2. Vice President/Chair of Standing Committees: Elizabeth Scott
         a) PTA Elections Updates/Nominations
            (1)
            (2) Voting on May 12 @ next meeting, reach out to Elizabeth with additional nominations: elhiggins@gmail.com
            (3) Current list and openings:
               (a) Treasurer Elect: Chris Davidson
               (b) Fundraising Chair: **NEED 1-2**
               (c) Teacher Appreciation Elect: Annmarie Sanderson
               (d) Ice Cream Social: Christina Kozlowski **LOOKING FOR 1 MORE**
               (e) Book Fair: Megan Backes
               (f) Room Parent Chair: Christina Kozlowski
               (g) Yearbook Chair: David Crosslin
               (h) Field Day Chair: Shosh Abromovich **LOOKING FOR 1 MORE**

(i) 5th Grade Party Chair: Alana Shamban, Michelle Ward, Carli Jones *OPEN TO MAKING THIS A TRI-CHAIR POSITION*

3. Secretary: Ellie Mosko
    a) Bylaws Update
        (1) Proposed bylaws provided at the meeting and included at the end of minutes.
        (2) The proposed bylaw revisions:
            (a) Update structure and procedures to meet current Michigan PTA requirements, including how information is submitted through Givebacks and the amounts/timing of dues to Michigan PTA, National PTA, and the Berkley PTSA Council.
            (b) Clarify leadership and governance, adding duties and appointment language for the Chair of Standing Committees and specifying that officers assume their duties at the end of the May meeting.
            (c) Make one substantive local change by lowering the quorum requirement to align with other PTAs in the district; other edits are grammatical or formatting.
        (3) These revisions will be voted on at the May meeting. Questions or concerns may be sent in advance to ellie.mosko@gmail.com.
4. Treasurer: Max Shear
    a) Budget Update/Proposed 2026-2027 Budget provided at meeting and enclosed at the end of the minutes.
        (1) 2025/2026 YTD actual vs. planned budgets, estimating about $12000 over and better understanding of number at next meeting, similar to last year, and then proposed 2026-2027 budget, review and questions reach out to max maxshear@gmail.com
        (2) Column re: change represents how items going up and down and line items not applicable for next year
5. Principal: Lauren Fragomeni
    a) Final push to end of year, great to be back!
    b) 5th grade camp month ago, coordinates; it was a fantastic experience, and thank you to PTA to help subsidize costs
    c) Burton Centennial Celebration next Wednesday, join at 5:00, kicking off outside w/ ribbon cutting, distinguished alumni and special guests, slideshow, snacks, refreshments, crafts, also, thanks bookfair people, going on in media center and glow in the dark art show in the gym, 5th grader designing maps event will end around 7 and bookfair around 8.
    d) Upcoming activities include birdhouse projects on Friday tied to April's focus on neurodiversity, introducing ASD staff and discussing different types of communication.

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e) Kindergarten and 1st grade concerts are upcoming; families are directed to the school journal for details.
f) Testing for grades 3–5 is coming up; details are in the journal.
g) District NWEA assessments are scheduled for mid-May.
h) Kindergarten Round-Up will take place on April 21.
i) A 5th grade graduation ceremony for families will be held on June 5 at 1:30 p.m.

V. Committee Reports
   A. Ice Cream Social – Sarah Gutierrez & Beth Raquepau
      1. Coming up on June 5
      2. Motor city smiles sponsoring a dunk tank
   B. Teacher Appreciation – Melissa Purdy
      1. Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8
         a) Theme is national theme, “Teachers Create Magic”
         b) Email coming out with more info, gift cards, food, templates for the theme for kids to send appreciation
      2. Stock the Lounge Update
         a) Doing well on money but also always helpful to bring salty and sweet snacks
   C. Field Day Tentatively set for Friday, May 29, will need lots of volunteers, details to follow
   D. Burton Directory – Katie McWethy
      1. Looking to make more inclusive
   E. Culture and Diversity Fest Thursday, May 7 from 5:30-7:30, need more booths

VI. New Business

VII. Good of the Order
   A. Recognizing Laurin Jozlin for putting together the next part and Dr. Russell Fridson for co-leading tonight’s conversationAnxious Generation

VIII. Adjourn @ 7:30

Important Dates

April:

- Aril 14 & 15 - Spring Book Fair
- April 15 – 100 Years of Burton Community Celebration featuring our Glow Art Show and Book Fair
- April 22 - Music Concerts - Kindergarten (6pm) & 1st Grade (6:45pm)

May:

- May 5 - No School - Professional Learning Day for Staff
- May 7 - Burton Diversity & Culture Fest from 5:00pm-7:00pm
- May 12 - Burton PTA Meeting at 7pm
- May 21 - Kindergarten Round Up (during the day - schedule will be sent to families)
- May 22 - Kids' Zone Registration for New Families

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- May 25- No School - Memorial Day

- May 29- Field Day (tentative)

June:

- June 5 - 5th Grade Graduation Ceremony at 1:30pm
- June 5 - Ice Cream Social 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- June 12 - Last Day of School - 1/2 Day - 5th Grade Clap Out

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

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: