

Blind Brook PTA
General Meeting
Thursday, January 18 , 2024
9:00AM
B.M.P Ridge Street Elementary cafetorium (In Person)
MINUTES

● **Presentation by Dr. Colin Byrne**

- Weather; we had a couple of weather events in the last few days
- We have some upcoming weather
- I am cognizant we are in the iffy part of the weather right now. We always do our best to make the best decisions.
- Illnesses, sicknesses are on the rise. Emails will be going out with some information with regard to covid and the flu.
- A last plea request for some calendar feedback.
 - We are looking to wrap it up by the next board meeting.
 - Next year the school year goes to the last week of school.
- Reminder there is a budget forum on 1/30 @ 7pm
 - Talk about the process
 - Welcome feedback
 - Trying everything possible to keep it below the cap

II. Acceptance of last month's minutes: Approved. (Johanna Gonzalez and Alicia Scala)

III. Co-Presidents' Report: Cameron Sager and Correy Stephenson

IV. Treasurer: Lynn Glantz

V. Special Events & Fundraising: Leah Mittleman & Karen Lin

- January - Jester Jim

VI. RSS Liaison: Amanda Gitkind

- Upcoming bluebird chat in partnership with Harbor Lights presentation on How to Have Difficult conversations with your kids. Topics may include things like global issues, social media.

- Upcoming cultural presentations
 - Clesner for Kids (music)
 - Lion Dance
 - 3rd grade Flamenco Dancing

- There has been discussion surrounding the 2024-25 school calendar with regards to 2 extra days off. There is discussion around tacking them on to December break or adding them in March or another time during the school year.

- Creating connections will take place in May

- Last 3 days of school will be 11:30 dismissal

- Moving up is June 20th

VII. MS Liaison: ToniAnne Rigano

- Last night was our first Band concert of the year. Our young instrumentalists did a fantastic job and brought smiles and joy to everyone in the audience.
- Mid-Year Assessments begin next week. Dates and additional information were sent home and can also be found in Mr. Horowitz's weekly updates.
- Next Wednesday evening there will be a special program for parents and students run by the JCK Foundation. Additional information is being sent home today, so keep an eye on your inbox.
- BBMS is proud to present *Finding Nemo Jr!* Performances will take place on February 2nd and 3rd. Stay tuned for information about how to purchase tickets.
- A reminder that Wednesday, February 7th is an early release day for students. Middle and high school students will be released at 12:50 pm.

PTA Reflections Program Update

An email was sent yesterday announcing our local winners going on to the regional competition. Regional winners will be announced in the coming weeks.

VIII. HS Liaison: Naomi Riley

- A. Finals schedule is up

- B. Homecoming at end of the month
- C. The game
- D. Pre-sale for tickets goes to team first and then seniors and open up to the public
- E. Space is tight
- F. Dance... haven't decided on a date TBD
- G. Because we had some conflicts
- H. Might be that weekend
- I. They're going to let me know today
- J. English regents on Tuesday
- K. Juniors will be able to come for that and leave immediately after
- L. Everyone else will have full day of school

IX. Pupil Services Liaison: Kiki Debari

- We are continuing to work on Homework support. A questionnaire should be sent out later this month pertaining to this program.
- The SEID executive committee are continuing to plan events for the remainder of the school year.
- Next up will be How to Prepare For Your Annual Review, on Monday, Feb 12, at 7pm.
- Loren and Kiki will be meeting with Harry Berg and Karen Vitti on 1/26. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns you would like them to discuss.
- Heard In Rye
- Heard In Rye organizes about five parenting lectures each year. Our PTA is one of many organizations that pay dues into the organization to help provide funds to secure speakers.
- The next event will be “Rhymes with Corn: How to Talk With Your Kids About Explicit Content.” The speaker is from an organization called Children and Screens: The Institute of Digital Media and Child Development.
- Feb 2
- 12:00 noon
- Zoom
- There will be an opportunity to submit questions beforehand in an anonymous way.

X. Membership: Katie Wolff & Stephanie Biderman

- Dial-a-friends are done and delivered

XI. New Business:

- Nothing new

Attendance	
In Person	
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