

Blind Brook PTA  
General Meeting  
Thursday, June 8, 2023  
9:00AM  
B.M.P Ridge Street Elementary cafetorium (In Person)  
**MINUTES**

**I. Presentation by Dr. Colin Byrne**

**A. Budget hearing 6/13**

**1. Budget 6:15pm, then celebration of teaching so not to interfere**

**B. 6/20 (BUDGET VOTE) - 7am-9 pm old gym**

**C. 6/9 Prom tomorrow**

**D. 6/15 Thursday next week - 5th grade night of music**

**E. 6/19 (JUNETEENTH) closed**

**F. 6/21 graduation/moving up ceremony**

**G. 6/22 rain date for graduation**

**H. 6/23 last day of school**

**II. COLIN - "I want to thank everyone that is here today and thank everyone for their support"**

**Q. Can we alert people of the voting numbers?**

*A. (Pam Huang) Use the experts. (Rick Buzin) 6/1 meeting the admins, discussing 28 things that were cut. (Afton) Didn't know we didn't have businesses.*

**Q. (Ann) Can the district send reminder texts?**

*A. (Colin) YES*

**Q. (Leah) People are also having trouble finding the link to the board meeting, can it be a calendar invite?**

*A. (Colin) YES*

**II. Acceptance of last month's minutes: Approved. (Alicia Scala & Lynn Glantz)**

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

**A. VOTE\*VOTE\*VOTE**

**IV. Treasurer: Lynn Glantz**

**A. June 2023 - Net Revenue of \$24,052**

**B. Total Revenue:47,245**

**Major Revenues:**

<b>Boosterthon</b>	<b>41,698</b>
<b>Book Fair</b>	<b>7,377</b>
<b>Plant Sale</b>	<b>5,050</b>
<b>Programming</b>	<b>5,548</b>

**C. Expense Total: 23,193**

**Major Expenses:**

<b>ASA</b>	<b>7,488</b>
<b>Other Fundraisers</b>	<b>3,161</b>
<b>Olympic Night</b>	<b>2,140</b>
<b>Indoor Recess</b>	<b>5,400</b>
<b>Programming</b>	<b>1,165</b>
<b>Board</b>	<b>1,063</b>
<b>Teacher Appreciation</b>	<b>7,566</b>
<b>BMPRSS</b>	<b>2,250</b>
<b>Graduations</b>	<b>2,325</b>

**D. Total Net Revenue (Loss): \$(14,553)**

**V. Special Events & Fundraising: Leah Mittleman, Shana Koransky, Karen Lin, Linda Itani**

**A. Fun run is 6/16, Save the Date**

**VI. RSS Liaison: Amanda Gitkind**

- A. Last week of school will go as follows:
  - a. No school Monday 6/19
  - b. Full day of school Tuesday 6/20
  - c. Half days Wed, Thurs, Fri (11:30am) for teacher articulation for placement 2023-24
- B. Report cards will be available via parent portal on the last day of school after 3pm
- C. The 4th and 5th grade spring concert is coming up. Stay tuned for an email covering specifics about guest tickets and timing
- D. State testing has concluded
- E. BBMPRSS would like to thank the PTA for their involvement in the following cultural diversity events:
  - a. Asian-American-Pacific Islander event
  - b. Japan festival (this week)
  - c. China culture booths
  - d. India fashion and dance assembly
- F. The 5th grade night of music will be 6/15 in the cafetorium

**VII. MS Liaison: ToniAnne Rigano**

- A. Tuesday, June 13th is the last full day of classes.
- B. Beginning on June 14th, students will be taking part in a number of end-of-year activities, final exams, and interdisciplinary challenges. The complete schedule of events can be found in the weekly updates from the past few weeks and will be included in this Sunday's update.
- C. Thank you to the PTA for once again sponsoring end of year breakfasts for each of our grade levels!
  - The 8th grade breakfast will be on Wednesday, June 14 th.
  - The 6th and 7th grade breakfasts will be on Thursday, June 22 nd .
- D. The 8th grade Moving Up Ceremony will take place at 2 PM on Wednesday, June 21st (rain date is Thursday, June 22nd).

- E. The middle school would like to thank the PTA and parents for another wonderful year in partnering together for our students!

Coming up next year...

- Redesigning the health curriculum for 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th grade (keeping D.A.R.E program for 7 th grade)
- 6 th and 7 th grades will have 1 period of ELA and 1 period called BOOST
- 2D design offered for 6 th grade and 3D design for 7 th grade
- NEW 8 th grade exploratory class: will be a ½ year class centered on career exploration and will include topics and projects about entrepreneurship, writing a cover letter and resume, finances, marketing and advertising, how to complete job applications, and will have an end-of-year capstone experience
- There will new additions to the extra-and co-curricular activities
- Restructuring student government to be similar to the high school

### **VIII. HS Liaison: Naomi Riley**

- A. Senior events this week
- a. Prom
  - b. Making sure seniors have resolved outstanding debts
  - c. Textbooks, lockers, money to food services
  - d. Won't be able to get cap and gown unless they do that
- B. Last day of classes is June 13
- a. Field party
  - b. Dunk tank
  - c. Yard games from 2-240
  - d. Will send out an alternate schedule.
- C. Regents and finals week
- D. Reminder kids only have to come in for their exams
- E. This may be different for 9th grade parents from what they are used to.
- F. Busing schedules online
- G. Teachers meeting with kids to discuss AP assignments and summer reading for other classes
- H. Any classes that might have them

- I. Meeting over next week
- J. Always posted online
- K. School library website there is a reading list... extra enrichment over the summer...
- L. Library is open if kids need to study...
  - a. Not using it for testing...
  - b. Or commons
  - c. As long as they are not being disruptive
  - d. Bus after exam and bus at the end of the day
- M. Finishing schedules
  - a. Will send in summer
- N. Balancing classes and making sure class sizes are ok
  - a. End of august we will have that
- O. Orientation for 9 th graders and new students at the end of august
  - a. August 31 from 2-330
- P. Schedules posted august 25
- Q. Looking for student volunteers to serve as ambassadors for orientation
  - a. See Ms. Tricarico
- R. Graduation
  - a. Get volunteers to hand out programs or set up water
  - b. We hired more custodial staff to help set up and do chairs

**IX. Pupil Services Liaison: Victor Espinoza & Erica Wiener**

- EID and Pupil Services hosted an evening of informal mingling and then a panel discussion on May 23rd at 7pm, on the topics of school transitions, social/emotional learning, and available special education support. The meeting was open to all parents, whether or not their child has an IEP or 504 plan.

**X. Membership: Katie Wolff & Stephanie Biderman**

- A. Nothing new

**XI. Community Coalition: Debra Cohen, Community Coalition Coordinator and Monique Tricario, Student Assistance Counselor and Prevention Coordinator**

**XII. New Business:**

- A. Every 2 years we have a new executive board, we are beginning to look for a nominating committee

Attendance	
In Person	
Dr. Byrne Alicia Scala Cameron Sager Correy Stephenson Stephanie Bitterman Lynn Glantz Debra Cohen Rick Buzin Katie Wolff Katherine Ayala Pamela Huang Anita Ware Amanda Gitkind Leah Mittleman Erica Weiner Afton Rosenfeld Ann Sedrish Karen Lin Breamond Scala	