

**Blind Brook PTA
General PTA Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 7:00pm
Blind Brook MS/HS Library**

Minutes Approved

- Corey Stephenson & Hedy Cardozo

Superintendent's Message – Dr. Jonathan Ross

- Meeting location changed due to storm related power outage at the Bmprss.
- Last night the Board accepted an anonymous donation of \$87,500. These monies were earmarked for the return of the full complement of aids at the Kindergarten grade level.
- 2018-2019 School Calendar. Revised to include additional Superintendent's Conference Day. Revised calendar online.
 - Wednesday, 6/26/19 is the last day of school.
 - Graduation will take place on Tuesday, 6/25/19.
- Todd Richard, MS Principal, has submitted intention to resign to take a position at another school district.
 - Position is currently being recruited for, in addition to the assistant principal position.
- As of July 1, 2018, the district will switch to teaching hours completed, instead of teaching days completed, to meet New York State Education Department funding requirements. This is 900 hours for the elementary school and 990 hours for the MS/HS. Number of hours is an easier requirement to meet, than total days.

Presidents' Report

- No report.

Finance/ Treasurer Report

- Monies Incoming:
 - Stephanie Greenwald Regents Program Fundraiser
 - School Pictures
 - Mini ASA
 - Winter Season ASA
- Soul Cycle rental agreement paid.
- ½ day aids paid.
- Our fiscal year ends June 30th. Please get as many of your expenses in as possible by May 31st, so that I have time to process everything before we close out the year.

Ways and Means

- Soul Cycle – May 31st. Still some bikes available.
- Boosterthon starts on June 5th, 2018. The FunRun will be on June 15th. This year funds raised will go towards the indoor rockwall at Bmprss and indoor recess activities.

- Working to create a document that highlights where monies raised are going towards.

Programming

- Teacher Appreciation week and its celebrations were a success. Kate Marino will continue to take the lead next year.
- Kate Marino is also creating new school spirit clothing items and will hold a clothing sale soon. Will post online as well.

Building Liaisons

- RSS- Lorri Goldstein
 - Note able to report today.
- MS - Hedy Cardozo
 - Chorus Concert is 5/21/18.
 - 8th Grade Field Trip to Come From Away is on 5/30/18.
 - Creaticon is on 5/31/18.
 - 6/8/18 is the staff talent show.
 - Last Day of School is on 6/11/18. Followed by finals.
- HS – Kelly Lieberman
 - The school year is wrapping up.
 - AP Exams are wrapping up.
 - Senior Options have commenced.
 - Junior Class Trip is to Williamsburg, VA. They leave on Friday, 5/18/18.
 - Prom Panel is Thursday, 5/17/18. Panel includes ER Physician, Police Chief, and Assistant District Attorney. Moderated by Ellen Morehouse. Mandatory for all Seniors.
 - Schedules are being worked on and will be released by the end of the year.
 - College meetings with current juniors and guidance counselors are ongoing.
 - Scholastic Achievement Dinner to be held on Wednesday, 5/16/18. This is attended by the Superintendent, all Principals, Board of Education Members, and 2 students – Olivia Morrissey and Jared Bassett.
 - Athletic Handbook is in the process of being revised and updated.
 - Junior Book Awards are Thursday, May 24th, 2018.
 - Science Symposium is on May 30th, 2018, at 7pm. Students who are enrolled in science research will present their projects.
 - Athletic Senior Banquet is on May 31st, 2018.
 - 9th Grade Transition Program (Part 3 of 3). “Tips for Studying for Cumulative Exams”
 - Chorus concert is on May 23rd, 2018.
 - Next Principal Coffee is on Wednesday, May 16th, 2018. “Hidden in Plain Sight”. Led by Community Coalition. No students please.
 - Community Coalition meeting next Tuesday 5/22/18.

- “Shrek”, the musical, received 8 Metro Nominations. That’s great!

Membership

- No update.

New Business

- Multi-Cultural Meeting at BMRSS led by Tracy Taylor is on 5/17/18 at 7pm.
- Pat Renz
 - “Hidden in Plain Sight” is the topic of the next Principals Coffee. This will be led by Community Coalition. It will demonstrate how drugs/ alcohol can be hidden in places you would not know. Can you find it?
 - Next Community Coalition meeting will be on Tuesday, 5/29/18, about Vaping. 8am.
- Thank you to the Nominating Committee for slating the next Executive Board for 2018-2020.
 - Slate announced:
 - Co-Presidents: Alicia Scala, Johanna Gonzalez
 - Recording Secretary: Linda Wu
 - Corresponding Secretary: Betsy Rohbart
 - Treasurer: Cameron Sager
 - Legal: Danielle Carey
 - Ways and Means: Alex Boruch, Kate Marino
 - Programming: Bree Candee, Lynn Glantz
 - Membership: Hedy Cardozo, Yvette Montvelisky
 - RSS Liaison: Corey Stephenson
 - MS Liaison: Jaime Coffey
 - HS Liaison: Kelly Lieberman
 - Pupil Services Liaison: Katherine Ayala
 - Slate Passed. 22 votes in favor. 0 votes No.

Meeting Adjourned.

PTSA Meeting Sign-In

May 15, 2018

7:00pm

Kate Marino
Alex Boruch
Betsy Rahnert

Katherine Hallissy Ayala

Corey Stephenson

Lynn Gaultz

Prisha Jhangimal

Linda Wu

Jessica Yabou

Hedy Cardoso

Yvette Montvelisky

Kelly Lieberman

Bree Candee

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Yvette Montvelisky
Michelle Jaffe
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Alicia Scan
Ashley Welde