

**Blind Brook PTA
General PTA Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2018 8:45am
BMP Ridge Street School Multi-Purpose Room**

Minutes Approved

- Hedy Cardozo & Wendy Corbin

Superintendent's Message – Dr. Jonathan Ross

- Dr. Ross emphasis the school construction will last 18 months.

Presidents' Report

- Johanna and Alicia welcomed the group. They are excited for another great year.

Finance/ Treasurer Report

- Cameron designed a new Excel spreadsheet to be able to understand our finances easier. The group agreed it was a great improvement!
- Budget was shared with group including last year's final budget, and this year's projected budget.

Ways and Means

- Past success with Restaurants, purchase day camp, family sponsored events, etc.
- Look for ideas for art auction. Possible each child do a small picture and put together as an abstract art.
- Open House cloth sales \$3300.
- Upcoming events: Square Arts, Chocolate, school photos, etc.

Programming

- ASA programming has started for the fall.
- Jester Jim for K-1 has been reserved for early November.
- Harlem Wizards will return on January 4th.

Building Liaisons

- RSS- Correy Stephenson
 - There are a lot of new families move here
 - The IMPACT program is in transition. There will be more project based learning and problem-solving learning.
 - Mrs. Tracy mentioned there will be more multi-cultural events.
- MS – Jamie Coffey
 - Middle School open house on Thursday, September 27th.
 - October 4th Parent Institute.
 - October 11th STEAM committee meeting

- HS – Kelly Lieberman
 - There is a proposed grading change
 - Kids applied for college are still waiting for ACT/SCAT score
 - High School open house tonight
 - High school Musical registration on September 24th, everyone is welcome! Performance is on November 16th.

- Pupil Service – Katherine Ayala
 - Want to build a parent support network. Look for ideas and support.
 - 20% of students has special needs. On October 2nd evening there is a disability awareness presentation for parents.

Membership – Hedy Cardozo & Yvette Montvelisky

- There are 529 families in school bee, 248 in dial a friend.

Community Coalition – Pat Renz

- There are a lot of drug, alcohol usage for teenagers in the community. We will invite a specialist from NYU to talk about it. The presentation will be very engaging for kids too.

New Business

- No update.

Meeting Adjourned.