

**Blind Brook PTA
General PTA Meeting
Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 8:45am**

Minutes Approved

- Cameron Sager & Correy Stephenson

Superintendent's Message – Dr. Jonathan Ross

- Budget situation: Track repair costs \$312,000, \$272,000 construction cost, around \$40,000 engineering cost. That is a large amount money comes out from reserve. Current we have tax reserve \$700,000.
- The proposed budget is right at the limit. Budget vote is on May 21st.
- We are operating at a relative tight budget. Next year we will have the principal payment, interest payment, not too much reserve.
- In middle of April we will sell muni bond \$30 million for construction.
- Next year tax we will have a 6% - 7% tax increase as a result of the new debt for construction.
- Personnel is the biggest expense, including salary, benefit.
- Enrollment is going down for past four years.
- In Year 2021 we might need a new bus line.
- Next budget meeting will be intense, Monday April 15th.
- Latest state assessment test our middle/high school has 12.3% students opt out, compare to 18% last year, and the year before was 21%. It is a big improvement and New York State looks favorable at our school. Rates are good at ELA.
- There are two more snow days left, which is going to be used on the days before and after memorial weekend.
- Block schedule. We are moving away from free-reduced lunch program, and looking at Children nuttiest AI-cord. Students will do pre-order, there will be more varieties, but also more expensive.

Co-president's Report

- Chipotle Fund raiseing on April 16th from 4:00-8:00pm, 33% proceeds will go to 2022 class.

Finance/ Treasurer Report

- We have some outflow from fund raising activities because money has not come in yet. Olympic Night did well, more revenue to come in late April.

Ways and Means – Kate Marino and Alex Boruch

- Sold 85 Yankee tickets, the event will be this Saturday 4/13 at 1pm
- Teacher Appreciation will start on May 6th. High school/MS we have May 6th/Breakfast and May 7th Luncheon; Elementary school- events on May 8th, 9th and 10th.
- Luncheon will be catered by Bellefair catering.
- Looking for parent volunteers to bake for sweets and treats day on May 10th at the elementary school.
- School Supplies Company will be chosen by end of week. Most likely Star school supplies.
- Fun Run coming in June. We are working on designing tee shirt and getting sponsors. Already have commitment from Eric Nates Hockey

Programming – Bree Candee & Lynn Glantz

- We just had the April 5th Olympic night for 4th-5th graders.
- Approximately 138 students from 2nd-3rd grades and 140 students from 4th -5th grades. We made \$2800 each night before expense.
- We made \$500 on superintendent day conference day camp on March 29th. Spring break camp will also do well.

Building Liaisons

- RSS- Correy Stephenson
 1. **Incoming kindergarten.** As of last Friday, the incoming kindergarten currently has 73 registered students. It is currently budgeted to have 5 classes but most likely will have 4 sections. A lot of first-time families (approximately 40) in this grade.
 2. **Upcoming events and dates.** There will be a multicultural musical assembly in May and the school will be promoting the Color Blast at Crawford Park, which will be held May 4. DARE graduation for the 5th graders will be May 29 and plans for the end-of-year autograph day are being set. Tracy sent out the class placement input form, which is due April 12.
 3. **Website changes.** There have been some updates to the elementary school website, with a particular effort made to make it easier to access the school's policies and guidebook. If you click on "School Information" you now get a much more accessible page with quick links to things like the attendance policy and the code of conduct. More improvements are in the works.
- MS – Jaime Coffey
Not too much update. Graduation for 8th grade will be on Tuesday, June 25 at 2pm.
- HS – Kelly Lieberman
 1. Spring Instrumental and Choral concert will be held on Wednesday, April 17, at 7PM.

2. Narrowing down finalist for Band teacher to replace Mr. Levy who will be retiring end of school year.
 3. As of April 1 senior class has heard from most if not all of their colleges.
 4. Scheduling for next year is ongoing. Parents would have heard if there were any scheduling issues/conflicts.
 5. Community Coalition will again be sponsoring the prom busses this year.
 6. Junior Driving Night will be held tonight, April 9, at 7PM. Mandatory for all juniors who would like parking privileges next year, and at least one parent.
 7. The Blind Brook High School Student Senate will be hosting a Fashion Show on Friday, April 12 at 7PM in the MS/HS Auditorium. The show will feature Blind Brook seniors as they take one last trip down the runway as well as performances by current Blind Brook High School students. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets will be on sale starting April 8th in the Blind Brook High School Commons. All proceeds to benefit Operation Prom.
 8. Last day of regular classes will be Monday, June 17. Will operate on a delayed schedule in order to administer the world language exam to the 9th grade.
 9. Next principal coffee will be Wednesday, May 15, at 9AM.
- Pupil Service – Katherine Ayala
 1. Special Needs Parent Meeting: Please join us as we set our goals for the coming year. Date and Time: Monday, April 15, 7:30pm, Location: Ridge Street School Library
 2. Parent Workshop: Talking With Our Children About Their Disabilities. Date and Time: Wednesday, May 1, 9:00am. Location: Ridge Street School, Room 33

Membership

Meeting Adjourned.