

Blue Ridge MS PTO Meeting

September 13, 2022

In attendance: Brion Bell (Principal), Kelly Schober(President), Christy Smith (2nd VP), Kimberly Marrin (Secretary), Erin Rath (Treasurer), Lori Davis (Volunteer Coordinator)

Online: none

Quorum was met.

I. Call to Order: 7:00pm

II. Principal's Report – Mr. Brion Bell

1. Smooth opening, no second bus call, fully staffed minus reading.
2. Wonderful BTSN 6th, excited about BTSN 7/8
3. Thank you to Mrs. Bannerton and the PTO for our welcome back lunch
4. LCPS Budget and BRM enrollment.
5. Meet our new staff: Mr. Sassak, Mrs. Tuner, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Betancur, Mrs. Ayotte, Mrs. Stumbaugh, Mrs. Weshinskey, Ms. Stanton, Reading teacher.
6. After school activities and clubs
7. Field trips and climate activities
8. Structure.
9. MAP testing and SGA assessments
10. 6th grade IDA LEE - 10/15/22
11. Theater begins, waiting on new roll top
12. Building projects: vestibule, CTE. asked PTO Board to write letter to Keven Lewis to upgrade out schools and not pass up older schools.
13. LCPS One Vision
14. Safety drills
15. Parent survey thoughts.
16. SCA

III. Officer Reports

A. President – Kelly Schober

- i. Approval of Minutes: May 2022

Christy Smith motioned to approve. Second by . Open to questions. Passed unanimously Erin Rath.

- ii. After-school activities

1. Tennis Club - Two levels of classes:

Beginner to Advanced Beginner- 9/20-10/25, Coed 6th-8th, 3:45-4:45, meets in BRMS Gym, all equipment provided Cost: \$141 Sponsored by BRMS PTO

Intermediate/Advanced- 9/21- 10/2, 4:15-5:30, Coed 6-8th, Meets at LVHS Tennis Courts \$203. No class 10/5, Sponsored by BRMS PTO

Presidents report cont'd.

2. Running Club - Purpose: To have fun while improving cardiovascular health. Will culminate with goal of running in the Purcellville Turkey Trot on 10/13/22. Meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting 10/4 -11/10. 8:05-8:40am on the BRMS Track. Rain days in the gym. No class 11/1 & 11/8. Cost \$84 Sponsored by BRMS PTO Financial assistance is available.

For more info contact Stephanie Willingham at
Stephanie.Willingham@lcps.org

3. Photography Club - reached out

iii. Open positions: theatre coordinator, after-school activities, MASSAC.

iv. Board emails & communications

v. MTI performance rights- Facility Requests done for the year

vi. Ida Lee contracts for 6th & 7th grade socials

B. Treasurer – Erin Rath

i. Financial Report - \$57,590, outstanding checks will be reconciled this month. Please see the attached report.

1. Bank account balance
2. Summer budget status
3. Fiscal Year 2023 draft budget -

ii. Grant Request - None this month, Make sure Teachers know

- ***NONE requested motioned to approve . Second by . Opened to questions. Passed unanimously.***

- iii. Preliminary Budget Presentation

Mr. Bell motioned to approve the summer budget. Second by Christy Smith. Opened to questions. Passed unanimously.

C. 1st VP (Events, Fundraising) – Jen Tribino

i. Bucks for Bulldogs- Keep pushing for donations

Ii. Need HT sign ups, Amazon Smile, looking for Business Sponsors

I. First Spirit night 9/15 at Manhattan Pizza from 11 am to 9 pm.

Be sure to mention BRMS we get 20% of the proceeds .

D. 2nd VP (Activities, Theatre) – Christy Smith

- i. Fall Theatre workshop a success! all 40 slots filled up in 2 days. Kicked off 9/12 and runs through 10/26
- Ii. Fall Performance 10/27- Alice in Wonderland
- Iii. Spring Performance - waiting on MTI to confirm submission for Rights. March 24-26 fairly secure.
- Iv. After School Activities - see Presidents report

E. Hospitality Coordinator – Judy Bannerton

- i. Back to school brunch for the teachers was a huge success. Thanks to the many donations that the families brought in.
- ii. October 2nd is Custodian day. Will be giving each custodian a \$20 gas gift card
- iii. Principal month. We will be celebrating Mr Bell all month long.

E. Theatre Coordinators –Vacant . Spring Show penciled in for 3/24-26th

G. Volunteer Coordinator – Lori Davis

- i. Will create Sign up Genius
- Ii. create forms to populate reports
- Iii. Tech soup-

I highly recommend signing up for [TechSoup.org](https://www.techsoup.org). **TechSoup** supports nonprofits, charities, and libraries by providing access to donations and discounts on software, hardware, and services from major brands. This is a great way to access software for free or discounted to help enable the PTO. There is no cost to sign up.

As Volunteer Coordinator I would like to start creating forms which allow us to build a database of volunteers and sponsors, while sending notifications to PTO members as necessary. I would also like to include links to our fundraising efforts on the forms to encourage donations. While creating the forms, I plan to document as much as possible to help facilitate transitions in the future.

- Iv. 34 volunteers needed for Ida Lee for 6th grade social !0/15/22
-Need quarters for lockers

H. Bulldog Gives Back: Kathi Reich

i. The Tree of Life meal went well last month. We even had a few students stay to serve the partners. The meal was well received and the students did a fantastic job representing Blue Ridge. Look for the next Tree of Life opportunity in Dec. There will also be 2 more dates next year.

Ii. I am looking at how we can partner with other local PTO/PTA to serve our first responders in the area as well. Our first opportunity may be as early as next month. It is very similar to Tree of Life; we will be providing a dinner for our local fire station. I will share a sign up and the meal will just need to be dropped off - no need to stay and serve.

Iii. I am looking forward to partnering with Rebecca Edwards this year to serve our Blue Ridge community.

Please feel free to reach out with any other serving opportunities or suggestions.

I. MASSAC: Vacant

VI. New Business -

i. It was proposed by Kimberly Marrin that BRMS Welcome all incoming

6th grade students with a Bull Dog Spirit wear T-shirt. It's estimated that we will need 260 shirts next year. PTO will get quotes for shirts but estimate that we will need \$3200 (\$12 x 260). We will try to source Corporate sponsors.

Ii. 8th Grade Pool Party - possible extra social event for the 8th graders on Sat. May 8th. Need more discussion and input to determine if this is an annual event PTO wants to add and fund in addition to IDA LEE Park Day at end of the year.

Iii. Lori Davis suggested buying pre-popped Popcorn for Field Day. Fresher and Better tasting. Will get quotes.

Iv. Christy Smith wants to coordinate with LVHS groups like Yearbook, Dance Team, Color Guard and Band for more After School Activities. More information to come.

Meeting Adjourn: 8:45 pmpm