

Blue Ridge MS PTO Meeting

November 16, 2022

- I. Call to Order at pm
- II. Introductions: In attendance:
Brion Bell (Principal), Kelly Schober -president, Erin Rath
-Treasurer, Christy Smith -2nd vp, Kimberly Marrin -Secretary,
Heidi Terrett, Kirsten Shields, Jenna Alexander
- III. Approval of Minutes: October 2022
Christy Smith motioned to approve October 2022 minutes and Kirsten Shields seconded the motion.
- IV. Principal's Report – Mr. Brion Bell
 1. Rolling out with Qtr. 2
 2. 8th Grade field trip
 3. Building improvement: cafeteria We were selected for complete Renovation hoping for windows.
 4. Book Fair: 11/28 - 12/2
 5. Oliver is coming
 6. Music concerts are coming
 7. BRM had an awesome coffee event- TY Mrs. Bannerton, Mrs. Dobbins
 8. PEP is going strong- run by Rebecca Edwards
 9. BRM presented to all middle school principals on excellence of our School Improvement Plan
 10. Holly Meyers is our Washington Post Teacher of the Year Nominee- and amazing teacher!
 11. Name Game ec 16- 6th at 9:15am, 7th at 2:45pm, 8th during lunch so "about" 1-2 pm Staff guesses names of all kids then they sing carols. Lasts about 40 minutes.
 12. Holiday breaks: Thanksgiving 11/23-24 Winter break 12/29
 13. Dr. Hannah's replacement will be Dr. Hyatt. Will join 12/5
 14. Clubs! Have started.
 15. Veteran's Day- soggy and wet but still honored Vets
 16. SMores event raised \$400
 17. Kids got to wear a costume if they brought food donations
 18. Indoor Soccer Annual competition great success
 19. Made 36 different cake kits for PEP so those that have financial hardships could provide a Bday cake for their child.
 20. Alice in Wonderland- great event to kick off theater

21. Staff training- with their teams during planning period.
Computer science was taught by a professional. BRMS is a learning organization so they continue grow skills.
22. Smore event at Valley Game
23. Running Club- many ran in Turkey Trot

V. Officer Reports

A. President – Kelly Schober

1. After school activities
 - a. Fall checks for fall sessions have gone out
 - b. Sarah lynch will take on the after school activities
 - c. Vollyball-start 2/14 and runs for 6 weeks on Tuesdays
 - i. Max 30 kids
 - ii. \$75
 - d. No Boot Camp due to coach not being available
2. Bucks for Bulldogs- has ended 11/15

B. 1st VP (ASAP, Fundraising) – Jen Tribino

- i. Spirit Nights - Dec 15, 2022 at Market Burger

C. Treasurer – Erin Rath

1. Financial Report
 - a. Balance \$56,330
2. Bucks for Bulldogs Status - \$11,376 final
 - a. Just \$624 short of \$12,000 goal
3. Grant Requests
 - a. Eric Kursman \$300 for submitting students into the scholastic writing competition. To sponsor up to 30 kids (specials grant)
 - b. Eric Sassak 8th grade- asking for \$540 to purchase classroom set of books (30) "The First Conspiracy" to purchase. (8th grade house A)

The motion was made to reduce Specials grant from \$1000 to \$700 and increase the 8th grade house grant from \$700 to \$1000.

Jenna Alexander motioned and Mr. Bell 2nd

The Motion was made to approve the 8th grade house grants for Mr. Sassak "up to" \$540 to purchase a classroom set of 30 books and for Mr. Kursman for \$300 for scholastic Writing competition fees for students. Jen Tribino motioned to approve Kirsten Shields seconded the motion

D. 2nd VP (Theatre) – Christy Smith

1. Spring Musical Auditions - December 9
2. Spring Show March 24-26, 4 shows
3. Lots of planning to be done by Theater group
4. Increase excitement for production:
 - a. Visit schools for mini assemblies to do a scene to increase excitement
 - b. Submit videos for morning shows
 - c. Work with parents to transport kids to schools but have to be back by start of school.

E. Hospitality Coordinator – Judy Bannerton

1. Teacher Cookie Exchange, Dec 9th
2. Sign up coming by November 18th

F. Theatre Coordinators –

1. Oliver Interest meeting- 11/15 and Virtual 11/18
2. Oliver Jr. Auditions - 12/9 and 12/12
3. Spring Workshop Dates
4. Spring Performance Date 3/24-27

G. Volunteer Coordinator – Lori Davis

1. Book Fair Volunteers Needed
2. Bingo Night 2/24 is set 6:30 doors open, 7:00 games start,
 - a. Lori will you chair it?
 - b. Reach out to SCA to run concessions Ms. savestano and Ms. curly . PTO gives about 1/3 of \$\$ to SCA
 - c. Prizes donated and funded by PTO
 - d. 300-325 capacity and 25 more serving not sitting
 - e. Package deals - game, dauber, pizza...
 - f. Cafeteria only per Mr. Bell
3. Volunteer Online Form
4. Volunteers needed for Musical - yes after cast and crew is cast
5. Volunteer for Coffee Cart? No Judy does that
6. 7th social 2/4

H. Bulldog Gives Back: Kathi Reich

1. Tree of Life - We will be providing a Chili dinner on Thursday, December 8th. SignUp Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADAF29A5F58-tree1>

I. Rebecca Edwards, BRMS Family Liaison

1. Gift bags are due by Dec 9 at the latest and can be dropped off at the main office any time.
2. It may not feel like the winter holidays, but they are quickly approaching! Please consider assisting families in our community by providing a little extra support over the winter break.

Click on the SignUp Genius link for more information:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b49aeae2fa6fd0-holidays>

Contact BRMS Family Liaison, Rebecca Edwards, for more information or questions at rebecca.edwards@lcps.org.

J. MASSAC: Jessica Rivas

VI. Old Business

1. 8th Grade extra Social at Ida Lee

VII. New Business

1. Bingo - February 10th
 - a. Sell games
 - b. Daubers
 - c. Concession
 - d. Prizes by donation or by PTO

VIII. Open Discussion

IX. Adjournment: 9:01 pm

Next PTO Meeting: December 14, 2022

7pm in the school library