

# Blue Ridge MS PTO Meeting

## January 18, 2023

- I. Call to Order at 7:00 pm
- II. Introductions: In attendance:  
Caroline Milne- Dean, Kelly Schober -president, Erin Rath  
-Treasurer, Jen Tribino - 1st VP Christy Smith -2nd VP, Kimberly Marrin-  
secretary, Lori Davis -Volunteer Coordinator, Minh from Excelsior  
Orthodontist
- III. Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2022  
**Kelly Schober motioned to approve December 2022 minutes  
and Christy Smith seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.**
- IV. Principal's Report – Mr. Brion Bell
  1. Scheduling rising students, end of Quarter two semester one
  2. New rising Bulldogs: music try nights
  3. Name Game!!
  4. Spelling Bee! (Hugh and Jack)
  5. Counselors week: 2/6 ( and social + Psych)
  6. Crossing Guard day: 2/8
  7. Celebrating Black History: Black History MOnth 2023 theme, "Black Resistance
  8. Ida Lee Night, 2/4 !!
  9. Professional Development - Teachers attend during planning period to learn newest and most current teaching practices
  10. PEP - working with English learning families to help them.
- V. Officer Reports
  - A. President – Kelly Schober
    1. After school activities
      - a. After school activities
      - b. Volleyball-start 2/14 and runs for 6 weeks on Tuesdays  
Took 35 and 7 are on the waitlist.
      - c. No Ping Pong this year. Mrs. Mosley can not run it.
      - d. Self Defense class as a potential activity.
    2. Bingo paperwork has been filed- gaming license
    3. State Corporation paperwork is completed
    4. Insurance renewal is coming up and may have to be adjusted on the budget if rates go up.
    5. Will seek tax exemption letter

6. Credit card for PTO use, how can we do this? Amend ByLaws?
7. Spirit Nights - Working on setting up for rest of the year
  - A. Opportunities for new ideas from board:
    - a. Car Wash
    - b. The Purcellville Pub
    - c. Empress Tea
    - d. Looking for more ideas
  - B. January - ??
  - C. February -

B. 1<sup>st</sup> VP (ASAP, Fundraising) – Jen Tribino

C. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Theatre) – Christy Smith

1. Spring Musical -

Cast communications sent out on 12/28

Crew Communications - 1/13/23

Show March 24-26, 4 shows

- a. **Oliver Jr. Cast** is up and running, and we are about to start our third week of rehearsals. Rehearsal schedules can be found on the bulletin board near the Band Room.
- b. **Tech Crew** has been selected and a communication was sent out on Friday Jan 13th with the completed list. Crew payment is due on Jan 20th.
- c. **Full Cast and Crew** is called for **Super Saturday Jan 28th** from 9am-1pm. We will be building sets, painting A-Frames, gathering and creating props as well as a run through of Scenes 1-8 and complete blocking/music/choreo by end of day.
- d. New Sound Board has arrived.
- e. Budget - every year do a capital improvement project. Not sure yet
- f. Painting the stage this year.

D. Treasurer – Erin Rath

1. Financial Report

a. Balance- \$ 58,000

b. Donations- \$0

c. Crew Fees due 1/20

d. Has a check to write for already approved grant for VA Readers \$563

2. Grant Requests- No new requests

**The motion was made by Kelly Schober to add \$38.92 to the line item for Virginia Readers Choice to cover additional amount. Lori Davis motioned and 2nd the motion. Unanimously approved.**

E. Hospitality Coordinator – Judy Bannerton

1. National Counselors Week is Feb. 6-10

Our opportunity to highlight our appreciation of Blue Ridge's Unified Mental Health team. Stay tuned for additional details.

- a. Provide lunch on 2/10 for the counselors and the school Psychologist and the social worker

F. Volunteer Coordinator – Lori Davis

1. 7th Grade Social, Feb 4th

- a. Meeting with the 7th grade team the week of Jan 16.
- b. Sign Up Geniuses are live for volunteers and donations.
- c. Email, Facebook, and Smore communications are ready to go (need Permission Click link)
- d. Previous suggestions are incorporated

2. Bingo Night, Feb 24th

- a. Delivered initial outline of plan for Bingo Night on Jan 9th
- b. Need PTO meeting to discuss details and budget
- c. Kelly applied for a Bingo License on Jan ?
- d. Meeting with SCA Lead week of Jan 16
  - i. SCA will set up and run it. Get 100% of sales
- e. Sign Up Geniuses will go live once PTO meets
- f. Email, Facebook, and Smore communications underway

G. Bulldog Gives Back: Kathi Reich

1. Tree of Life

- a. Please be on the lookout for 2 more opportunities to serve in the new year.

H. Rebecca Edwards, BRMS Family Liaison

Contact BRMS Family Liaison, Rebecca Edwards, for more information or

questions at [rebecca.edwards@lcps.org](mailto:rebecca.edwards@lcps.org).

## I. MASSAC: Jessica Rivas

### H. Odyssey of the Mind:

Our three outstanding Blue Ridge Odyssey teams will be competing at our Regional Tournament on February 25, 2023, at Riverside High School. Teams have been working very diligently on their long-term solutions for the last couple of months. This season, teams are tackling lots of fun challenges, which include building a rideable pirate ship that will battle a sea monster and retrieve treasure; channeling their inner Rube Goldberg by constructing an over-complicated contraption; and putting a new spin on Homer's Illiad by hatching their Trojan horse tale. We are so excited to see what teams will create! Special thanks to all of our amazing coaches and parents, and to Mr. Bell and the PTO, for your support!

## VI. Old Business

## VII. New Business

1. New Fundraising Opportunities - New Ideas
  - a. Chocolate bars
  - b. Selling items
2. New ideas for Spirit nights
3. Raffle
  - a. Combined with the student/ staff Basketball game

## VIII. Open Discussion

1. New Sponsors from businesses

Minh from Excelsior Orthodontist visited us and expressed the desire to make donations to the PTO. We will discuss options with him.

## IX. Adjournment:8:30 pm

Next PTO Meeting: February 15 ,2023

7pm in the school library