



**Thursday October 17th, 2024  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom**

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**Attendees: Jane Diina, Alina Lewis, Hristina Byrnes, Eric Havlik, Hera Javed, Melinda Larose, Karah Woodward, Quyen Calixto, Karen Phillips, Kristina, Chika, Matthew Dennis, Kathy Rugh,**

### **Agenda**

Everyone has a blue ribbon virtual background, it's so cute!!  
Everyone asked to download the background :)

**7:00 pm**

#### **Call to order and Welcome - Alina Lewis**

- Approval of Minutes – *Jane Diina, Recording Secretary*
- *Run down of agenda, a light agenda. Mr Dennis spotlight teacher!*
- *Screenshot/pic of everyone at the end.*

**7:05**

#### **Agenda preview- Alina**

**Blue Ribbon screen celebration-** Quyen Calixto, Digital Media Coordinator

**7:10 pm**

#### **Principal's Report - Eric Havlik, principal**

- *National Blue Ribbon school! Attribute to hard work of teachers, incredible honor and our gifted staff.*
- *Tomorrow night greenhouse open to public. 330-6.*
- *Family Hour, Family Friday October 25 -*
- *Open House Oct 30 for prospective middle school families*
- *SHSAT oct 30*
- *Parent teacher conference november 7th - half day*
- *Enrichments:*
  - *Chess, Music K-2 starts tomorrow!, 3rd grade music program, center for architecture,*
- *Before/After school programming: Musical, debate, chess, robotics, math club, basketball and volleyball*
- *Report Cards: will not be available for PTC, released digitally on the 21st*
- *Attendance reminder - can do on daily dismissal form*
- *Lockers: FDNY does not allow. Next steps, eliminate weight by consolidating.*
- *Weapon brought to school. Next steps and being cautious.*
- *Ms Nanna on a leave right now.*
- *Process of hiring parent coordinator*
- *DOE encouraging, and BSI to send kids outside.*
- *Photo slideshow....*
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**7:15 pm**

**President's Report - Alina Lewis, PTO President**

- *CEC Blue Ribbon Recognition*
  - *So exciting, Alina at CEC meeting last week, it was great to be there and have our school recognized.*
  - *New parent volunteer for SEC*
  - *New Kindergarten parents amazing*
  - *Chika and Quyen doing amazing for social*
  - *New member of treasury team*
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- *Stem lab event*
  - *Students will be presenting what they are doing in there*
  - *CBS will be there*
- *Social Media update- IG!*
  - *Getting more followers, everyone should jump in & follow*

**7:20 pm**

**Treasurer's Report- Brian Zhang, Assistant Treasurer**

- *Monthly Financial report*
  - *Fundraising is up so far this year*
- *BSI Student Enrichment Fund Update*
  - *Off to a good start, 17% of our goal so far*

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**7:25 pm**

**Events Update- Hera Javed and Carole Ma, VPs of Events**

- *HarvestFest Updates*
  - *Coming up on Sunday, lots of activities, get your tickets now*

**7:30 pm**

**Teacher Spotlight - Mr Dennis**

- *Has two kids, one in college, one in HS*
- *Used to teach at a school in Bed-Stuy*
- *Took a break from teaching & worked at the Liberty Science Center*
- *Did hydroponics there*
- *Came to BSI 7 years ago, excited to come to a school that was developing a hydroponic lab*

**7:40 pm**

**SLT Report**

- *Summary of meeting, new member update and vote*
  - *Danielle reported some highlights from last meeting*
  - *Discussed the proper way to report absences (use google form, not need to email as well)*
  - *Discuss lockers plan, not possible to add in hallway, will reach out to other schools to see if anyone can share ideas they haven't thought of*
  - *Discussed weapon that was brought to the school and how to balance sharing info with parents while also respecting privacy*

**7:45pm**

**Middle school backpacks update**

- *No new plans right now to add things because of fire code restrictions in hallways & logistics of other shared spaces*
- *Strategies to minimize weight by reducing notebooks (using folder and loose leaf instead)*

**7:55pm**

#### **Q and A**

- *Q re clarifying attendance reporting - only need to do Google form for change of dismissal, an email is not necessary*
- *Q - will 8th graders take the Spanish proficiency exam? Yes*
- *Q via email from a parent about the Blue bus not showing up*
  - *Anna R said there is a Blue bus message thread that parents use to keep each other updated*
  - *Alina checked email again, it was the Green bus*
  - *Eric - In general parents do not need to email about buses not showing up, because they see that at school*
- *Anna shared reminder about HS alumni attending the Harvest Fest to share their experiences of HS with current BSI middle school students*
- *Some parents disappointed that after school programs are doubled up on multiple days, can't they be on Monday or Friday too? Eric, unfortunately no due to teacher schedules*
- *Will STEM lab be available to tour on another day (aside from tour on 10/18)? Yes, potentially at Family Hour on 10/25*

**8:00pm**

#### **Screenshot for Blue Ribbon and meeting adjournment**

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**Next Gen Mtg: Thursday, Nov 21st, 7pm via zoom.**

**Contact:** If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please let us know at: [exechd@bsipto.org](mailto:exechd@bsipto.org)