



BROWNELL TALBOT PARENTS ASSOCIATION

EVERY PARENT IS A MEMBER

September 11, 2025

Meeting Minutes

8:00 AM

WORTHINGTON DINING HALL

WELCOME AND BTPA PURPOSE

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 am by Co-President Karla.

EXECUTIVE TEAM AND ROOM PARENT INTRODUCTIONS

RAIDER RESOURCES

Visit the website and mentioning of the lost and found. BT Families Link.

Purpose of the BTPA

- All parents/guardians are members.
- Create community - connect, get together, invite.
- Provide meaningful volunteer opportunities.
- Help to plan and support various activities throughout the year (halloween parties, book fair, uniform sales).
- Support faculty and staff through organization of Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week.
- Organize Prom dinner for Freshman and Sophomore students (May 25)
- Volunteer opportunities to chaperone the school organized post prom parties
- Find opportunities to connect with each other - Provide volunteer opportunities - Meet new people and be a part of the child's environment - Support and plan activities throughout the year

State of the Institution – Dr. Gibbs

- Update on dining space
- What makes BT Special
 - Smaller class sizes
 - Relationships that last
 - Mission-driven culture
 - Beyond academics – trips, activities, mentoring
- 494 enrollment, largest graduating class of 49 of seniors
- Power of enrollment
 - 90% retention rate
 - Word of mouth is the biggest driver
- Financial

- Tuition covers 80% of the costs; remaining 20% comes from giving and fundraising
- Supports people, programs, and opportunities
- One Team, One Voice
 - We strengthen together through our diverse experiences
- New Faculty and Staff

ARBOR FAMILY & SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH – JEFF RESNER COUNSELOR

- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday there are 3 mental health counselors on campus
 - Provide services within the office – outpatient mental health
 - Student and employee assistance programs
 - One person available each day – 5th – 12th can schedule their own; EY-4th can schedule through counselors or teachers
 - Stress, adjustments, academic, anxiety, depression, ADHD
 - 24 Hour phone number available for Arbor Counseling
 - Student assistance program is available to family members as well
 - Telehealth – 5 sessions are available
 - Specialized training
 - Crisis Responses
 - Care for you care for them – partnership to provide mindfulness and wellness resources

BOOSTER CLUB INTRODUCTION – ARINNA ROXAS

- Supports Athletics, arts, and activities
- Raises funds – gear, concessions
- Funds go towards activities – new stage, bleachers, cameras for journalism
- Next meeting – Tuesday, September 16th 8AM, Fairfield Room
- Email to sign up to volunteer

UPCOMING MEETINGS - Karla

- Shirts on sale until 9/21
- Homecoming Themes
 - Monday – Color Wars
 - Tuesday – Western Day
 - Wednesday – surfers and bikers, Also Hoco Hullabaloo, pizza orders, recognize sports, announce Homecoming Day, Float Parade, pizza pre orders, closing at 5 pm on Sunday, Free doughnuts, hot chocolate, apple cider by BTPA
 - Thursday – favorite team game day
 - Friday – BT Spirit Day
 - Saturday – Hoco Dance for Upper school - Other activities going on at school - Softball, cross country and tennis

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Roberta

- Sponsor Faculty and Staff Members Birthday
- Supervise the Lower School Lunchroom
- Contribute to Faculty/Staff Survival Breakfast

ON THE RADAR

- Wednesday, September 17: Coffee in the Courtyard for Founders Day
- September 29 - October 4: Homecoming Week
 - HoCo Hullabaloo: Wednesday, October 1
- Friday, October 24: Trunk or Treat
- Monday, October 27: Scholastic Book Fair
- Monday, October 27: Grandparents & Special Friends Day
- Friday, October 31: Halloween Parade and Class Parties for LS
- Friday, November 14: BTNVO - Bingo Night for BT!
 - Adult in Scotts Gymnasium – 21+

UPCOMING BTPA MEETING

- October 16th: Next BTPA Meeting is about college counseling