

BRBB General Assembly (GA) Meeting
MINUTES - February 2, 2026
SAHS LGI & Google Meet @ 8:00 pm

Attendees (in-person): Carla Vazquez, Jennifer Jones, Tammy Aldredge, Chris Dustin, Karen Duffy, Christine Rueger, Trish Summers, Jen Ortiz, Karen Evans, Neil Aldredge, Michael Long, Jolyn Cynwar, Dan McDonough, Michele Haytko, Jen Morales, Carla Trongone, Jonathan Bade, Kelly Bade

Attendees (online): Peter Haytko, Carlos Sanchez, Carrie Summers

Staff: Sean Rogan (in-person), Heather Fisher (in-person)

● **MEETING CALL-TO-ORDER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM. Quorum attained? **YES**
- **VOTE** - January 2026 General Assembly Meeting Minutes (previously attached on GroupSpot)
- Motion to Approve Minutes - Tammy Aldredge
- 2nd Motion - Carla Trongone
- Vote: Yay - 19 (17 in-person & 2 online); Nay - 0; Abstain - 0
- Motion to Approve January 2026 General Assembly Meeting Minutes passed unanimously

● **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Welcome: Carla welcomed everyone to the meeting. After the administrative items were covered, Carla turned the meeting over to the Indoor Directors for their reports and updates so they could get back to practice. (see "Band Director's Updates" below)
- Upcoming Events:
 - Sat. Feb. 7, 2026 - Encore TIA Show @ Governor Mifflin HS (***after meeting note: show cancelled***)
 - Sat. Feb. 7, 2026 - Forte MAIN Show @ Council Rock South HS
 - Sat. Feb. 14, 2026 - Encore MAPS Show @ Perkiomen Valley HS
 - Tue. Feb. 17, 2026 - February Dine Out @ Raising Cane's in North Wales, 4-8 PM
 - Sat. Feb. 28, 2026 - Forte TIA Show @ Wilson HS
 - Parent Preview has been postponed - new date will be announced soon
(***after meeting note: the new date is Monday, March 2nd @ 8:30 PM. The GA meeting start time will be moved up ½ hour to 7:30 PM***)
- Future Band Dates: Everyone should have received an email with "Save the Dates" for parade practice and band camp; these dates were also posted on the BRBB GroupSpot.
- Communication Reminders: Communication is handled through 2 Apps - Encore uses the BAND App, and Forte and the BRBB use the GroupSpot App. Please continue to check these apps for the most up-to-date information.
(***after meeting note: Per the district, student groups cannot use the GroupSpot App anymore. Therefore, Forte will be moving all communications to the BAND App***)
- Open EC and Other Positions: There are Open EC and Other positions for the next school year. Nominations typically are held in April, so if a parent is interested in an open position, the EC needs to know by March. Voting for these positions happens in May.
 - Open EC Position: Treasurer (next school year)
 - Other Open positions - Band Picnic Co-Chair (this year), Outdoor Show Chair (this year), 2VP/Concessions (shadower for this year).

- Scholarship Opportunities: Michele sent the BRBB Scholarship Application information via email and posted it in GroupSpot. Carla also posted this announcement in the BAND App chat. There is also a TIA scholarship for seniors who are in one of the indoor groups; see Carla for more details.

● **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

○ **1VP Update (fundraising) - Michele Haytko**

- The Dine Out Night at Branch Creek Taphouse last Friday was very successful. We don't know yet how much we raised.
- The next Dine Out Night will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, at Raising Cane's (North Wales) from 4 - 8 PM. If you are dining in, please mention the fundraiser. If you are ordering online, please use this code "RCFUND96". Raising Cane's will donate 15% of their net profits to the BRBB during that time.
- Michele is gathering ideas and options for next school year's fundraising activities. Some options that were presented to her were a "go-fund-me", calendar squares, salsa sales, and nutty novelties sales. Please send any ideas to Michele by 4/30.

○ **2VP Update (concessions) - Karen Evans**

- No report

○ **Director at Large Update (volunteers) - Tammy Aldredge**

- Volunteers needed for 2/7 - Guard needs one (1) ground crew, and drumline needs two (2) trailer loaders and unloaders. Volunteers needed for 2/14 - Drumline needs 1 Big Red trailer driver, 2 loaders, and 2 unloaders.
- We are still looking for volunteers for Bingo - please sign up to help.
- Chaperones, if you see something missing from your bags or if you use something up, please let Tammy know. Also, be sure to grab the right chaperone bag for your group - they are labeled drumline and guard.

○ **Secretary Update - Jennifer Jones**

- No report

○ **Treasurer Update - Christine Rueger**

- Please remember to pay your Indoor Fees if you have not done so yet.
- Recording Treasurer Update (Kim not at meeting, so Christine updated in her place) - We are still looking for accountants to assist with our taxes. If anyone knows anyone, pass the information along. We had a bad experience with H&R Block, so we are hoping to avoid using them again. Carla Trongone mentioned that she had someone who might work.

● **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

○ **Fundraising - Bingo Update - Karen Duffy**

- Bingo is March 20, 2026 - Promotion is our #1 Need Right Now! Please help in the following ways:
- PROMOTION - tell friends and family, hand out flyers to businesses, post on your social media. ATTEND BINGO - buy tickets - we need to sell 200 tickets!
- SIGN-UP TO HELP - There are lots of ways to help before, during, and after the event. A signup genius is available now.
- We are still looking for an Announcer and a DJ - if you know of anyone, let Karen D. know.

- **Uniforms - Tammy Aldredge**
 - We still have one outdoor student who has not turned in his/her outdoor uniform. Alicia has been made aware of this.
 - Indoor drumline pants were fitted, and we are waiting for a shirt sample to be able to size tops.
 - Guard uniforms should arrive within a week or two.
- **Quartermaster - Neil Aldredge**
 - The committee fixed another vibe; this time, it was the dampening mechanism that needed repair.
 - The last prop for Encore (platform stage with stairs) is 95% complete, thanks to the help of Neil Aldredge, Dan McDonough, Keith Tobin, Chris Dustin, and Jonathan Bade.
- **Technology & Communication** - Carla is taking pictures for the Drumline at its competition, but needs a guard parent willing to take pictures of the Guard at their competitions. Send any pictures taken to her.
- **Social Media** - No report
- **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (IF APPLICABLE)**
 - **By-Laws** - First meeting for the Bylaw Review Committee will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7 PM (virtually). It is not too late to volunteer to be on this committee - let Jennifer Jones know if interested.
 - **Financial Review** - Carla V. is working on setting a date for the Financial Review committee to meet.
 - **Band Store** - Tammy is working with Sean to open the band store for Encore apparel and swag. More details forthcoming.
 - **Banquet/Picnic** - No report.
 - **Scholarship Committee** - See also President's Report. Information went out via email and GroupSpot.
 - **Indoor Show** - An email went out today (Mon. 2/2) recapping the information from the planning meeting held in January. We are still looking for an Announcer and someone to chair the ticket sales. A Sign-Up-Genius will come out after Bingo is over.
- **BAND DIRECTORS' UPDATES**
 - Marching Band Director - No report
 - Encore Director - Sean Rogan
 - Encore's first show is Saturday, Feb. 7th at Governor's Mifflin. Details are posted in the BAND App.
 (**After meeting update: The show at Governor's Mifflin was canceled due to a water leak in the Gym. Encore used the day to rehearse instead. **)
 - TIA will not accommodate the double-header we anticipated later in the season. Therefore, an additional competition (at East Brunswick) was added to the schedule.
 - Encore finished the show last weekend; the students pushed hard and did well. For the first competition, the students will only perform the first 3-4 minutes of the show, so they have time to perfect the ending before having it judged.
 - Uniforms are in the process of being fitted and ordered.

- *Forte Director - Heather Fisher*

- The guard completed their first competition despite multiple challenges of the day, including driving to the wrong school and getting kicked out of gyms. However, Heather praised the students, saying they handled the situation with grace and poise. She was very proud of them. The staff thought the students did well.
- MAIN (the indoor circuit for guard) informed our directors that our guard is eligible to move down a class. This would align them better with the skills they are currently hitting. The judges felt our guard would be more successful in the lower class, so we will now be in the Novice Class. Heather sees this as a positive thing for our group and the students.
- The guard has another competition on Saturday @ Council Rock South. Since we are moving classes, we do not yet know our performance time. Heather will inform parents of the performance time as soon as she knows.
- A parent raised questions about the process and decision-making for inclement weather situations. Heather said that the decision-makers on whether to cancel a show are usually one of three constituents: the host school, the bus company, or our school district. A decision is typically made by Friday PM.
- The Wildwood meeting date has not yet been set - stay tuned.
- Heather thanked the parents for their flexibility regarding the postponement of the Parent Preview Night. There was a last-minute basketball game that needed to be made up (from a snow cancellation). A new date will be communicated soon.

- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB)** - None

- **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM