

PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Bryant Elementary PTSA

March 11, 2020

Time	Item	Owner
7:00	Introduction, Roll Call and Procedures for Virtual Meeting The minutes from February's meeting were approved.	Whitney Griesbach/Ann Sonnen
7:10	Treasurer's Update Annual campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Money still coming in Family aid support <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have \$3500 for family aid support for families in the event they are not coming to school• There is also another fund (the Windermere Fund) that supports families, but that money is not represented on our budget Other <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff appreciation line still needs to be updated	Nick Barrett
7:20	Principal's Update Weighted Staffing Standard (WSS) Voting Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last week we met with BLT, teachers, and staff. For next year, we're anticipating the following classes: 5 kindergarten, 5 first grade, 4 first grade, 4 second grade, 4 third grade, one 4/5 split, 3 fourth grade, 3 fifth grade.• We voted to continue one position as an academic interventionist to support teachers in mathematics. Because it's a K-3 position, we will do a .5 reading instructor and PTSA would continue to support a .5 math instructor.• LASER will continue to use their room, and we don't foresee any impact to LASER for next year.	Charmaine Marshall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will likely need to hire one kindergarten teacher and one second grade teacher next year, as some of our current teachers are switching grade levels. <p>School closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be closed for a minimum of 14 days. We hope that is the extent of the closure, but there is the possibility it could go a little longer. Senior leadership will make that decision as soon as they know. Currently the union agreement does not allow for teachers to work during this 14 day period, but this is also an ongoing topic being discussed. Right now teachers are looking at projects students can do during the time we're closed, and they will have some availability on Schoology to answer questions. Teachers will still monitor emails, and Charmaine will put out additional information this weekend around teacher expectations. There will be no access to the school during the closure, as teams will be entering the building to perform a deep cleaning. The playground is currently open but may be locked down. There were some issues with the reporting of the closure and the uneven distribution of information (e.g. media sites reported it before the district did, and some students found out before parents), and not much notice was given for the teachers to wrap things up and provide closure. Ultimately the closure went well considering the timing and difficult circumstances. 	
7:30	<p>COVID-19 Related Updates/Topics</p> <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will work to amplify the messages from SPS and Bryant regarding the emergency food plan (launching on Monday, tech resources (Bryant Tech & library sites), Schoology "How Tos," library and internet access, etc. We will continue to run the Weekly during the closure. We will also be proactive and message that, during the closure, the PTSA will continue to update through the newsletter, Facebook, big list, and to direct questions to the PTSA email alias. We will work with Kathy for what those updates will look like. <p>Financial needs students</p>	Whitney Griesbach/Ann Sonnen

- Support is in place. This is being managed by Amy Hughes and Heather Snookal, who are the direct contacts for the program. Amy has procured gift cards for students, and Heather will deliver those directly to families.
- We should give a reminder about this program to families in case they were not part of the program and their situations have changed.
- Neighborhood pickup location will be launched on the website on Monday.
- HIP packing food is also available (since we won't be packing it). HIP is in good shape for donations if we want to hold it back for our families.
- There is a COVID 19 response coalition of agencies that is helping the wider community, including children in need. Amy will compile that list and distribute. Kathy will create a page to have on the website. Foodbanks in the NE need some help (posted on FB), and blood banks too.

Support networks

- New FB group that was created for COVID 19 response to help coordinate between parents.
- What are ways that we can make sure people don't feel too isolated (pen pals, etc.)

Committee Support

- There's a lot of work that will be challenging when everyone's schedules are out of sort, and there will be financial impacts to the committees
- Bryant Blast: we would typically start volunteer recruiting right now, but we don't know what the impact of the closure will be on the Blast. There could be a financial impact, too (e.g. without the raffle baskets revenue).
- The play: the play has been cancelled, and the ticket revenue and bake sale revenue will not be collected. The play will therefore be in the red this year, so we'll need to work with that committee to see what we need to do.
- Other committees may have events that are cancelled, on hold, etc. Those committee chairs should reach out to the executive committee to talk through options. Some committee chairs might not know how

	<p>to hold an online meeting, so we should circulate info for that as well.</p> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some families may be accessing Schoology for the first time, and might need help, such as 1 on 1 support. There is also a way to access from both phones and computers, in case some families only have smart phones. • Child care will be a huge burden on some families. We don't have a solid response, given the issues with social distancing. There could be options that are neighborhood or volunteer based, but it's going to be difficult to reach those most in need (difficult to reach, anonymity of those families). 	
	<p>LASER Update</p> <p>LASER is closed during the SPS closure. Board of directors is meeting tomorrow to discuss more, but currently in a wait and see mode. Currently staff aren't allowed to work as babysitters, but only the board can decide that.</p>	
<p>8:00</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Fundraising (Sara/Allison) – Doing well on the auction at this time, although some of the near-term events may have to be cancelled, which could have a financial impact (others could be rescheduled). The financial impact is TBD. We just sent out a survey in the last Weekly to get information about the budget for next year. We may want to have a conversation if we're going to be in a difficult financial situation next year due to changed fundraising (e.g. lack of raffle baskets sales, spring play income, etc.).</p> <p>B. Membership (Tara/Rebecca) - No update^[L]_[SEP]</p> <p>C. Volunteers (Renee/Kathleen) - Still looking for someone to help run the Blast. ^[L]_[SEP]</p> <p>D. Communications (Kathy) - Will provide update at next Meeting. ^[L]_[SEP]</p> <p>E. Advocacy (Sam/Adele) - Today was the last day of legislative session.</p> <p>F. Teacher Representative (Jessica/Chara) - Crazy day! Teachers had to scramble to send home work, and did their best. If it's an overwhelming amount of work, use your best judgement; don't make it a battle with your kids.</p>	

	G. Equity (Kim). Equity update has been added to the Weekly.	
8:30	Adjourn	