

PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Bryant Elementary PTSA

June 9, 2020

Time	Item	Owner
7:00	<p>Volunteer Recognition</p> <p>Thank you to all of the volunteers. A donation will be made to HPP (Hunger Prevention Program) in recognition of their contributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer Extraordinaires: Michelle Ireton & her mom Margaret Birdsall; Lauren Abraham• Unsung Heroes: Elizabeth Hill; Janie Booth• Golden Acorns: Teachers: Clare Johnston, Megan Regalado; Lynn Masunaga-Fahselt; Parent: Kim Love	Whitney Griesbach/Ann Sonnen
7:15	<p>General Meeting Roll Call</p>	Whitney Griesbach/Ann Sonnen
7:20	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes Approval of last General meeting minutes (April)</p> <p>The meetings from last general meeting in April were approved.</p>	Whitney Griesbach/Ann Sonnen
7:25	<p>Treasurer's Update (May Financials)</p> <p>For May, very few transactions due to the current situation. Some money is still coming in from Annual campaign, and some money going out for science fair supplies, volunteers, and hunger prevention.</p>	Nick Barrett
7:30	<p>Principal's Update</p> <p>The plan for next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• District has a number of different committees planning for next year. For Bryant specifically the big question is whether we will have K-5 in the building. One possibility under consideration is having K-3 at Bryant and 4-5 in another location.• However, we may be 100% virtual at the start of the year. If we do go virtual, we will be determining how to improve the experience next year. They are trying to do K-5 in the building as there is awareness that student engagement online is very difficult for K-5.• The decision will be made by June 19th as to what the model will be. The teachers need to know before summer in order to start preparing for the fall.• This decision will be driven by SPS, but we do have control of the rollout of the curriculum to meet the needs of our students. We will consider another learning tool—SeeSaw—for K-3 as Schoology does not work as well for younger students.	Charmaine Marshall/Heather Snookal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LASER got approval to use the school for their summer program. <p>Next year's budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still looking at enrollment numbers, especially at the Kindergarten level. Most of the families 1-5 are planning on returning. Kindergarten is lower than normal, currently at 74 (we had projected 105). Not planning classrooms until Jumpstart, which will be virtual. Optimistic we'll pick up more throughout the summer. <p>Next year's staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are currently holding steady with our staff numbers. If we have a lower enrollment, and we should be still able to hold staff levels for next year. But if that continues, the 2021-22 school year staffing may be more difficult. We are currently fully staffed, anticipating one change that will be announced at a staff meeting next week and the community afterwards. 	
7:50	<p>Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundraising (Sara/Allison): No updates Membership (Tara/Rebecca): No updates. Rates may need to be raised. Volunteers (Renee/Kathleen): Following up with committee leads to find out who will be with us next year, and what roles need to be filled. Communications (Kathy): No update, but thank you to Liana Trescot for all of her work editing the last 4 years. Advocacy (Sam/Adele): Hot topic today was police using public school grounds, and this was addressed by SPS today. Teacher Representative (Jessica/Chara): No updates, but thank you to everyone for all of your work. Equity (Kim): Putting together a summer reading list and a lending library for the community. Want to request \$500 for these books. We imagine this being tracked through a spreadsheet. PTSA would own the books. <i>Sam Fogg motioned that we move \$500 from unallocated for these funds. Brita seconded. Motion approved.</i> Also, a kid-friendly protest is being held this Sunday at 11am at Greenlake Elementary. 	
	<p>New Business</p>	
8:10	<p>PTSA Resolution on Anti-Racism</p> <p>Sam presented a resolution from the Bryant PTSA to commit to being an anti-racist organization, educate our PTSA members on anti-racism, actively work to center the voices of our families further from education justice, and actively work with schools, SPS, City of Seattle, and state of Washington to provide opportunities and funding for professional development for anti-racism work. Sam offered her phone number for those who want to voice anonymous comments.</p> <p><i>Motion is approved.</i></p>	Sam Fogg/ Adele Kulisewa
8:25	<p>PTSA survey results for 2020-2021 Re-Entry Scenarios</p>	Sara Fenzl

	<p>A survey was emailed to parents on Sunday to gauge their experiences with remote learning this spring. These results will be provided to parent reps on district committees in order to share the Bryant parent experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 188 responses since Sunday, with 99.5% of respondents participated in remote learning. • Only 12% rated the experience as “Good.” • 71% of respondents prefer full or part time school for next year. 80% did not support fully remote learning. • Things that went well: printed packets, frequent personalized check ins, the teachers! • Things that would improve remote learning: more interactive engagement; 1:1 contact between teacher and students; more social/emotional learning opportunities; more tools to help parents get organized so kids can work independently <p>Should we also survey students? This may be difficult for different grade levels.</p>	
8:50	<p>General Membership Vote on 2020-2021 Board Positions</p> <p>Not able to reach capacity for all positions because of uncertainty for next year.</p> <p>Executive board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-presidents: Ann Sonnen, Brita Willis • Vice president: Brenda Mullins • Co-treasurers: Nick Barrett, Kelli Hessler, Kathleen Brown (NOTE: we will need to update standing rules to include a 3rd treasurer). • Co-secretaries: Clare Kealy, Dave Holmberg <p>The Bryant PTSA check signers for the 2020-2021 year will be Treasurers Kelli Hessler and Nick Barrett.</p> <p><i>Motion by Adele Kulisewa, seconded by Sam Fogg. Motion approved.</i></p> <p>Board appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-volunteer coordinators: Maureen Bhak, Alison Merimee • Co-fundraising: Sara Fenzl, Allison Broadgate • Co-community engagement: Ana Kodoma, TBD • Co-advocacy: Adele Kulisewa, Sam Fogg • Teacher reps: Jessica Dolan, Chara Johnson • Members at large: Whitney Griesbach, Sai Samant • Communications: Kathy Austin <p>Communications committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications web editor: Honor Rovai, Jose Sia Jr. <p><i>Executive board approved board appointments.</i></p>	Kathleen Brown/ Renee Stanley
9:10	<p>General Membership Vote on 2020-21 Budget</p> <p>No major changes in the budget from when we presented at the May board meeting:</p>	Nick Barrett

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall our goal is to preserve existing positions as much as possible to support students as they reenter the schools next year. Social-emotional needs are being prioritized. • As a consequence, some other extracurricular funds will be redirected to staff. This would be just for next year as a temporary solution for reentry to support those social-emotional needs. <p><i>Motion by Adele to strike the word "Counselor" from the staff and replace with "Pandemic and trauma support" because the PTSA does not want to support key staff and set a precedent for paying for this position permanently. Seconded by Sam. Motion approved.</i></p> <p><i>Motion by Rebecca to approve the budget. Seconded by Kathleen. 2020-21 budget vote approved.</i></p>	
9:50	<p>New item – Friday Strike</p> <p>Does the PTSA want to be sharing information about Black Lives Matter and protests? Ann will reshare the previous work done on this and the discussion can continue offline.</p>	
10:05	<p>Adjourn</p>	