

# PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Bryant Elementary PTSA

October 13, 2020

| Time | Item  | Owner                                   |
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| 7:00 | <b>Welcome and Agreements for Virtual Meeting</b><br><br>Minutes from May 2020 meeting approved.  | Ann Sonnen,<br>Presiding<br>President   |
|      | <b>Board Introductions</b>  | PTSA Board<br>members                   |
|      | <b>Approval of June 2020 meeting minutes</b><br><br>Minutes from June 2020 meeting approved.  | Ann Sonnen,<br>Presiding<br>President   |
| 7:20 | <b>Executive Committee Election</b><br><br>Due to several departures over the summer, the nominating committee requested the Bryant PTSA membership elect two new officers: Co-President Ash Glover-Ganapathiraju and Co-Treasurer Nelly Goodnoe. The entire board was re-elected by membership.  | Clare Kealy,<br>Nominating<br>Committee |
| 7:25 | <b>Principal's Update</b><br><br>Remote learning update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall remote learning is starting to smooth out as the year has progressed.</li><li>• Some continued issues with breakout rooms, but overall things have started to get into a rhythm.</li></ul><br>Enrollment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enrollment is 523 (v. projected 582)</li><li>• We did not lose any teachers, even though we were slated to lose 3.1 teachers due to the enrollment drop (we petitioned and only lost 1 position, which was not currently filled).</li></ul><br>Community Q&As <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuing community Q&amp;As, which are going well.</li><li>• These are posted on the website and PTSA website.</li></ul> | Charmaine<br>Marshall                   |

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|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Q&amp;A is the last Thursday of October, 10/29, and future Q&amp;As will also be on the last Thursday of each month.</li> </ul> <p>Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MTSS (Multi-tiered system of support) assessments are ongoing.</li> <li>• There are major gaps indicated by the screeners, as students had varied experiences during the closure last spring.</li> </ul> <p>Playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The play structure will remain closed because we can't sanitize the structure.</li> <li>• This was a district-level decision, despite the governor's recent announcements.</li> <li>• No schools have been allowed to open their playgrounds, although enforcement is varied.</li> </ul>  |                                       |
| 7:35 | <p><b>Sept. Family Survey Summary</b></p> <p>In September we sent out a survey to the Bryant community to understand concerns of families and students. We received 108 responses, which is ~25% response rate. Top three issues for students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Social engagement and friendships</li> <li>2. Screen fatigue/time</li> <li>3. Social emotional development</li> </ol> <p>And the top 3 issues for families</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Childcare</li> <li>2. Health</li> <li>3. Tech issues</li> </ol> <p>Additional responses focused on how we were adapting the budget for the current year (see next agenda item), how to create community during the pandemic, and if there are other ways we can support kids farthest from educational justice. If you'd like to connect with someone from PTSA for additional discussion:</p> <p>Exec Committee: <a href="mailto:ptsalexec@bryantschool.org">ptsalexec@bryantschool.org</a><br/> Advocacy Committee: <a href="mailto:Advocacy@bryantschool.org">Advocacy@bryantschool.org</a><br/> Equity Committee: <a href="mailto:Equity@bryantschool.org">Equity@bryantschool.org</a><br/> Tech committee support: <a href="mailto:BryantTech@bryantschool.org">BryantTech@bryantschool.org</a><br/> Volunteering: <a href="mailto:Volunteer@bryantschool.org">Volunteer@bryantschool.org</a><br/> PTSA Membership: <a href="mailto:Membership@bryantschool.org">Membership@bryantschool.org</a></p> | Ann Sonnen,<br>Presiding<br>President |
| 7:45 | <b>Budget Review &amp; Membership Vote</b>  | Treasurers                            |

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|      | <p>Due to the pandemic, our previously approved budget needed to be revised in order to support new priorities and reallocate funds for programs that won't be happening this year. In the survey, top priorities were academic tutoring, families in need (FIN), and social emotional support for students. Highlights of the new budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeting a similar income and expenses to last year of ~\$300,000. However, we are expecting to raise less money this year due to not being able to hold the Bryant Blast (usually raises \$12-15k).</li> <li>• 80% of funds are going to staff salaries and wages.</li> <li>• The big changes are reducing funding for recess supervision and extracurricular activities, which we will then reallocate to priorities which were raised in the survey, including tutoring support, tech lab, library services, and social emotional support.</li> <li>• If we find that a program could be reinstated, we have increased our unallocated funds to support those programs.</li> <li>• For Artist in Residence, the current remote schedule doesn't accommodate that time. However we kept some of these funds in case we could resume in 2021.</li> </ul> <p>Budget reapproved by full membership.</p> |                  |
| 8:00 | <p><b>Standing Rules Membership Vote</b></p> <p>Several new standing rules were proposed to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simplify membership fees</li> <li>• Allow for 3 treasurers</li> <li>• Replace Legislative Chair title with Advocacy Chair title</li> <li>• Allow the executive committee to approve expenditures under \$100 without a vote, and to allow for mobile banking.</li> </ul> <p>New standing rules were approved by full membership.</p>   | Committee Chairs |
| 8:10 | <p><b>Sept. Financial Review</b></p> <p>Primary expenditure was \$8000 to teachers for supplies (\$175 per classroom).</p>  | Treasurers       |
| 8:10 | <p><b>Monthly Equity Discussion</b></p>   | Ann Sonnen       |

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|      | <p>White parent voices have played a disproportionate role in shaping our schools, which has led to exclusion in the schools. We have a role as advocates to make change in our community. We would like to propose a follow-up listening session with Bryant families to determine how to put these ideas into action. Will be sending out a survey for feedback. Additionally there will be an opportunity to donate to other schools in need during the Annual Campaign (see below).</p>  |                           |
| 8:25 | <p><b>Annual Campaign</b></p> <p>Annual Campaign is Nov 2 – 20<sup>th</sup>. This typically raises 75% of our annual funds, but will likely make up an even greater percent due to the likely loss of income from not having the auction and raffle.</p> <p>We are also including an option to donate directly to organizations or schools serving students furthest from educational justice.</p>   |                           |
|      | <p><b>New Business</b></p>   |                           |
| 8:35 | <p><b>Nov. ballot measure: WA Referendum 90, Sex Education in Public Schools</b></p> <p>One of the powers of PTSA is when we can endorse positions. R90 is a referendum on comprehensive sex education. A bill passed for this in the legislature, and the PTSA did a lot of advocacy for this bill; however, it has now been petitioned to go to voters. There have been false claims about what this education includes, which actually doesn't change the current sex education program.</p> <p>The Advocacy Committee would like to propose that the Bryant PTSA endorses the approval of R90. This will allow us to post this on our Facebook page and in the Weekly, along with additional information about the bill.</p> <p>The motion was approved to endorse the referendum.</p> | <p>Advocacy Committee</p> |
| 8:45 | <p><b>Adjourn</b></p>  |                           |
|      | <p>Feedback survey: <a href="https://rebrand.ly/bryantptsameeting">rebrand.ly/bryantptsameeting</a></p>  |                           |