**Bryant PTSA meeting minutes**

**November 9, 2021**

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| **Time** | **Item** | **Owner** |
| 7:15 | **Welcome to November’s General Membership Meeting!*** Run through agenda
* Land Acknowledgement,
* Native American Heritage Month, Anti-Racist Commitment
* Resources shared
	+ <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/resources-subject-area/time-immemorial-tribal-sovereignty-washington-state>
	+ <https://seattleurbannatives.org/resources/>
	+ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCH-YJkyOp0&t=1395s> (Delia Gomez poem is at 23:35)
 | President |
| 7:20 | **Principal’s Update*** School is closed on Friday. Not a Bryant decision, we received this information as it went out to the community.
* Has been a challenging year with staffing. Most of the district has been experiencing teacher shortages all year, this was exacerbated with Veteran’s Day following on a Thursday and teachers using their personal days.
* Empathize with parents on the last minute nature of the closure. Teacher shortages is something that the principals have been raising to the district all year.
* Is there concern for teachers strike? The Friday closing feels it could be a "sickout" No, just due to Veteran’s Day
* Heather Snookal going to half time at Bryant, other half to support McDonald. How could the PTSA share the impact of Vice Principal Snookal to the School Board? It’s a numbers game, we are under 500 students. We have to wait for our numbers increase.
* Heather takes the lead on the 504s – what will be the impact for the students who need this additional support? Is that support in place? Who will take this on? She will still be here half time, we don’t get that many 504s but no concerns about the work being zone.
* Thank you to the volunteers who have been coming to support outdoor lunch! Super helpful. Will need volunteers through winter break, goal is to not need it after winter break.
* Sign up to for lunch volunteers here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aaea922a7f94-november>
* Is outdoor lunch district driven or Bryant driven? Will this continue? Option created by Bryant for concerned parents.
* Great vaccine clinic today – 120 doses, went very well, very smoothly.
* Sign up for teacher conferences – coming up starting next Wednesday.
* Will the district update us on # of kids vaccinated? No news on this yet
 | Principal Marshall, Assistant Principal Snookal |
| 7:50 | **Approval of September 2021 Meeting Minutes*** Motioned by Carrie Lee, seconded by Kathleen Brown
* Approved as submitted
 | President / Vice President |
| 7:50 | **Laser Updates*** Laser will be closed on Friday due to last minute school closure
* Bryant@laserchildcare.org
 | Robby Saunders – Director of Laser @ Bryant |
| 7:51 | **Teacher’s Update*** Parent-Teacher conferences on Teams next week and week after
* Administration coming in and observing classrooms this week
* Report cards coming up in December
 | Chara Johnson, Kaitlin Holley |
| 7:59 | **Treasury Updates:*** Account Balances as of 10/31/21:
	+ Checking: $63,839.52
	+ Sweep: $5,401.52
	+ Savings: $437,772.08
* Transferred incoming funds to Savings account throughout month.
* Income this month Annual Campaign (will be discussed later).
* Expenses include instrument maintenance: $220.
* Teacher grant checks and discretionary fund notices distributed: Teacher grant checks: $5215.
* Upcoming expense: Insurance Dues. Need final decision.
* Insurance updates are approved.
 | Terry, Raphe & Carly |
| 8:05 | **Annual Campaign Results*** Thank you to everyone!
* 97% participation (448/462), 102% fundraising goal ($204,882)
 | Jennifer DuHamel and Sarah Fenzl |
| 8:10 | **Spirit Wear Sale*** If you have not done so already, quick reminder that the Spirit Wear sales goes through 11/14
* <https://bryantptsa.givingfuel.com/bryant-spirit-wear-2021>
* Expecting to deliver purchases in December
* Questions contact bryantspiritsales@gmail.com
 | Anna Bonnett |
| 8:12 | **Advocacy Committee Update*** WA PTA Legislative Assembly Oct 23/24 - Recap
	+ 3 New Resolutions
		- Improving Literacy and Educational Outcomes
		- Increasing Access and Affordability of Post-Secondary Education
		- Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth in Highly Mobile Populations
	+ 2 Amended Resolutions
		- School Construction Bond ~~Election~~ Reform
		- 18.13 Student Assessment and Testing
	+ More information: WA PTA: Resolutions: <https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/resolutions/>
* Town Halls with State Respresentatives
	+ Next one on 11/16 with Rep. Javier Valdez, 11/9 session with David Frockt being rescheduled due to power outage.
	+ Topics to include
		- Enrollment stabilization & school funding
		- Covid: School nurses
		- Mental health counselors
		- Special education funding
		- Greatest value for Reps is for PTSA/families to share their specific stories
		- Question you want to ask? Email advocacy@bryantschool.org
* SPS School Levy – Next Steps
	+ Dec 7th: 7pm SPS staff virtual info session for Bryant Elementary
	+ Overview information of SPS School Levy
	+ Specific information on planned capital improvements at Bryant, Eckstein and Roosevelt
	+ Dec 14th PTSA meeting: Discussion & Questions
	+ Jan 11th PTSA meeting: Recommendation to Board to Endorse
	+ Jan - Feb: Support GOTV
	+ Feb 2022 - School Levy expected on the ballot to replace expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O) and Buildings, Technology, and Academics/Athletics V Capital Levy ([BTA](https://www.seattleschools.org/glossary/bta/) V)
 | José Sia & Carrie Lee |
| 8:20 | **Community Engagement & Events*** Engagement Calendar and Resources
* <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZpyFOYPmR2gO4_87nMU0dPKAANESTvgzQNDMJmCD3Vw/edit>
* December Winter Celebration & Giving Drive (Idea in process)
	+ Giving Drive for Mercy Housing in Magnuson Park
	+ Make cards to accompany holiday meals delivered by FareStart
	+ Enjoy hot cocoa/cookies
	+ Make snowflakes cut outs to bring home
	+ Outdoors at Bryant covered play area
	+ Saturday Dec 4 or 11th?
		- Interested to help with planning? Reach out to carriemlee@gmail.com
		- Materials: cups, cocoa, cookies, art supplies for cards and snowflakes
		- Day of set up and clean up
		- Coordination with Farestart and mercy housing - deliver goods and mail cards
		- Communication about the event - weekly, facebook, email blast for room parents
		- Other?
 | Kathy Austin/Carrie Lee |
| 8:31 | **Old/New Business*** Moved to Google for Non-Profit – need to have additional meeting for the move-over
 | Dave Chapman |
| 8:36 | **Adjourn*** Dave moved to adjourn, Carly seconded.
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