**Bryant PTSA meeting minutes**

**December 14, 2021**

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| **Time** | **Item** | **Owner** |
| 7:00 | **Welcome to November’s General Membership Meeting!**   * Run through agenda * Update slides to includes Google Meet instructions (currently has Teams) | President |
| 7:05 | **Land Acknowledgement**   * Resource referenced in chat <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/american-indian-studies-sti/>   <https://seattleurbannatives.org/resources/>  **Anti-Racist Commitment**   * Ensuring that we are following through on our anti-racist commitment. Will communicate via the weekly post-winter break and also solicit ideas. * Bryant Equity Lending Library are now online: <https://collections.follettsoftware.com/collection/5fb2d7ecf0ef4100129c4626> * Each month teachers have a race and equity issue we focus on in the classrooms, the PTSA could align with us. Speakers would be great for families * One idea is to assign board members ownership on a monthly basis * This month’s theme: Human Rights Day and International Migrants Day * <https://southseattleemerald.com/2021/12/10/opinion-for-south-seattle-on-human-rights-day/> * <https://hreusaorg.files.wordpress.com/2019/11/hre-usa-udhr-poster-gray-boxes-2018.pdf> | President/Carrie Lee |
| 7:20 | **Approval of November 2021 Meeting Minutes**   * <http://www.bryantschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Bryant-PTSA-Meeting-Minutes-2021-11-09.docx> * Motioned by Dave, seconded by Raphe. Approved as submitted | President / Vice President |
| 7:25 | **Laser Updates**   * Steve Lerer (Laser board member) presenting in Robby’s absence * Doing a salary review to ensure we are competitive to attract and retain high quality employees * Biggest challenge is recruiting more staff for Bryant location, will also help with some staff fatigue. * Laser is in solid financial position, received PPP loan. * Questions for the laser team can go to Bryant@laserchildcare.org | Robby Saunders – Director of Laser @ Bryant |
| 7:35 | **Principal’s Update**   * When we return from winter break all kids will be indoors for lunch. * Ms. Snookal now juggling between Bryant and McDonald * Policy still in place for no assemblies in school, no families in school * Post new year, will kids be allowed to move between sections on the playground? Have been given the greenlight to “un-cohort” the playground, kids will be able to mix at recess time. * Check on whether running club was ok to move forward. Previous guidance had been that we could move ahead. * Mask policy (even outdoors) unlikely to change this school year. * Thank you to families for stocking the staff room! | Principal Marshall, Assistant Principal Snookal |
| 7:53 | **Teacher’s Update**   * Community events have been great for kids (hot chocolate event) * Read-a-thon over break * Ask the teacher community if there are ideas for how the PTSA could be helping that we don’t know about * Ms. Holley to come up with wishlist items and send them along to Dina and Caitlin to include in upcoming teacher appreciation | Chara Johnson, Kaitlin Holley |
| 8:00 | **Treasury Updates:**   * Insurance coverage all squared away * November monthly report - We had budgeted for a shortfall of $14,237, actual shortfall is $3,764 | Terry, Raphe & Carly |
| 8:20 | **Update from Exec Committee Meeting**   * Moved to Google Workspace * Limiting spam emails | VP |
| 8:26 | **Advocacy Committee Update**   * SPS School Levy – on the ballot in February   + Recommendation to formally endorse and financially support the SPS School Levies – public support important given the critical need to continue the provision of basic education funding resources. PTSA has officially endorsed past levy renewal, incl. in 2019.   + 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)   + Kathleen Brown moved to formally endorse the SPS School Levy, seconded by Carly Baker. 13 in support, none opposed, none abstained.   + Treasury committee supportive of $1,000   + Ann Sonnen moved to allocate $1,000 to the Schools First Levy campaign from the unallocated funds, Dave Chapman seconded.   + 7 in support, 1 opposed. * Update on state funding legislation – HB1590 concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the C-19 pandemic | Carrie Lee |
| 8:50 | **Community Engagement & Events**   * Bryant Winter Celebration and Giving Event – thank you for a successful event! 3 carloads of essential household items for Mercy Housing, 65 grocery gift cards to be distributed to SPS sister school. * Didn’t donate? Still an opportunity to do so via <https://www.mercyhousing.org/northwest/magnuson-place-north/> or <https://bryantptsa.givingfuel.com/hip-2122> * Looking ahead to future events <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZpyFOYPmR2gO4_87nMU0dPKAANESTvgzQNDMJmCD3Vw/edit> * Some other community ideas: Group tixs to Uw Women's Softball and Magnuson Series Kid Run for Earth Day. | Kathy Austin/Carrie Lee |
| 9:09 | **Adjourn**   * Ann moved to adjourn, Raphe seconded. |  |