**Bryant PTSA meeting minutes**

**January 11, 2022**

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| **Time** | **Item** | **Owner** |
| 7:00 | **Welcome to November’s General Membership Meeting!**   * Run through agenda | President |
| 7:05 | **Land Acknowledgement** | President/Carrie Lee |
| 7:06 | **Anti-Racist Commitment & Discussion**   * Dave Chapman discussed the book *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes   Reading this at Eckstein – if anyone has already read it (or wants to read it) and discuss. Please reach out to Dave! [davec@bryantschool.org](mailto:davec@bryantschool.org) or call/text at 206-931-2696 | Dave Chapman |
| 7:08 | **Approval of November 2021 Meeting Minutes**   * INCLUDE link * Motioned by Jennifer DuHamel, seconded by Raphe. Approved as submitted | President / Vice President |
| 7:10 | **Principal’s Update**   * Starting to approach budget season, we’re anticipating a deficit * Sam Fogg hosted budget info session, a second session is on 1/15 * Shared updated Covid protocol – included at end of minutes. * Starting today, schools are asked to report number of open teacher positions and absentee rates. Some schools are seeing 30-40% absentee rates, Bryant has been about 8% absent. * Had some questions re: lunches going back indoors. Most of transmission has occurred outdoors. * Have seen uptick in number of parents picking their kids up for lunch – with the increase they are putting together a more structured process for how to do so. Amy Shanafelt has a list of the standard kids who leave each day, do speed up sign out process * Open enrollment started today, typically we have 105-110 kids in Kindergarten. This year we ended up with 80 Kindergarten, thirty less than we would normally. Expect similar to happen again this year and this may require adjusting staffing. The concern is that with small classes as they go through the grade levels and the impact that could have on staffing. * When do you see the first round of enrollment numbers and what can we be doing to help? They’ll do an initial prediction in February, but can get more info in May. * Anna Bonnett/Jennifer DuHamel/Ann Sonnen/Carrie Lee/Kathy Austin – look into creating Bryant Elementary family yard sign to show pride in our school! * Does the low enrollment mean there is more opportunity for families not in the Bryant zone who would hope to send kids to Bryant via choice? Not sure, but likely yes. * All new student registration, including kindergarten, is completed online. Visit our [Enroll My Student webpage](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/TdGEZEYvQqMLPb_tuynpVQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjv0gQP0Q4aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuc2VhdHRsZXNjaG9vbHMub3JnL2Vucm9sbC9lbnJvbGwtbXktc3R1ZGVudC9XB3NjaG9vbG1CCmHVkBTeYdne3CBSFmFubmEuYm9ubmV0dEBnbWFpbC5jb21YBAAAAAE~) * Nicole Witenstein expressed interest in forming a committee to understand enrollment at Bryant, maybe polling families to understand the trends. | Principal Marshall, Assistant Principal Snookal |
| 7:27 | **Laser Updates**   * Successful winter break camp, gearing up for the mid-winter break. * Will there be an opportunity to move people off the waitlist? Likely yes, we are working to hire more staff. * Questions for the laser team can go to [Bryant@laserchildcare.org](mailto:Bryant@laserchildcare.org) | Robby Saunders – Director of Laser @ Bryant |
| 7:30 | **Teacher’s Update**   * Primary teachers are busy with district required assessments: K/1 are doing Dibbles assessment in class time. (assessing fundamental reading skills). Thankful for substitute time paid for by the PTSA to support teachers doing these assessment. * Request: Could we get additional time paid for by the PTSA? Subs cost is about $300 per day (23 homerooms) so about $6900 per day added * Lunch after break was a big change, but went smoothly, and are removing zones at recess * Read-a-thon was a big hit for kids in her class * Teachers working to support kids home during quarantine | Chara Johnson, Kaitlin Holley |
| 7:45 | **Funding request: Emergency Supplies**   * Need to replace expiring emergency food, water and batteries. * Would fund 25 classrooms, 500 students * Estimated cost $1,900-$2,500 * Datrex bars, Datrex water pouches and Rayovac batteries * We have $500 in budget for emergency preparedness which we have not yet touched, have $4,000 unallocated in budget * Motion to approve use of emergency funds and balance from unallocated * Ann Sonnen moved to allocate $1,500 from unallocated to emergency funds and use emergency funding for this purchase. Kathleen Brown seconded. * Motion approved - 12 in favor, 0 opposed | Amy Shanafelt |
| 7:53 | **Treasury Updates:**   * As of 12/31/2021 * Total income $275,347, Total Expenses $15,549 = Difference of $259,798 * Have not yet written out many of our expenses for specialists salaries (which is normal for this time of year. * Income   + Additional funds for the annual campaign hit our books: $18,155   + Unrestricted donation: $485, Interest $17 * Expenses:   + School levy support: $1,000   + Families in need: $6,387   + Walk/Bike to school: $595   + Spirit Wear: $182 | Terry, Raphe & Carly |
| 8:05 | **Advocacy Committee Update**   * Seattle school levies communication plan * Support our schools – vote yes on Feb 8th! * Spreading the word with Bryant Community (weekly, facebook, room parents), copies of SPS flyer via kidmail, Bryant neighborhood sign waving on 65th after ballots are mailed (Jan 29/30 or Feb 5/6) * Do we need approval to send political message via kidmail? Question is only how do we pay for the cost. * Principal Marshall to look into whether we are allowed to print at school. * WA State Legislative Session * Seeking PTSA support to endorse these bills by submitting “pro” and/or written/oral testimony in support of the following bills   + SB 5595 **Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools.** [**https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5595&Initiative=false&Year=2021**](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5595&Initiative=false&Year=2021) Sponsors are Senator Wellman (41st) and Senator Claire Wilson (30th). (Hearing Jan 12th)   + SB 5563 **Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.** [**https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5563&Year=2021&Initiative=false**](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5563&Year=2021&Initiative=false) Sponsors are Senator Wellman (41st) and Senator Hasegawa (11th)  (Hearing Jan 12th)   + HB 1664 **Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools.** [**https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1664&Initiative=false&Year=2021**](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1664&Initiative=false&Year=2021)Prime Sponsor is Representative Rule (42nd) (Hearing Jan 13th) * Advocacy team to draft statement of support, Kathy willing to review if helpful. * Alignment that SB 5563 (funding stabilization) is the priority, with SB 5595 as the second. | Carrie Lee, Nicole Witenstein |
| 8:26 | **Community Engagement & Events**   * Looking ahead to future events <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZpyFOYPmR2gO4_87nMU0dPKAANESTvgzQNDMJmCD3Vw/edit> * January - Jan 17 MLK Service Day - [Poverty focus](https://mlk50.civilrightsmuseum.org/poverty#:~:text=A%20cornerstone%20of%20Martin%20Luther%20King%2C%20Jr.%E2%80%99s%20fight,Dr.%20King%20recognized%20that%20poverty%20pervaded%20the%20globe.) - resume the hygiene kit activity with Univ. Dist. Food bank as recipient.  (Ann Sonnen to copy Seema’s event of past.  Ann 206-383-0509) | Kathy Austin/Carrie Lee |
| 8:35 | **Q&A/Other**   * Request to use unallocated for additional sub days for teachers. Treasury team is compiling a list of requests, and will make a budget we can discuss as a package with the Exec Committee and then aim to present next month. For anything time sensitive we can figure out how to advance sooner * for the annual 'school shopping' night and it will be Thu Feb 3rd 5:30-7:00 ish * Need a distribution email list for the full PTSA board – Kathy to do |  |
| 8:41 | **Adjourn**   * Kathleen moved to adjourn, Jennifer seconded. |  |

