

Bryant PTSA meeting minutes

March 8, 2022

Item	Owner
<p>Welcome to February’s General Membership Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run through agenda • Meeting reminders and support 	<p>President</p>
<p>Land Acknowledgement</p>	<p>President/Dave Chapman</p>
<p>Approval of minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From October general meeting • Dave motioned to approve, Ann seconded 	<p>President / Vice President</p>
<p>Anti-Racist Commitment & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intersectionality of International Women’s Day • https://www.aclu.org/blog/womens-rights/celebrate-womens-suffrage-dont-whitewash-movements-racism • https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/about-2/our-commitment-to-antiracism/ https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2021/3/8/what-is-international-womens-day-for-black-women 	<p>President</p>
<p>Treasury Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income: Total income \$204,766 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional funds for annual campaign hit the books: \$2,714, total to \$205,850 ○ Interest: \$15 • Expenses: \$219,003 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classroom Supplies: \$143 ○ Social Committee: \$921 ○ School Spirit Yard Signs: \$2,351 ○ (*\$1500 for emergency preparedness has not hit our unallocated line item yet) • The values in this table reflect the budget changes approved on 2/1/22. 	<p>Terry, Raphe & Carly</p>
<p>Advocacy Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment Stabilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final legislation will likely give SPS between \$22-\$28 million ○ Slightly more than half of what is needed ○ Some levy stabilization ○ Strong public opposition • Prototypical funding formula <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased funding through the prototypical formula - likely \$700 million + statewide funds • Other relevant bills that passed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing language access in public schools, several gun violence prevention bills, as well as around clarifying art instruction in schools, and more. • Overall district-wide funding situation and future legislative advocacy plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our schools are not yet adequately funded. ○ The plan is to get ready for the next session and to spend this interim trying to make sure that legislators know - we want stable and ample funding for our schools! ○ Upcoming: All are welcome to join the session: Money Talks: SCPTSA hosts conversations with Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance on March 	<p>Carrie Lee, Nicole Witenstein</p>

<p>15 at 7PM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to every single person who signed in on a bill, asked someone to sign in on a bill, shared a link, testified, sent an email, or otherwise advocated for public schools this session!! Without all the advocacy we would not have gotten accomplished what we did. • Open door policy to help us advocate for you at district and state level • Email us at advocacy@bryantschool.org 	
<p>Community Engagement & Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorm meeting held on 1/29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yard signs as community builder and support for Bryant – complete! ○ In progress: ○ Video school tour ○ Flyer to share with local Real Estate agents on public schools in the area ○ Direct mail postcard ○ Interested in helping with these items or other ideas: contact Jennifer jenniferd@bryantschool.org • https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZpyFOYPmR2gO4_87nMU0dPKAANESTvgzQNDMJmCD3Vw/edit • Brainstorm Committee met on 2/15: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting on the district to confirm if we can host these larger school-wide events. Right now the reservation systems that would allow us to share our insurance with the district is closed. ○ Potential ideas: ○ Outdoor dance party (DJ parent?, invite the immediate neighbors?) ○ Outdoor Bryant Blast (need chair, Ann to transition) - cake walk and auction baskets and games outside ○ Art Night or bring your favorite art from home ○ Outdoor movie night - popcorn sales maybe May or June (Moana, Mulan, etc.) (movie license - Raphe?) ○ Parent night outs • If interested in working on outreach/marketing activities please reach out to Kathy Austin 	Ann Sonnen
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTSA General Membership Vote: Nominations Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maureen (Mo) Bhak and Carrie Lee ○ 14 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained • Budget Committee - Executive Committee Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standing Rules: Item 37. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Co-Treasurers and no fewer than three (3) members appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. ○ Proposed: Mary Strazer, Nick Barrett, Kristin Zwiers, and Nicole Witenstein ○ 6 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained • Decision needed: Approval of funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board Vote: Request to replace 5th grade boots for Ravenna Creek 	Kathy/Dave

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget information: 40 boots requested: \$1759.56 ○ Motion to approve Kathleen Brown, Dave Chapman seconded. Motion passes ○ Ann Sonnen to support the purchasing of boots 	
<p>Laser Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spring break registration opens March 21 (\$70 per day) ● Summer registration is open – 8am-5pm. Will have field trips to outdoor locations, will be eating outdoors as much as possible. ● Laser mask requirements will likely follow school standard ● Long waitlist ● Questions for the laser team can go to Bryant@laserchildcare.org 	Will Carlisle
<p>Teacher’s Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3rd graders working on science powerpoint presentations – opportunity to celebrate successes, a party not tied to a holiday. 1st graders also working on animal reports 	Chara Johnson, Kaitlin Holley
<p>Principal’s Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteers can come in to the building but still restricted – one person per classroom per day. ● Working on marketing efforts to get kindergarteners registered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opportunity to change how we advertise enrollment at Bryant. Kindergarten Roundup flyer prepared to canvas/educate community on enrolling. ○ Mr Gallagher has decided to teach one more year. ● Reviewed student scheduling guidelines and Weighted Staffing Standard (WSS) model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kindergarten ratios are 20:1, increase up to 28:1 at 5th grade. ● Currently projected to have 437 for next year, 49 less than October 2021 headcount. If school falls below 451, it will start to affect our core staffing allotment. With current enrollment projections Bryant is allotted for 19 teachers, down from 23. ● Review will happen again in June. ● How can you help? Parents need to advocate for updates to the WSS. Encourage your neighbors to enroll at Byrant. 	Principal Marshall
<p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raphe moved to adjourn, Ash seconded. 	Kathy