

Bryant PTSA meeting minutes
April 18, 2023

Item
Welcome to April's Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Run through agenda
Land Acknowledgement
Approval of minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nicole moved, Carried seconded.• February board meeting minutes approved
Anti-Racist Commitment & Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arab American Heritage Month began as a 2017 initiative. Recognition has been spreading across the nation. President Biden became the first US President to issue a proclamation acknowledging Arab American Heritage Month in April 2021.• Approximately 3.7 million people are in the Arab American community with roots in 22 countries located in the Middle East and North Africa, and with diverse faith backgrounds.• Most Arab Americans are united by their primary language of Arabic as well as their shared history and culture.• Books to explore with kids: The Arabic Quilt: An Immigrant Story, by Aya Khalil, The Cat Man of Aleppo, by Irene Latham and Karim Shamsi-Basha, Farah Rocks Fifth Grade, by Susan Muaddi Darraj
Principal's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal Marshall not at the meeting but Mary shared.• Asks for more volunteers for lunch and recess. Discussion on whether it'd be helpful to educate people on what recess volunteer responsibilities are.• Katie S to write down responsibilities, Carrie to write email to room parents with info.
Teachers' update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 weeks left in the school year.• 4th grade team read an article amongst teachers about Arab Americans (in keeping with monthly anti-racist theme).• Testing going on – MAP and state test• 4th grade field trip to the seismology lab a success!
Laser update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No update
Treasurer's report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have received 23k of the online auction money so far. Expect more to come in the following weeks as people settle up their accounts.• Need to hype up grade level grants – push out to the room parents• Budget committee seeking volunteers. Committee to include David, David, Carly, Nicole, Michael, Carrie.

Advocacy Committee

- Temporary committee formed in February to look at recommendations in how to spend our funding in the SPS budget shortfall environment
- Discussed their recommendation which would prioritize critical staffing positions, promote volunteerism and where possible identify ways to contract directly for enrichment program support to support the school without being impacted by the 2014 SPS grant cap.
- Nicole moved to approve Focus areas as guidelines to inform funding, Kathy seconded. All in favor.

Volunteer Committee

- Nominating Committee - Looking for two people to support nominating committee. Main task to find PTSA members for next year.
- Organizing recruiting event at Ravenna Brewery – more info to come.

Community Engagement & Events

- April 27: Family Art Night (Bryant Forum Funds for Artist)
- April 28 - May 26 on Fridays: Running Club
- May 1: First Monday Coffee with AP and P (Nomination Committee)
- May 6: Bryant Blast
- June 5: First Monday Coffee with AP and P (Presidents)
- June ??: Writers Celebration (Lead Volunteer Needed)
- Science Night? (Confirm lead volunteers and date)

New Business

- Nominating Committee - Needed to establish 23-24 Board
- ASE programs are up and running, plan to start next week
 - Chess club and running club also starting up
- Survey to Board and Lead Volunteers
 - What has worked well and what would help you do your role better/easier?
- Term Limits: Should we follow WA PTA and Bryant PTA Guidance?
 - Background: Term Limits lifted/not followed during pandemic, what should we do now?
 - Term limits WA PTA:
 - “A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms on the nominating committee.”
 - “A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. An officer having served eight or more months shall be considered to have served a full term. “
 - Term Limits for Executive Board in Standing Rules: “Such Executive Officers shall be elected by the Spring General Membership meeting and shall serve up to two one-year terms commencing July 1st of each year.”

Adjourn @ 8:52