

BRYANT PTSA

Board Meeting: Sep 12, 2023

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AGENDA

7:00	Welcome to Bryant PTSA's November Meeting!	
7:05	Land Acknowledgement Anti-Racist Commitment	
7:10	Approval of October 2021 Meeting Minutes	Preside
7:15	Principal's Update	Principal Marshal
7:25	Laser Updates	Ro
7:30	Teachers' Updates	Chara
7:35	Meeting Updates - Insurance dues	
7:40	Updates: Exec Committee Meeting Dates & Agenda	
7:55	Advocacy Committee Update	José
8:00	Community Engagement & Events Dec 11th Event	Kathy
8:15	Q&A	
8:30	Adjourn	

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AGENDA

7:00	Welcome Back to Bryant!	President
7:05	Review of Agenda, Meet the Board	President / Vice President
7:10	Approval of June 2023 Meeting Minutes Land Acknowledgement Anti-Racist Commitment Review of Standing Rules Amendments	President
7:25	2023/2024 Preview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates for Vacancies• Activity & Programming Priorities• Open Positions• October General Member Meeting• Goals	President / Vice President
7:45	Treasury Update	
8:00	Advocacy Committee	
8:10	Teachers' Update	
8:15	Laser Updates	
8:20	General Q&A	
8:30	Adjourn	

Your Bryant PTSA

Executive Committee

Co-Presidents: Mary Strazer and Carrie Lee

Vice President: Open Position

Co-Secretaries: Tiffany Courtnage and Jen Long

Co-Treasurers: David McKnight, Samantha Sloane, Rachel Jiang

Board Chairs

Fundraising: Michael Polin & Matt Hunt

Volunteer: Hanna Dushek & Steve Lerer

Membership: Christine Stawitz & **Open Position**

Advocacy: Daragh Hoey & **Open Position**

Community Engagement: Robert (Bob) Allen & **Open Position**

Members at Large: Anna Bonnett

Teacher Representatives: Katie Salisbury & Alex Jones

Other Committee Chairs

Communications: Melissa Kirsten Pullen

Operations: Marika VanderSmith

2023-24 PTSA Board Meeting
Dates

7:00PM – open to public
(General Membership meetings in **bold**)

Sep 13, **Oct 10**,
Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9,
Feb 13, **Mar 12**, Apr 2,
May 14, **Jun 11**

You can reach us at:
ptsaxec@bryantschool.org



Approval of Minutes

<https://www.bryantschool.org/category/ptsa-events/monthly-meetings/>

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Coast Salish People, past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Coast Salish Peoples.

Why do we make these acknowledgments today?

We acknowledge the longstanding history of oppression and systemic racism and how these inequities result in disproportionately poor quality of life and access to opportunity for native people;

We seek to understand our place within this history and on this land;

We celebrate the contributions of native people in our communities today; and

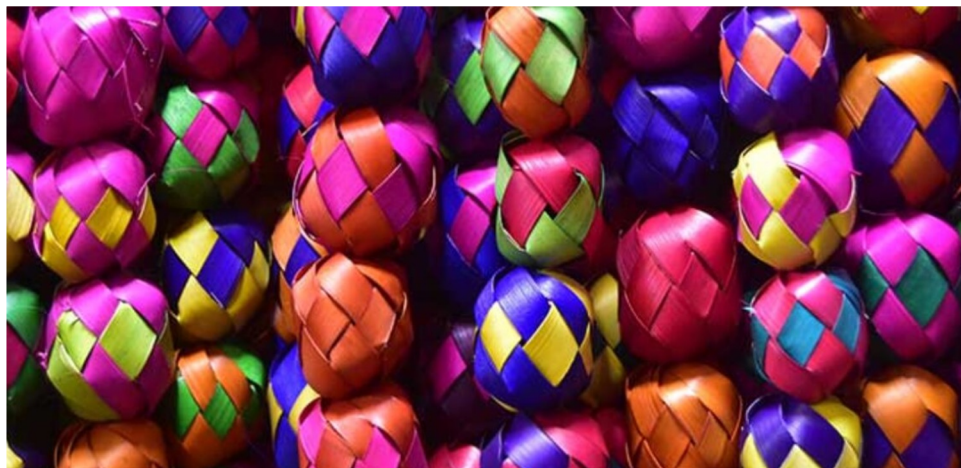
We seek to inspire our members to take action to support native organizations in our community.

What can you do?

Get informed: [Since Time Immemorial: Tribal Sovereignty in WA State - Curriculum; SPS American Indian Studies](#)

Take Action and Support: Native organizations and businesses in Seattle/King County - [Seattle Urban Native Nonprofits](#) : Laser Nov

Bryant PTSA Anti-Racist Commitment: Educate Our Members



Oct. 10th - Indigenous Peoples' Day

Latinex Heritage Month,
Sept. 15 - Oct. 15

[Latinex Heritage Month - Seattle Public Schools
\(seattleschools.org\)](http://seattleschools.org)

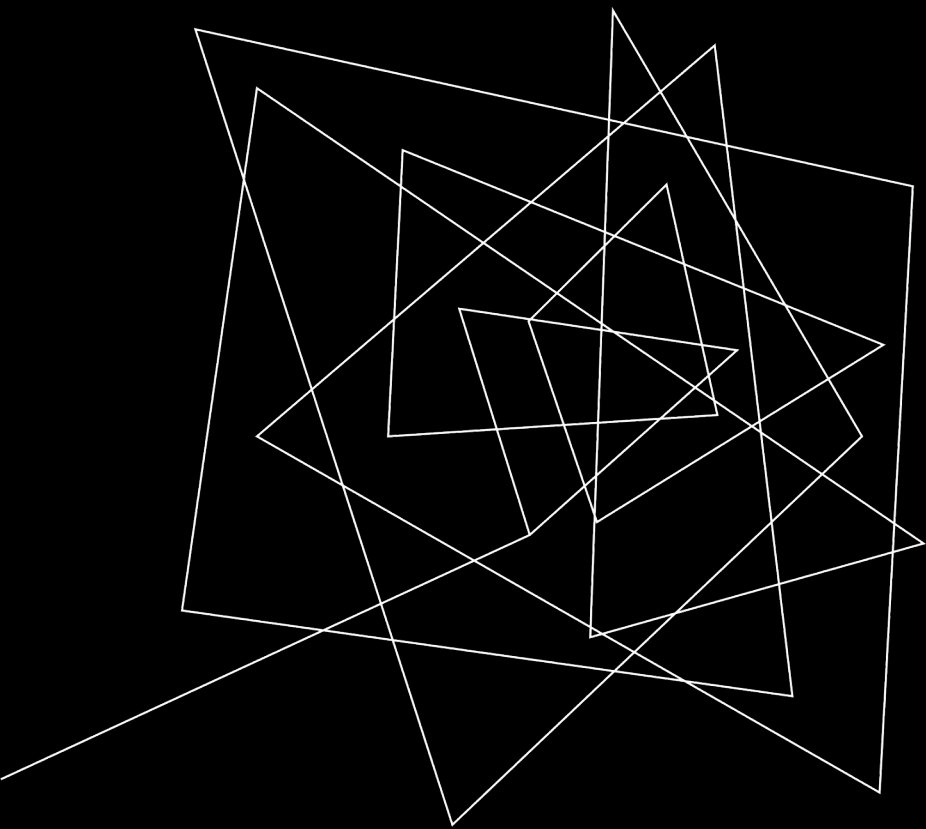
Primary Level Reading Materials:

- “A Journey Toward Hope” by Victor Hinojosa and Coert Voorhees
- “Abuela” by Arthur Dorros
- “Mama’s Nightingale” by Edwidge Danticat
- “My Two Border Towns” by David Bowles

Review of Standing Rules Updates

Updates to Standing Rules updates:

1. Updating the date
2. Updating costs of membership from \$12 to \$15 (was approved in the past but not implemented)
3. One vote per co-chair positions
4. One vote per executive officer position
5. Only 1 co-officer or co-chair need attend board meetings
6. An Executive Board quorum is the majority of the 4 positions
7. A Board quorum is the majority of the 12 positions
8. Added the Communications Chair
9. Moving a misplaced definition of the Board vote from the Executive Board description to the Board description



2023 Preview

Mary Strazer/Carrie Lee

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Position Nominees to Be Confirmed

Candidates:

Recommendation: Prioritize these Programs and Events for the Year

Activity/Program	Filled?	Priority?
Arts Committee	N	2
Bike to Bryant	Y	3
Bryant Blast Lead	N	1
Chess Club	Y	3
Family Art Night + Bakesale	N	3
5th Math Champs	N	2
5th Grade Science Fair	N	1
Reflections (Art Competition)	N	2
Running Club	N	1
K-3 Science Night	N	1
Writer's Celebration	N	3
Family BBQ	Y	3

	Popular and not yet staffed by volunteers
	Less popular and unstaffed
	Less popular and staffed

1	Very popular
2	Moderately popular
3	Less popular

Open Positions

There are several Board Vacancies:

- Vice-President
- Membership Co-Chair
- Advocacy Co-Chair
- Community Engagement Co-Chair

Committee Positions Vacancies

- Equity

*Needed sooner rather later

Other Supporting Roles Needed?

Ideas for October General Membership Meeting?



Bryant PTSA: Proposed priorities for 23-24

Mission:

Unite our community to support the well-being of every student at Bryant

Our PTSA works to

- cultivate an inclusive community and sense of belonging at Bryant;
- advocate for the well-being and education of all children in our community;
- eradicate the structural racism that marginalizes our black, indigenous and people of color communities;
- connect families with teachers, staff and administrators in support of our students' social, emotional, and academic development; and
- enrich the learning environment through volunteerism and sustainable funding in alignment with PTSA membership priorities.

Our Goals

- Each Bryant student is thriving academically, physically, socially and emotionally
- Every member of our Bryant community feels welcome and engaged in our school
- Our school has the support of our community to achieve its goals for continuous improvement

- ★ Focus on academics and connections between families and teachers/building around curriculum and academic progress
- ★ Bringing back Bryant community through community engagement events

Roles & Responsibilities

- Each board position/chair complete roles and responsibilities document from retreat and post on Bryant PTSA google drive [here](#) by end of Sept. [Secretary > agendas . 2022-23]
- Check in with Carrie/Mary to review early Oct and prepare for Oct general meeting
- Goal by Oct: Compile responsibilities on tracker [here](#) and goals for October general meeting.

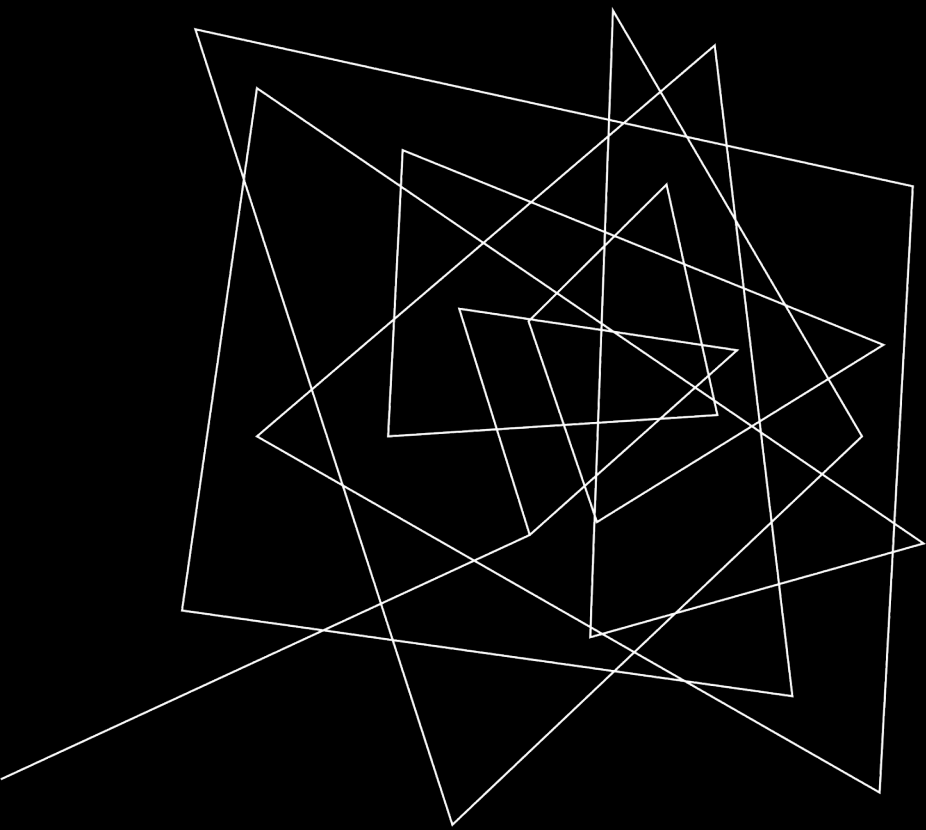
Issue Area	Sponsor/Approver	Owner	Consult	Helpers
Fundraising		Michael and Matt	PTSA Board	e.g. Communications
Membership		Christine	PTSA Board	
Communications		Melissa	PTSA Board	
Community Engagement		Bob	PTSA Board	e.g Volunteer
Volunteer		Maureen and Sarah	PTSA Board	
Advocacy		Daragh	PTSA Board	

Pre-PTSA meeting

- Co-Secretaries to send out a call for items - one week prior to call
 - Please send any slides to Jen by Friday prior to the meeting
- Jen to review flow with President / Vice President
 - Shares out deck 1-2 days prior to call with the full board.
 - Send out deck to Exec Committee, Board, Principal and Vice Principal

Post-PTSA meeting

- Co-Secretaries to capture minutes of meeting (Tiffany on point)
- Tiffany emails minutes to Exec Committee & Board as “Draft”
 - Please review and send changes within 1-2 days of receiving the draft
- Tiffany to send final minutes to Exec Committee & Web team



Treasurer's Update

Income Sources and Budgeted Expenses for 2023

INCOME

- Annual Campaign: \$
- Previous Year Carry Ovr: \$
- Silent Auction: \$
- Bryant Blast Raffle: \$
- Instrumental Music Donations: \$
- Other income: \$
- Cash from Reserve: \$

TOTAL INCOME: \$

EXPENSES

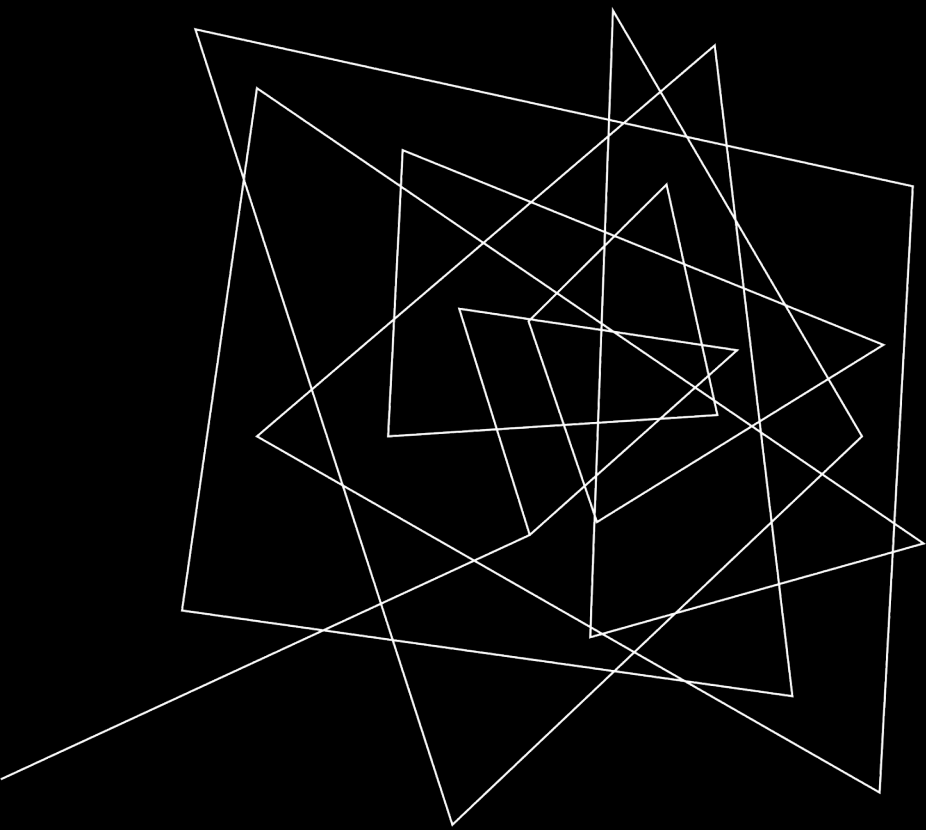
- Salaries/Wages: \$
- Curricular Materials: \$
- Extracurricular: \$
- Administrative: \$
- Unallocated: \$

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$



Treasurer Monthly Report of August (and July) 2022

As of 8/31 Actual vs Projected Income



Advocacy Update

Advocacy Committee Approach

1. Organizational considerations

- Enrollment-based funding through state and SPS formulas

- Pandemic-induced school enrollment declines

- Building-use policy determined by SPS

- School implements SPS curriculum

- Community priorities (clarified in the 2022 Caregiver Survey, to be discussed further)

2. Policy Allies and Opponents

- SPS School Board/School Board Director Hampson, District 3

- WA State Representatives and Senators

- SPS Administration, including Budget Director

- Seattle Council PTSA and Washington State PTSA

- Neighboring schools (VR, Wedgwood...)

- Bryant elementary school community

- Bryant PTSA volunteers

3. Policy Targets (Decision Makers)

- School Board Director Hampson

- SPS Administration, including SPS Budget Director

- School Administrators

- State Representatives and Senators

Advocacy Committee Goals this year, including milestone timelines

- Communicate to the PTSA board: state level ed leg/budget activities, relevant SPS decisions, and regional PTSA activities (ongoing)
- Continue advocacy and identify SPS/School Board policy processes to promote full funding and staffing and critical programming, including advocating for:
 - FTAP
 - SPS program resources- enrollment promotion resources and building usage for community engagement efforts and safety resources (fall follow up to SBD Hampson, WSS model update cycle - winter)
- Advocate for increased SPS resources through the upcoming state education budget proposal (January/Feb 2023, Washington State Legislature 2023 session)
- Help ID and vocalize community needs to school administration; including Caregiver survey issues (fall) and coordinate community-based advocacy resources; e.g. letter writing advocacy (over the year)
- ID discretionary SPS decisions and advocate where possible and help communicate with the org to promote the interests of the school and district (as needed)

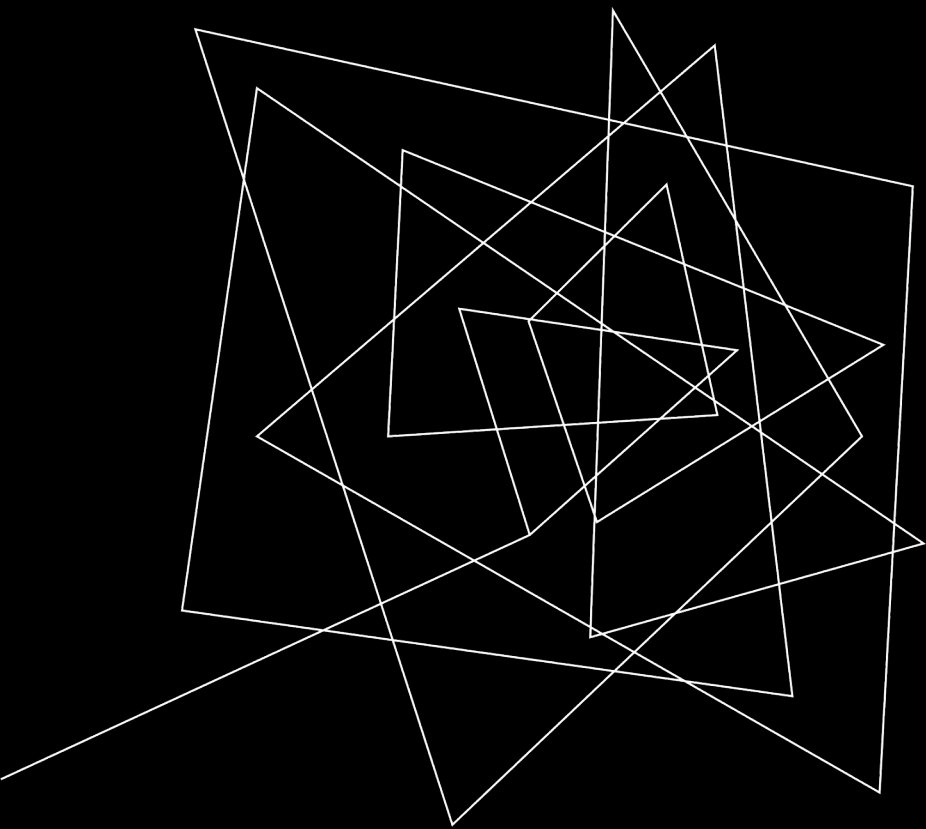


Laser Update

Teachers' Updates

Katie Salisbury
Alex Jones





Q&A