**Bryant PTSA meeting minutes**

**January 5, 2024**

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| **Time** | **Item** | **Owner** |
| 7:00 | **Welcome to January’s Board Meeting!**   * Run through agenda * December Minutes Approved (Alex moved, Matt seconded, motion passed) * Land Acknowledgement * MLK Day (David)   + There is a move for this day to be an act of service day.   + (Treasurers up for Anti-Racist Commitment in January) | Mary S./Carrie |
| 7:10 | **Partner Updates**   * Carrie and Mary met with the Building Leadership Team (BLT)   + Next year’s funding and student attendance looks stable. Things in 2024/2025 is when they may look at merging schools, etc. Bryant is likely to be safe and potentially accept students from other schools.   + There is a policy that is being constructed that will look at potentially preventing PTSA boards from funding certificated staff.     - Daragh may work to contact other PTSA groups to see what they are hearing of this.   + Likely we will be asked to sign LOI for next year’s staff sometime in the next 60 days.   + Alex Jones notes that the school will likely work on budget process in mid to late February.   + Discussion related to how to engage the general Bryant community in budget requests.     - Do we hold special session or move general meeting? * Laser updates   + Staff training is happening, security increasing.   + Feeling that there is a general improvement. * Teacher updates   + Inclement Weather – if it snows, school will go to online.   + Charmaine will return on 2/5.   + Enrollment has started for next year. The more kids enrolled by end of February helps the overall budget.   + There is a request to cover Jump Start again for next year. | Mary S./Carrie |
| 7:25 | **Treasury Updates:**   * + Not currently spending any money.   + Reminder for PE/Art teachers that they have special supplies budgets.   + Islandwood parent fundraising committee to discuss use for surplus funds (donate to future trips?).   + Discussion of Online Auction and need for progress. Approx $30k of PTSA budget slated to come from Auction. | David |
| 7:35 | **Community Engagement**   * + Multicultural night has been pushed back and there is a tentative date for 3/1   + Mary met with folks who want to get K-4 Science night back on the books | Carrie |
| 7:35 | **Volunteer Committee Update**   * Most pressing needs are auction, nominating committee, Bryant weekly * Someone has now signed up for Kindergarten Buddies for Next Year   + Can this position be combined with Open House chair (someone who will have 1st grader next year) * Need to work with the directory folks as list of chairs is not up-to-date | Steve |
| 8:08 | **Advocacy Committee Update**   * New District 3 Director has been sworn in as of last week. It is an opportune time to have Daragh open lines of communication. * It is time to start looking at the parent survey for the Spring. There is an appetite to tweak it to obtain results that are actionable and potentially increase response rates. | Daragh |
| 8:08 | **Fundraising**   * Matt working with individuals on how to allow them to pay in lump sums rather than monthly | Matt |
| 8:13 | **New Business**   * Mary thanked committee the put on the chess tournament which was a huge success. * Time for Socializing!! | Carrie/Mary |
| 8:23 | **Adjourn** |  |

**Action items:**

* Daragh is on point to work on survey to get out to parents through Bryant Weekly as well as kid surveys.
* David to send Daragh last year’s budget.
* Alex to find out budget timeline and share with PTSA Executive Committee.
* Hannah to check with Steve about auction chairs.
* Alex to email PE/Art to let them know they have special supplies budget.
* David to let Tiffany know how much the 4th grade committee over-fundraised for Islandwood
* Tiffany to talk with Anna about co-leading field day
* Christine Laser provide child-care for general meeting
* Could teachers talk about differentiation at General Membership in March and could there be time for socializing (that is a bit structured)
* Steve and Hannah Cotton Candy coordinator for next year
* Nina and David to clean up budget.
* Daragh to send survey to Carrie/Mary for review