**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.
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 | 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