

PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Bryant Elementary PTSA

February 11, 2020

Time	Item	Owner
7:00	<p>Welcome / Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes</p> <p>The minutes from January's meeting were approved.</p>	<p>Whitney Griesbach Ann Sonnen</p>
7:10	<p>Treasurer's Update</p> <p>Updates about the annual campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have collected \$170k as of 1/31 (total pledged ~\$184k) <p>Additional updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have collected \$9,274 for instrumental music donation (\$8000 budgeted) 	<p>Nick Barrett</p>
7:15	<p>Principal's Update</p> <p>2020 Enrollment update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the start of 2020-21 budget planning. Bryant is currently projected for 581 students in the fall of 2020, although Charmaine believes there will be more. This would be ~26 classroom teachers. <p>LASER update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are continuing to work with LASER, and we will have the program here next year; we are currently working on creative solutions for the space. Although this will mean some change for LASER, they are thinking creatively about how to solve the space issues. For example, they are investigating if they could use the existing kitchen space, the teacher's lounge, or other neighborhood options (but no playground space can be used for storage because we're already under the required square footage). <p>HCC update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We participated in a Think Tank for how, if the district does away with HCC, the neighborhood schools will handle those situations. We had a day's discussion about options. However, there are no plans for a pilot, and the district said they are at least a year away from any new system. <p>Additional updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We believe we have found a new playground monitor — paperwork has been sent to the district, and could start as early as next week. 	<p>Heather Snookal</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been some discussion about a school counselor. With Mr. Max gone, the assistant principal is also doing some of this work. However, the assistant principal can't do all of the same work, so there are needs that are not necessarily met (additionally, this takes time from the assistant principal that could be spent in the classroom). But the district will not fund a counselor, although money could be moved from other areas. 	
	Committee Reports	
7:25	<p>Volunteer Update</p> <p>5th Grade Science Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are looking for someone interested in running the 5th grade science fair. This person needs to communicate with UW to coordinate mentors for student projects. • Ideally someone who can run it for multiple years. <p>Art Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Fair looking for someone to do graphic design. <p>Nominating Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for volunteers for the nominating committee – people who will head up the search for board members. <p>Bryant Blast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in need of raffle basket helpers. 	Ann Sonnen
7:30	<p>Fundraising</p> <p>School supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting ready for school supplies for next year. • Do we want a feedback outlet for the teachers for the supplies? • We also have funds left for additional supplies. 	Sara Fenzel/Allison Broadgate
7:35	<p>Equity</p> <p>Resolutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the last meeting we presented the resolution and received feedback, especially around inclusion and whereas clauses. • <i>New equity committee resolution approved.</i> <p>Additional updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have completed a separate mission and responsibilities statement. • We are preparing a needs assessment to better understand the needs of the committee. We will want to consider multiple ways to inclusively collect feedback (e.g. kid mail, email, etc.) • We are considering a potluck to gather those people who have expressed interest in the equity committee. 	Kim Rakow Bernier

7:40	<p>Advocacy (Sam/Adele)</p> <p>Passed the first cutoff for legislature, and we will now see a thinning of bills. Limited budget because it's not a budget year. There has been discussion of the lead in drinking water bill (require schools to test for lead every 3 years, change the max amount of lead allowed in the water). This is an issue in Seattle (Greenlake had an issue). Some bills around ethnic studies, dyslexia bill, paraeducator training, preventing gun violence. If anyone wants to see the various bills, contact Sam.</p>	Sam Fogg
7:45	<p>Social Engagement</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We just had a speaker for how to talk about birds and bees with kids. • Join us for the next talk in the series - Raising Kids <i>With</i> Empathy with Myla Ruggie! The event takes place February 26th at 7pm in the Bryant library. 	Clare Kealy
7:50	<p>Teacher Representative</p> <p>There has been some discussion about combining the ice-cream social and Back to Bryant event. More teachers may want to participate if a single event. This may be difficult though given that the ice cream social needs to be at night.</p> <p>Related, with next year starting before Labor Day, we may need to move around events at the start of the year.</p>	Jessica Dolan
	<p>New Business</p>	
7:55	<p>PTSA Funding Request – 5th Grade Boots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a pending request for 40 pairs of boots for the 5th grade. • These are used for a field trip to Ravenna Creek to collect samples for projects (each class goes 2x per year) • The cost is ~\$2000, and the current boots are 20 years old. The current unallocated is \$4000k, so this is about half of our remaining funds • Could we use the leftover funds from the 5th grade gift? We could make a gift from the 5th grade funds; we will follow up about this and the pricing. 	Whitney Griesbach
8:05	<p>PTSA Funding Request – Jump Ropes</p> <p>There is a request to fund jump ropes for the playground for kids who don't want to participate in other sports. The ask is for 10 jump ropes for \$75 + tax.</p> <p><i>Request for up to \$100 in jumps ropes approved.</i></p>	Whitney Griesbach

8:10	<p>PCC Scrip Program Changes</p> <p>There has a been a change to the PCC Scip program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously, the PCC Scrip Program saw 5% of purchases made through a Scrip card donated to the school. For \$450 we would buy 10 cards loaded with \$50. We buy them for \$45 and sell them for \$50. • But PCC changed their membership program: now members get a 2% rebate on all purchases, but scrip purchases do not count toward their rebate. Therefore members now have to choose between getting 2% back and donating 5% to the school. • In light of this, we are unsure whether we should get more Scrip cards. • Resolution: We should buy some more this spring so sell in the fall. We should also notify people that this change has occurred. 	Michelle Ireton
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