

PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Bryant Elementary PTSA

April 7, 2020

Time	Item	Owner
7:00	<p>Introduction, Roll Call, and Procedures for Virtual Meeting</p> <p>The meetings from last general meeting in October were approved.</p>	Whitney Griesbach/Ann Sonnen
7:10	<p>Treasurer's Update</p> <p>General updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds from the auction were around \$31k. Additional discussion will need to be had regarding events that were to take place during the spring, and whether the cancellation or postponement of these impacts the total funds. • With the closure of school and the cancellation of events, there are some expenditures we will no longer have, but likewise some funds that won't be raised. <p>Updates regarding the 2020/21 budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee is in place and budget proposal will be ready in May and June for feedback. <p>Online banking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board is proposing an update to standing rules in order to facilitate mobile and online banking for electronic payments and deposits due to current circumstances. • Suggestions: We may need an additional third-party review of the process—we could add to the document that it needs to be reviewed and approved every 12 months. What will happen for physical checks? • Update approved. Standing Rule #42 update approved. • An additional discussion will need to be had to discuss specifics procedures. 	Nick Barrett
7:15	<p>Principal's Update</p> <p>Online learning updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The district guidelines have been vague. Currently teachers have been told that they should be a resource and provide regular updates, not that they should be doing live classes. • For each grade level we are doing consistent messaging across the grade level, as grade levels are meeting and working together for the amount of materials. So if a teacher is sick or cannot attend, there is support. • <i>Are any other online platforms being discussed? Or at least consistent use of one platform?</i> The district is still evaluating, but is also allowing teachers 	Charmaine Marshall/ Heather Snookal

	<p>flexibility. We will be using Schoology going forward, but online meeting tools are still in flux.</p> <p>Additional updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to streamline communication to once a week in order to not bombard parents with information. But if you have concerns please email teacher, Charmaine, and/or Heather • For lost and found items, there will be a time to pick up at a to-be-determined date. • Homework packets are being worked on that can be picked up at the school every Tuesday (except next week during spring break) <p>Families In Need (FIN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the families running that – they have been doing a ton of work. • We have also been providing support to our partner schools. • Mailed out \$900 in grocery gift cards to families. 	
8:00	<p>School Board Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the best ways we can help support the larger community (e.g. focus on food? Or other areas?)</i> Many families have been sustained by the daily lunches. However only ¼ of families are receiving the weekend backpacks—these have been difficult to distribute. There is also a need for grocery cards to do online orders for delivery. The other area of need is for technology support; the current staff was set up to help teachers, not provide tech support for families. We’re also working to make sure low-income families receive devices. • <i>Who determines how the year will end in terms of grades (pass/fail, etc.)?</i> This is still TBD. We have been awaiting the State Board of Education’s rules. There is a strong push for Pass/Fail for a high school through middle school. For elementary it’s more focused on the ability of each teacher to connect with students and see if they are achieving their power standards. • <i>Are the power standards by grades documented and accessible to parents?</i> The matrix came out to staff last Friday, but it has not been shared with parents yet. This will be able to provide some guidance as to what parents and students are targeting for their education goals for the rest of the year. • <i>What is the current guidance to SPS teachers on how frequently they should be hosting online meet-ups or live classes per week or month with their classrooms? Is there any guidance for PE/music/art teachers for online live classes?</i> Twice a week communication is currently recommended (this may be email but should more likely should be video). • <i>Will there be digital online learning provided by teachers?</i> There are different ways to distance learn. Some of the staff are going to online lessons, but not all. This is not the expectation of the district. 	Director Chandra Hampson (District 3)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the plan around special education? What is the plan on getting those teachers online?</i> There is a lot of gray area, as we're only a week and 2 days into online learning. 	
8:30	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Fundraising (Sara/Allison): Not currently asking parents for money, unless related to the hunger project. For Islandwood, we are going to be flexible with proposals; we will discuss options at the next meeting.</p> <p>B. Membership (Tara/Rebecca): No update</p> <p>C. Volunteers (Renee/Kathleen): Working to identify the nominating committee. Next steps are finalizing the nominating committee and which board positions will need to be filled for next year.</p> <p>D. Communications (Kathy): New Bryant PTSA Communication Policy proposed. Motion approved.</p> <p>E. Advocacy (Sam/Adele): Legislative session ended. State budget is currently disrupted because of the current crisis, and many things were vetoed (e.g. guidance counselors, ethnic studies materials, paraeducator training) in order to make up for changed economic situation.</p> <p>F. Teacher Representative (Jessica/Chara): Teachers are figuring out the best way to deliver content and meet their students social/emotional needs. We'll continue with four lessons per week. We really want to help, so reach out and let teachers know how things are going.</p> <p>G. Equity (Kim): No update</p>	
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9:00	<p>Budget Committee finalization</p> <p>The committee is set and we're working on identifying the expected needs from the school for next year. We should have a budget to discuss at the next meeting.</p>	
8:30	<p>Future/ Past Fundraising events and messaging</p> <p>Some events are not happening. We'll be messaging information about the Bryant Blast and the auction to let parents know what's happening with those.</p>	
8:35	<p>FIN Ask for increased budget</p> <p>Will discuss at a future meeting.</p>	
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