

PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Bryant Elementary PTSA

May 12, 2020

Time	Item	Owner
7:00	<p>Introduction, Roll Call and Procedures for Virtual Meeting The meetings from last board meeting in March were approved.</p>	Whitney Griesbach /Ann Sonnen
7:10	<p>Treasurer's Update (April Financials) General updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had \$90k in expenditures in April, due to the timing of multiple invoices coming ude. • For 2019/20 we have had ~\$150k in expenditures. <p>Coronavirus-related updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our focus is on understanding the surplus for next year. We need to have a discussion with SPS to know what we've paid for in order to determine this number. • We have created a new revised projection for 2019/20. In the last few years, we have set aside a reserve (1/3 of budget) in case of a rainy day scenario, which is what we're currently encountering. 	Nick Barrett
7:20	<p>Principal's Update Coronavirus-related updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount of instruction that students are missing means that we're missing both the social/emotional needs of students as well as academic. <p>Continuous School Improvement Plans (CSIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The district is rolling out a new format, due July 1. • We're looking at modifying math, the continued integration of Schoology, and evaluating a new platform called SeeSaw for K-3 (which is a better fit for younger grades), in the event that we're still remote at the beginning of the year (this could also be useful for extending learning and communicating even if we are back in the classroom). <p>2019/20 Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are doing end of year planning and starting planning for instruction in the fall. • Today's town hall was cancelled but we should be getting more district updates for what next year might look like. District has a team doing the initial planning. • The district hasn't shared anything about the budget. Still planning on 5 kindergarten and 5 1st grade classrooms. • We will have a new PE teacher next year (Ed the PE teacher returned to his previous school). <p>LASER update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are still in a wait and see with the district about summer programs. 	Charmaine Marshall

7:30	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Fundraising (Sara/Allison): No updates</p> <p>B. Membership (Tara/Rebecca): No updates</p> <p>C. Volunteers (Renee/Kathleen): Currently emailing current committee leads to gauge interest for next year.</p> <p>D. Communications (Kathy):</p> <p>E. Advocacy (Sam/Adele): Potential end of summer legislative session to address the budget (including schools' budget). Lawmakers will need to hear from parents to hear how important these services are and what is most important for parents (such as nurses and special education).</p> <p>F. Teacher Representative (Jessica/Chara): Teachers are in routine of doing the Week at a Glance and Zoom meetings. Trying to keep excitement high and positive.</p> <p>G. Equity (Kim, Sai, Mehta, Ana): Working on a revised needs assessment due to the new situation we're in.</p>	
	<p>New Business</p>	
8:10	<p>Hygiene Kits</p> <p>Would families want to make hygiene kits for those in need that could be dropped off at the school? Eckstein is currently doing a hygiene drive. We will update once more information is known (regarding community needs and Eckstein's program).</p>	Seema
7:50	<p>PCC Scrip Update</p> <p>PCC is ending the Scrip the program. Until May 31st they will work as before, and then they'll stop and just act as gift cards. The rest of the money we earned will be provided in June.</p> <p>We still have some \$50 Scrip cards in the safe at the school (1-2). We will try to sell in the fall or incorporate into Blast gift baskets.</p>	Michelle Birdsall Ireton
7:55	<p>2020-21 Budget</p> <p>The budget for 2020/21 is weighed more toward social-emotional needs of the students, who will be returning after a long school closure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are looking at ways to maintain and preserve staff salaries to make the environment as similar to what students left as possible, and are therefore looking at cutting things and/or activities rather than staff positions. • We would also be trying to add a counselor role, proposed for 0.4 funding from the PTSA. • Families In Need Budget would increase due to the current health crisis. • To offset this new position, some activities would be reduced. Classroom field trips and supplies would be rolled into a single discretionary fund for teachers, but we would no longer have a specific field trip fund (which in the past was \$12k). Specific line items such as Book It, CPR training, grade- 	Nick Barrett

	<p>level community building, read-a-thon sponsorship, and social engagement would also be eliminated in the current budget proposal.</p> <p>Budget status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the income for next year has been established because of this year’s annual campaign and silent auction. • The second largest income is from carry over from previous years; this is still an unknown because we are waiting to talk to SPS about how much we have paid for this year (see Treasurer’s Update above) • The main difference between 2019/20 and 2020/21 is the addition of a 0.4 counselor role funded from the PTSA. • Fundraising is good for 2020-21 year due to this past year’s fundraising. But next year’s funding will be a bigger question mark. <p>Islandwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islandwood is currently budgeted for the same as previous years. Although there are no current plans to cancel, if that does happen those funds would roll into an unallocated portion of the budget. <p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In June we will present the budget to the general membership for approval. 	
8:15	<p>Nominating Committee Update</p> <p>There will be a notice in the upcoming Bryant Weekly for some of the open positions (PTSA VP, two Web Editors for the Communications committee). In June we will present the slate on executive positions and vote.</p>	Adele, Clare, Rebecca
8:25	<p>Volunteer Awards Format</p> <p>There will be a virtual event, but the specifics are TBD.</p>	Ann Sonnen
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