

# PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Bryant Elementary PTSA

January 12th, 2021

Time	Item	Owner
7:00	<p><b>SPS Cabinet Members</b></p> <p>Dr. Scarlett presented on topics around the district's equity plan goals, and answered specific questions submitted by Bryant families, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reopening plan: District is working on FAQs, and realizes the level of uncertainty currently surrounding the plan. They are meeting daily and more information will be coming soon.</li><li>• How can Bryant PTSA better partner with the district: outreach is one of the big things that PTSAs can do, especially for relationships and encouragement. Other things like community partnership, such as Wellness Open Houses or programs to help connect the community.</li><li>• What does action look like for our resolution: Important to identify joint strategies for making sure that schools are a place to unlearn racism. Students should be part of the action plan.</li></ul>	Dr. Keisha Scarlett, Chief – Equity, Partnerships & Engagement
7:40	<p><b>Approve December Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes from December 2020 meeting approved.</p>	Ash Ganapathiraju
7:45	<p><b>Principal's Report</b></p> <p>Update on the March 1<sup>st</sup> return for K and 1<sup>st</sup> graders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building leaders know as much as parents right now.</li><li>• We created a preliminary planning team for the March 1<sup>st</sup> reopen, as well as planning for the fall. We are identifying what is needed for when we return to the building. The</li></ul>	Charmaine Marshall

	<p>first meeting is just with staff, and then we will include PTSA and LASER in next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are identifying what materials we will need to reopen, and it's going to take a lot of planning to prepare to reopen (e.g. some parents who unenrolled will want to reenroll; how to keep students with their same teachers; what does remote instruction look like for students who don't return).</li> <li>• District is meeting with teacher's union to plan the reopening.</li> <li>• We would love to have students back, so are excited to work through this plan. We will share more information as we get it.</li> <li>• If anyone is interested in being part of this planning committee, reach out to Charmaine. We will be continuing to work on this throughout the summer as we prepare for fall as well.</li> </ul>	
7:50	<p><b>Treasury Report</b></p> <p>Three sources of income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual campaign (primarily from matching): \$107k received out of \$120k expected (v. \$180k in previous two years).</li> <li>• Instrumental music: PTSA pays 1/3, Bryant pays 1/3, parents pay 1/3. Currently at \$4500 (30 students paid). 12k expected budget (80 students).</li> <li>• Spirit Wear: \$3300 total. We do not make money for spirit wear; we just cover costs (and use small surplus to cover FIN spirit wear). Usually we are 2x this.</li> </ul> <p>Expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1700 Quickbook annual license</li> <li>• \$3000 FIN</li> <li>• \$429 staff appreciation</li> <li>• Read-a-thon: \$4500 (this all goes to the library)</li> <li>• Currently unallocated: \$6k (waiting for a \$2600 refund check from SPS).</li> </ul>	Nelly Goodnoe
8:00	<b>Advocacy Co-Chairs</b>	Sam Fogg & Adele Kulisewa

There is more we as a PTSA can and should be doing as advocacy work. There are concerns from the advocacy co-chairs that we need to work on our anti-racism focus and our role as an advocacy organization. In meetings we run out of time to identify priorities and actions, so there was a proposal to have these important discussions offline as a separate committee meeting in order to encourage more action as a PTSA body.

Legislative links:

**Washington State PTA:** <https://www.wastatepta.org/2021-focus-on-advocacy-january-11-report/>

**Legislative Priorities:** <https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2020-21-Legislative-Priorities-Oct2020.pdf>

**Bill List Week 1:** <https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/WSPTA-Bill-Status-Week-1.pdf>

#### **WSPTA: January 18 – 22, 2021**

In addition to our ongoing efforts, WSPTA will be asking members to take action from home or your phone throughout an entire week. To participate, subscribe to the [WSPTA Action Network](#) to stay informed.

Tentative schedule (likely to change):

- Monday, January 18 – Call to Action: Focus on anti-racism
- Tuesday, January 19 – Call to Action: Focus on equity
- Wednesday, January 20 – Call to Action: Focus on mental health and wellness
- Thursday, January 21 – Call to Action: Focus on preserving and flexing funding
- Friday, January 22 – Call to Action: Focus on safety and emergency preparedness

#### **National information**

<https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/patty-murray-set-to-lead-senate-education-committee-after-democratic-wins-in-georgia/2021/01>.

Patty Murray Set to Lead Senate Education Committee After Democratic Wins in Georgia

The Washington senator, a former preschool teacher, is about to become the top U.S. senator for education policy.

[www.edweek.org](http://www.edweek.org)

	<p>CNN economy lost 140,000 jobs in December, all held by women: <a href="https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/08/economy/women-job-losses-pandemic/index.html">https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/08/economy/women-job-losses-pandemic/index.html</a></p> <p>MLK Day of Action: <a href="http://www.bryantschool.org/news/2021-mlk-day-activities-and-events-around-bryant">http://www.bryantschool.org/news/2021-mlk-day-activities-and-events-around-bryant</a></p> <p>In Person FAQ: <a href="https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/in-person_instruction_update">https://www.seattleschools.org/district/calendars/news/what_s_new/in-person_instruction_update</a></p> <p>Report a Concern: <a href="https://www.seattleschools.org/directory/report_a_concern">https://www.seattleschools.org/directory/report_a_concern</a>. Employees can also report anonymously to the Ethics hotline at 206-252- 0040.</p> <p>Whistleblower: <a href="https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/Ethics_Whistleblower_ProgramOffice_of_Internal_Aud">https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/Ethics_Whistleblower_ProgramOffice_of_Internal_Aud</a></p> <p>HIB: <a href="https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/student_civil_rights">https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/student_civil_rights</a></p> <p>OSPI information: <a href="https://medium.com/chris-reykdal/long-term-policy-changes-must-begin-now-c06b101d13ac">https://medium.com/chris-reykdal/long-term-policy-changes-must-begin-now-c06b101d13ac</a></p> <p>Equity in Education Coalition shared 285,000 students in Washington State do not have internet access</p> <p>Seattle Children’s Hospital: <a href="https://crosscut.com/opinion/2021/01/seattle-childrens-hospital-needs-community-input-address-racism">https://crosscut.com/opinion/2021/01/seattle-childrens-hospital-needs-community-input-address-racism</a>. Seattle Children’s Hospital needs community input to address racism. The recent resignation of Dr. Ben Danielson is an opportunity to make right on harm that too many people of color have experienced.</p>	
8:35	<b>Adjourn</b>	

