

PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Bryant Elementary PTSA

September 15, 2020

Time	Item	Owner
7:00	<p>Welcome / Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes</p> <p>Introductions from the board members. Minutes from May 2020 meeting approved.</p>	Ann Sonnen & Board
7:15	<p>Meeting Agreements Activity</p> <p>As a PTSA we'd like to develop a first draft of a set of group agreements. These will be revised and reviewed in the next meeting. Initial draft of agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share responsibility for quality of meeting experience• Listen to each other with compassion and curiosity• Center the Bryant PTSA mission/purpose over personal agendas• Differentiate between intent and impact; focus on impact• Monitor your own participation• Use inclusive practices to accommodate folks outside of the board <p>Additionally, we'll consider how to hold ourselves accountable. Everyone co-owns these, so if we're not fully honoring these, anyone can ask for a pause to make sure we're honoring these norms. We will ask someone each meeting to help with this.</p>	Kim Rakow Berner
7:30	<p>Principal's Update</p> <p>Enrollment update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently 523 students• Projections v. actual: biggest impact was in kindergarten (106 projected v. 76 actual); lowest was 5th grade (96 projected v. 96 actual). <p>Technology update:</p>	Charmaine Marshall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 511/523 students have picked up laptop/ipads; 10 students still need to pick up their technology. This is the only device the district will support. • 4 students have not been reached for family connection meetings. Emails and phone calls have been made by the teachers, main office, and principal. • 4 students are experiencing trouble accessing remote learning via the hotspots <p>Families In Need update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paperwork is being returned and processed for fall. • Bryant is currently supporting 7 families with \$100 gift cards for groceries, clothers, and/or household items. <p>Monthly Q&As</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next one is 9/24, 7-8pm. • These will replace the monthly coffee chats <p>Building need requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 additional hourly tutors to support online instruction: It's very difficult for teachers to monitor chat, run the class, and deal with technical issues during whole class and small group instruction. This would be added to the 2 existing tutors (tutors are capped at 17hrs). • Purchase I-ready assessment. Teachers will need time freed up for assessment. 	
7:45	<p>Budget/Treasury</p> <p>We had hoped that the building would reopen this fall and planned the budget accordingly, so we will need to redistribute funds based on the new situation (e.g. we won't be needing playground supervision this year).</p> <p>We have discussed sending out a new survey to better understand the community needs prior to making budget changes this October. We additionally need to know from the building what their new needs are.</p> <p>The 2020-2021 budget will be presented and put to vote by membership at the October general membership meeting.</p>	Nick Barrett/Nelly Goodnoe

7:55	<p>Board appointments, vacancy, check signers</p> <p>Due to several departures over the summer, the executive committee has had changes since the appointments were made last spring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nelly Goodnoe has been appointed to join the executive committee. • We have two new vacancies: Co-president and Communications Chair. • We have new check signers (who are the 3 treasurers): Nick Barrett, Kathleen Brown, and Nelly Goodnoe. 	Ann Sonnen & Nominating Committee & Treasurers
8:15	<p>Monthly Equity Discussion</p> <p>October is Disability Awareness Month. Important for all students to understand and be aware of how others are experiencing the world.</p> <p>Key terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 504: student who might need accommodation' • IEP: Individual Education Plan. Student has been evaluated and needs an accommodation. • SIT Meeting: Student Initial Evaluation. Not always learning related. <p>If you have questions about these, reach out Adele and Sam at advocacy@bryant.org.</p>	Sam Fogg
	New Business	
8:30	<p>Tech update</p> <p>A new role has been created, Tech Chair, in order to better support remote education. Damon attended teacher trainings, and created training docs and videos to help with teachers. Additional updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a Q&A to parents and created an email list (bryanttech@bryantschool.org). Initially high response, but still some questions each day. • Tried live support, but didn't have much response. • If you'd like to be added to answer questions, let Damon know. <p>There will also be a new role for each classroom: Tech Room Parent. We are looking for parents who are comfortable with technology</p>	Damon Gilkerson

	<p>who can be associated with each classroom. They will focus on supporting teachers and students with their issues, then later thinking about how we can take advantage of these tools. We so far have 7/24 classrooms covered, and are looking for more support.</p>	
8:40	<p>Standing Rules</p> <p>Standing rules live on the Bryant PTSA website. We update these each year. A few changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership will be simplified • Update to change to 3 treasurers • Update legislative chairs to advocacy chairs • Now reviewing bank statements online <p>The standing rules will be presented and approved by membership at the October general membership meeting</p>	Ann Sonnen
8:50	<p>Digital equity & Feedback from DEI National PTA meeting</p> <p>Equity and education coalition has made a proposal to end digital inequity. Statewide group that works on addressing equity across the state.</p>	Advocacy Chairs
9:00	<p>Community Outreach</p> <p>Bryant has been lucky to have a strong, engaged community. One of the challenges with remote learning has been how to find ways to connect with each other. We started brainstorming ways to connect and advocate during this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community calendar for engagement • Connections board <p>If you have feedback, please send to Brenda (jbmullins6@gmail.com), who will also email the out to the group for more feedback.</p>	Brenda Mullins
9:05	<p>LASER Update</p> <p>Currently running full day care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 kids per day, 12 counselors • Using gym, music room, lunch room • Helping set up kids with devices 	Eric Noble

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working to coordinate breaks across the grades (this is hard right now), so working on activities for kids• Also some bandwidth issues that they are still working out	
	<p>Survey Please take our survey about PTSA meetings and format: rebrand.ly/bryantptsameeting</p>	