

# PTSA MEETING MINUTES

Bryant Elementary PTSA

*April 6th, 2021*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
7-7:25	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Review February Mtg Minutes</b></p> <p>February meeting minutes are approved. Co-president updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May Meeting retrospective activity: in our next meeting, we'll discuss what have we learned and what do we want to carry forward for Bryant PTSA</li><li>• April is School Library Month—thank you Anne Aliverti &amp; Elizabeth Hill</li><li>• Volunteer needs: 1 or 2 more nominating committee members needed; Treasurer for 2021-22, Social Media Admin(s) for Facebook</li><li>• During the April meeting a third volunteer was appointed to the Nominating Committee via email communication. Carrie Lee will be joining Virginia Lerer and Kim Rakow Bernier as Nominating Committee appointees.</li></ul>	Ann Sonnen
7:25-7:30	<p><b>LASER Update</b></p> <p>Pandemic Updates: LASER started offering childcare again last April. We have been able to offer a safe quality program for the last year of the pandemic. The new care model for hybrid model will start on 4/19 for multiple different cohorts (AM block, PM block, and hybrid).</p> <p>Equity and diversity at LASER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local nonprofit childcare at Laurelhurst and Bryant for the last 36 years.</li><li>• Aims for a 1-10 ratio for staff to children.</li><li>• Prior to the pandemic we were able to provide a number of scholarships to families. However even though over the last year we have been running a deficit (we have not been able to provide raises or bonuses to staff), up until recently we still have been able to provide scholarships. We will offer them again once we are in a more stable financial position.</li></ul>	LASER Leadership
7:45-8	<p><b>Principal's Report</b></p> <p>Principal Update</p>	Heather Snookal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today was Day 2 of hybrid learning for some students, but we are still focused on providing for all students</li> <li>• So far hybrid has been a success, but we are reviewing areas for improvement (e.g. pick up and drop off will be revisited, as walk up has been much busier than car drop off, so we may make changes).</li> <li>• North end schools have a high rate of students returning (e.g. Bryant has 82.2%, with 255 in the morning cohort, 161 in the afternoon, 89 remote), v. south end schools have much lower (some in the 20%).</li> <li>• Attestations have gone well, and we'll have a new staff joining Monday to help.</li> <li>• Any child with <i>any</i> symptoms will be sent home, so please keep your child home if they are at all sick.</li> <li>• If you are traveling for spring break, the district has not sent guidelines around quarantining. However, the CDC has recommended quarantining upon return (but if you do your child cannot join a remote classroom during that time).</li> <li>• We have a new custodian, Kristy, and she's amazing.</li> <li>• Thank you for making our first day back wonderful for our staff!</li> </ul>	
8:00-8:10	<p><b>Treasury Updates</b></p> <p>March income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual campaign: \$4k, total to date \$120K</li> <li>• Instrumental music: \$150, total to date \$8k</li> <li>• Spirit Wear: profit to date \$857</li> </ul> <p>Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPS Q2 Grant Payment: \$43k</li> <li>• Reading specialist: \$16k</li> <li>• Tech lab/library: \$10k</li> <li>• Tutoring: \$9k</li> <li>• Instrumental music: \$7k</li> <li>• Volunteer coordinaton: \$393</li> <li>• FIN March grocery card: \$2k</li> </ul> <p>Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board approved via email to allocate \$4800 from social emotional support to reinstating classroom fund (\$200 x 24 classrooms). Social emotional support balance is \$15k</li> </ul> <p>We will start budget planning for 2021-22 this month, and present a first draft in May.</p>	Nelly Goodnoe

8:10-8:40	<p><b>Advocacy Update</b></p> <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House Bill 1139 (lead in school drinking water): please email your senator to encourage them to pass this bill.</li> <li>• Schools are not still not being supported fully, on top of the challenges of the pandemic.</li> <li>• We need help with Facebook! Please contact us if you can help, as we need to make regular updates.</li> </ul>	Sam Fogg and Adele Kulisewa
8:40-8:45	<p><b>General Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there ways we can create community this spring as some students return to school (e.g. a phone tag, resurrection of Bryant buddies, etc.)?</li> </ul>	