

General Membership Meeting Oct 14, 2025

AGENDA

Time	Item	Owner
7:00	PTSA Mission, Introductions & Meeting Minute Approval	Marika & Matt
	Partner Updates Principal Teachers LASER	Principal Marshall Alex Jones/Katie Salisbury LASER reps
	President Update	Marika & Matt
	Treasurer Update	Maggie / David
	Advocacy Update	Leah
	Membership Update	Maggie
	Family Support Update & New Bryant Logo	Nina
	General Session Votes	Marika & Matt
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Our Mission:

Unite our community to support the well-being of every student at Bryant

Our PTSA works to:

- Cultivate an inclusive community and sense of belonging at Bryant
- Advocate for the well-being and education of all children in our community
- Eradicate the structural racism that marginalizes our black, indigenous and people of color communities
- Connect families with teachers, staff and administrators in support of our students' social, emotional, and academic development
- Enrich the learning environment through volunteerism and sustainable funding in alignment with PTSA membership priorities.

Our goals:

- Each Bryant student is thriving academically, physically, socially and emotionally.
- Every member of our Bryant community feels welcome and engaged in our school.
- Our school has the support of our community to achieve its goals for continuous improvement.

Executive Board

Co-President	Marika VanderSmith	
Co-President	Matt Hunt	
Co-Treasurer - Lead	Maggie Dreifuerst	
Co-Treasurer - Check Writing	David McKnight	
Co-Treasurer - Check Deposits	Jamie Prins	
Co-Secretary	Alison Bettles	
Co-Secretary	Kerry Billingham	

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At Large Member	Tiffany Courtnage	
Advocacy Chair	Leah Rutman	
Communications	Serena Argens	
Community Engagement	Tiffany Clark	
Fundraising	Michael Polin, Erica Hoover	
Membership	Maggie Sloane	
Operations	Emily West-Foyle	
Teacher Representatives	Alex Jones, Katie Salisbury	
Volunteer Chairs	Anna Bonnett, Kelly King French	

2025-2026 PTSA Board Meeting Dates

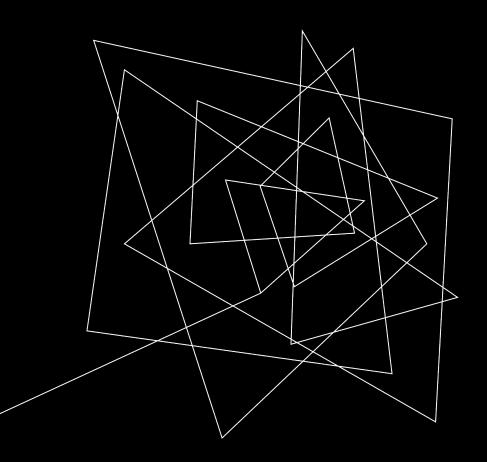
All meetings start at 7 p.m. in the library (unless otherwise noted) and are open to the public

- Sept 9 Location: Project Nine Brewing
- Oct 14 General Membership Meeting
- Nov 18 Adjusted for Veterans Day
- Dec 9
- Jan 13
- Feb 10
- March 10 General Membership Meeting
- April 7th Adjusted for Spring Break
- May 12
- June 9 General Membership Meeting

Approval of September 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

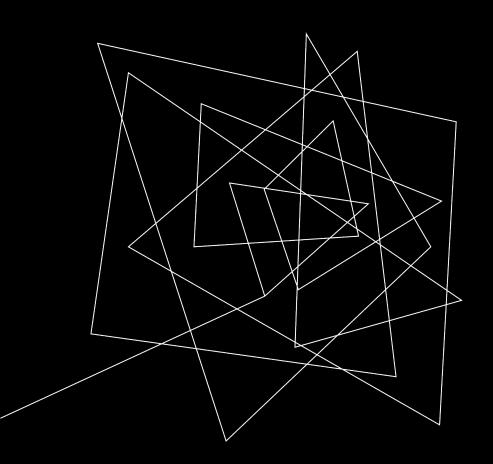
Approval of June 2025 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Both are available for review on Bryant PTSA website



Partner Updates • Principal Marshall

- Teachers
- **LASER**



President Updates

What's Happening at Bryant



Oct 13-24: Annual Campaign



Oct 13-16: 5th Grade at Islandwood



Oct 21: Picture Day

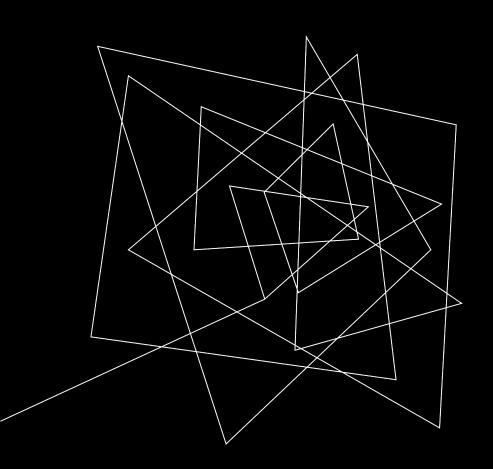


Oct 25: Boo Bash



President Updates

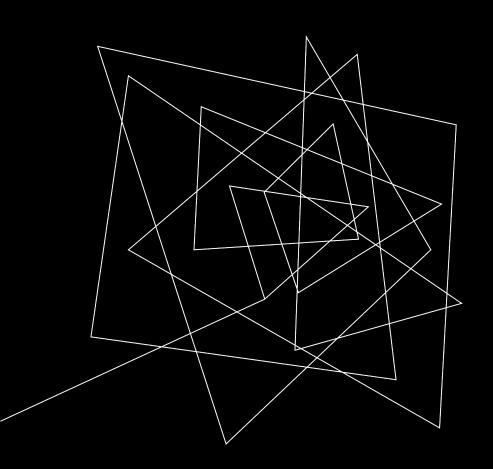
- After School Enrichment is up and running! Including Chess club under new leadership of Orangutan Academy
- One Room Parent in place for each classroom, thank you to all!
- Celebration of Life for Ms. Aliverti Saturday, Oct 18 at 1:00pm



Treasurer Update

Income Sources and Budgeted Expenses for 2025 – 2026

	Proposed Budget: 2025 - 2026 (voted on in JUNE 2025)	Updated '25-'26 budget based on completed actuals	Notes
Annual Campaign '24-'25	219,000	219,229	
Prior Year Carry Over ('24-'25 transfered to '25-'26)	37,894		actuals
Auction '25-'26	29,500	29,500	estimated based on last year
Blast '25-'26	3,000	792	estimated based on last year
Other Income (Memberships) '25-'26	1,500	1,453	estimated based on last year
Interest '25-'26	300	125	estimated based on last year
5th Grade '24-'25 Islandwood Grant	7,500	0	rolled over to 5th grade account instead
Collapsed Accounts	7,431	7,431	one time collapse, not recurring
Converted Cash from Reserve Reduction	0	0	
Total Income	\$ 306,125	\$ 317,460	
Total Expenses approved in June meeting	\$ 303,419	\$ 303,419	



Advocacy Update

Advocacy Updates

- Inform, educate and activate the Bryant community
- Events:
 - Upcoming Seattle School Board Forum: October 20th from
 7-8:30pm
 - Legislative Panel
- Opportunities to engage:
 - Ask your questions to board members/lawmakers
 - Action alerts: Check out the Bryant weekly, Bryant PTSA website and Instagram



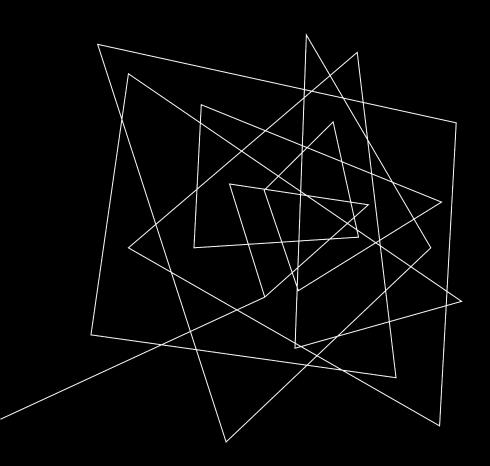
CANDIDATE FORUM

Hosted by: Bryant Elementary, View Ridge Elementary, Wedgwood Elementary, Eckstein Middle and Roosevelt High Schools

10.20.25 7PM-8:30PM DOORS
OPEN AT 6:45PM
ECKSTEIN MIDDLE SCHOOL'S
AUDITORIUM.
3003 NE 75TH STREET SEATTLE, WA
98115

Join us as we meet candidates running for school board positions 2, 4, 5 and 7. Candidates will present a one minute statement followed by a question and answer session and a brief mix and mingle with the candidates.

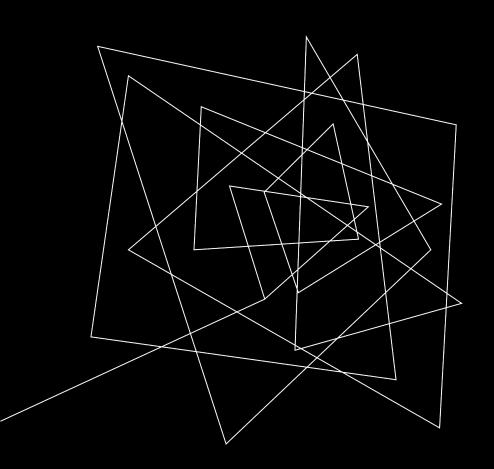
To RSVP, request accommodations and submit questions to the candidates find the link here:
 https://tinyurl.com/bdz5ajrd



Membership Update

Membership Updates

- Membership Numbers:
 - Currently 108 Members
 - 2024/2025 School Year 115 Members
- Ideas to increase Membership
 - Email past members who have not renewed
 - Table at PTSA/school events to encourage membership
 - Early January campaign to increase numbers
 (membership numbers as of the end of January establish the number of voting delegates from a local PTA to the WSPTA Convention/Annual Meeting)



New Bryant Logo

Logo Landscape – Other Hawk & SPS Logos











Hawk Logo Reference Research





Tone

The Bryant logo should be:

- welcoming
- friendly
- professional
- versatile
- · recognizable
- · appropriate for kids & adults

The Bryant logo should NOT feel:

- cold
- · aggressive
- generic
- · unrefined
- cartoony
- · patriotic (eagle)
- · militaristic

Logo Concepts & Refinements





































WE TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES.
WE TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER.
WE TAKE CARE OF OUR SCHOOL.



New Bryant Spirit Wear!



Logo Team

Logo Design:

Nina Mettler with support from Amber Kleiner

Spirit Wear:

Anna Bonnett & Amber Kleiner

Logo Reviewers:

Principal Marshall

Amy Shanafelt

Alex Jones

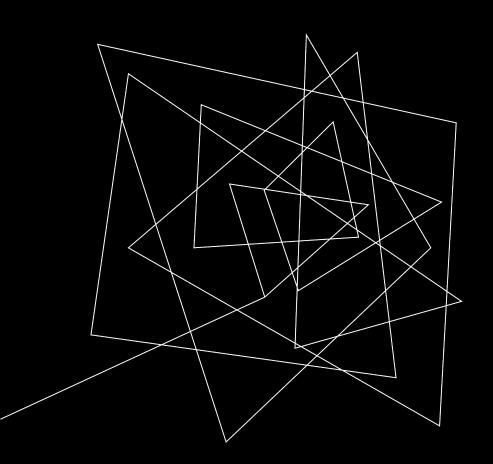
Katie Salisbury

Marika VanderSmith

Matt Hunt

Anna Bonnett

Amber Kleiner



Family Support Program

Family Support Program Updates

The PTSA has a discreet program that offers additional support for Bryant students experiencing financial need (regardless of whether or not they qualify for free or reduced lunch). If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Diego Nunez, dinunez@seattleschools.org.

2025-26 Bryant Alliance for Education Right Now Needs Funds

\$1,145.77 Sept - Jan (\$550 planned for Thanksgiving break GC)

\$1,400.38 Feb - June (\$700 planned for mid-winter break GC)

- Change for this year is that only 50% of the funds can be used for gift cards.
- Future funding is not certain.

PTSA FSP 2025-26 Budget: \$10,100

- Currently 10 kids for grocery gift cards during school breaks & 7 for school clothes

Flexible funds could be used for:

- items for Islandwood (rain coats, boots, etc)
- food support (SNAP benefits could be unavailable if federal shutdown goes past one month)
- rent & utility assistance
- emergency recovery (fire, flood, etc.)
- medical bills
- car service

Family & Community Support Committee

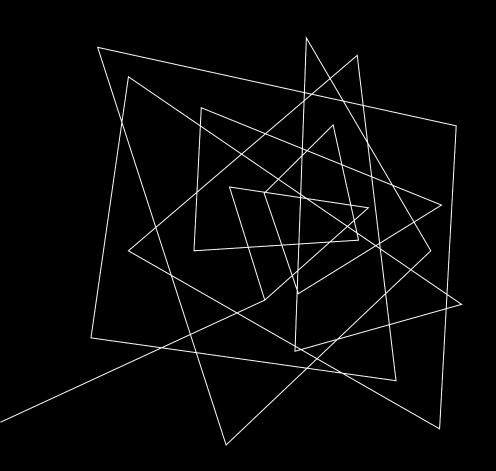
Bryant PTSA has a long history of supporting Bryant families and our broader community. The purpose of this committee is to better coordinate and align efforts with parents and staff, as well as create a team who has capacity to respond to urgent needs.

The FCS Committee supports families and community service projects at Bryant including:

- **Family Support Program** (anonymous financial support for school related expenses, grocery gift cards at school breaks in coordination with Bryant's school social worker, Diego Nunez)
- Sister School support (grocery gift cards at school breaks, teacher/staff appreciation week)
- Student Hunger Service Project (food drives and packing parties for HIP)
- **MLK Jr. Service Day** (hygiene kit donations and assembly)
- **Spring Service Day** (move-a-thon to support SESSFA, garden clean-up)

Additional opportunities for possible new initiatives such as:

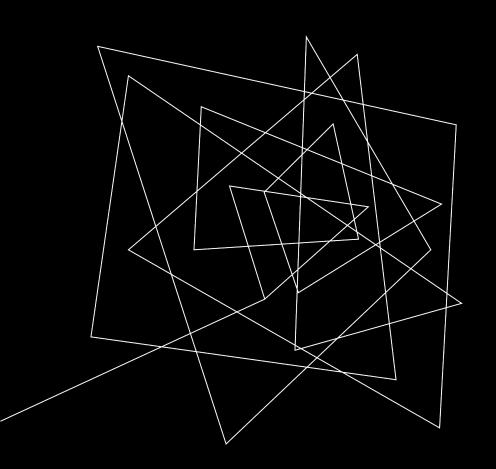
- Requests & resources bulletin board at Bryant (Padlet website created in 2024)
- Resource fair for NE elementary schools
- Warm meals sign-up
- School lunch fund
- Little free library
- Care closet



General Membership Vote

IXL Funding from PTSA

- IXL is a digital learning platform utilized by teachers and students
- Provides support, enrichment, and acceleration opportunities in math
- IXL has historically been funded by the PTSA
 - Support paused in 2024 after adoption of new math curriculum
- 2025 Teacher Survey: 19 out of 21 teachers expressed interest in utilizing IXL again
- PTSA has funds to support IXL:
 - Previous-year carryover was higher than expected
 - Staffing costs will likely be lower than expected due to library / recess monitor shifts
- Cost is \$6,593.75
 - PTSA Board proposes allocating the amount from our Discretionary budget to the Classroom Software Budget Line Item
- Vote/Approval at General Membership meeting is required for amounts over \$5,000



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