

Bryant PTSA meeting minutes
May 12, 2026

Item	Presenter
<p>Approve Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the minutes of the April 2026 meeting 	
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marika reviewed the upcoming events that were highlighted in the meeting materials. • The group discussed the status of the grade level grants since the end of the year was fast approaching. Marika confirmed that all grades but 1st and 2nd had already used or had a plan to use their grant for a community building event for their grade level. 	<p>Marika Vandersmith, Co-President</p>
<p>Principal Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marika presented updates on behalf of Dr. Marshall • The budget process is almost complete and we still expect significant cuts to the Bryant budget. The group discussed that the process was complex this year and challenging for a number of reasons, including that the purple book was made public at the same time it was given to school administration and the absence of Ms. Aliverti who had previously played a large role in the budgeting process. The group discussed ways in which the PTSA and the school could work more collaboratively on the budget issues next year, including on understanding the best way to utilize the staffing grant. • The group discussed that Dr. Marshall has requested that next year the PTSA share their priorities with Dr. Marshall in advance of budget season so that priorities are thematic and not tied to specific staff. The group discussed surveying the parents in advance of the fall general meeting was one way to accomplish this. • The group discussed the plan for the staffing grant next year, referring to the detail in the materials. Key callouts were that the computer/library assistant is being reduced to .8 FTE (from 1 FTE) to account for decreased enrollment and the academic specialist position will be filled be a certified teacher which will allow for the individual to create curriculum and fully teach (as opposed to relying on the teaching staff for support). The group reiterated that next year we need to get clarity on how the specialist's time will be allocated to ensure equal access for all students. 	<p>Marika Vandersmith, Co-President</p>
<p>Budget Request for PE equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PE teachers have asked if they can replace some PE equipment. \$1500 has been requested. • The treasury team confirmed that there is room in the budget to fund the request. • After a motion duly made and seconded, the motion to provide the funds passed. 	<p>Marika Vandersmith and Matt Hunt, Co-President</p>
<p>Treasurers Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is full details in the meeting deck • The budget committee has met and will present a full budget at the June general membership meeting 	<p>Maggie Dreirfurstt, co-Treasurer</p>

<p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The WA PTSA is accepting legislative priority suggestions. Submissions are due by June 1 ● The group discussed the letter that is being sent to the Superintendent on behalf of the group advocating for funding an assistant principal for schools of our size and also funding a school nurse. 	<p>Leah Rutman, Advocacy Chair</p>
<p>Volunteer Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lots of activities coming up in the run up to the end of the year. We are in good shape for volunteers for all events. ● The nominating committee is also moving along. There are co chairs for most positions. Will send full slate for review before the June meeting. 	<p>Anna Bonnett, Volunteer Chair</p>
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