

Bryant PTSA meeting minutes
January 13, 2026

Item	Presenter
<p>Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The December minutes of the PTSA meeting were approved 	<p>Matt Hunt, Co-President</p>
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt reviewed the upcoming events that were highlighted in the meeting materials. The group discussed the new approach for multi-cultural night which is being held on February 6th. 	<p>Matt Hunt, Co-Presidents</p>
<p>Principal Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fulsome update from Dr. Marshall was included in the meeting materials. Multicultural night is being spearheaded by Dr. Marshall this year (as opposed to PTSA volunteers) with significant help from Ms. Abbot. Dr. Marshall is requesting that the PTSA pay Ms. Abbott a stipend in recognition of her work. The group discussed the Dr. Marshall had already used the money afforded to her for the event to pay for 2 performers. The group is supportive of honoring Ms. Abbott's work but also discussed the need to make sure that budgets are adhered to. Matt and Marika agreed to discuss more with Dr. Marshall the ask for a stipend and bring it back to the group next meeting if needed. Dr. Marshall is also focused on ensuring a good Open House turnout and overall registration for Bryant next year. The fact that staffing will now be determined by enrollment at the end of this school year (as opposed to the typical October count) was discussed. The group also discussed holding a virtual open house for those who miss the in person event. Dr. Marshall is also looking at decreasing the recess monitor position next year in favor of a math tutor. While the group agreed with the need for more math support, they questioned whether additional recess support is also needed. 	<p>Marika Vandermisth, Co-President</p>
<p>LASER Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A project to replace the windows at Bryant will be taking place over the summer. Because of this, LASER camps will be held at Laurelhurst. LASER does not expect the capacity of its summer camps to change even with the change in venue. The group discussed whether the playground would be available for public use during the summer since LASER will no longer be using it. 	<p>Marika Vandersmith, Co-President</p>
<p>Teachers Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jones shared that there is nothing new to report from the teachers. 	<p>Alex Jones, Teacher Liaison</p>
<p>Presidents Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group discussed the plan for the Open House this week and the need to emphasize that families enroll if they are going to attend in the fall. The group also discussed the need to ensure that succession planning begins for key PTSA roles, especially the Presidents role which will cycle off this year. 	<p>Matt Hunt /Marika Vandersmith, Co-Presidents</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt and Marika also discussed that they want to ensure a clean handover to new board members next year and requested that all knowledge be captured on the share drive related to your program area. 	
<p>Treasurers Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is full details in the meeting deck • Annual fund amounts continue to flow in and currently we have collected \$240K from the campaign • Both our tax filing, annual report with the Secretary of State and renewal of our City of Seattle business license have all been completed • Maggie also reported that the PTSA Is holding on paying the Q1 invoice to the district because Dr. Marshall believe there is an error on it that she is asking be corrected. 	<p>Maggie Dreifuerst, Treasurer</p>
<p>Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah highlighted ways to engage now that the Legislative session has begun, including signing pro on bills that are supported to the WA PTSA. Leah will be sending periodic action alerts to the community on these issues. • Leah also highlighted that an Advocacy Day will be held in Olympia on January 19th and folks should contact her if interested. 	<p>Leah Rutman, Advocacy Chair</p>
<p>Volunteer Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key roles currently recruiting for are 2 Field Day leads, ASE Coordinator, Bryant Weekly Lead and someone to revamp the website. 	<p>Anna Bonnett, Volunteer Chair</p>
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