

**Bryant PTSA meeting minutes**  
**March 10, 2026**

Item	Presenter
<p><b>Guest Speaker on childhood anxiety presented prior to the start of the business portion of the meeting</b></p>	
<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Marika reviewed the upcoming events that were highlighted in the meeting materials.</li> </ul>	<p>Marika Vandersmith, Co-President</p>
<p><b>Principal Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Marika presented updates on behalf of Dr. Marshall</li> <li>● Enrollment is Dr. Marshall’s current focus. Our current projection is for a 10% decrease in enrollment next year. This initial projection is actually lower than what our enrollment for next year currently is so we are hopeful we will not see as large a decrease as is projected. It is critical that as many families as possible enroll by the end of the year. There will be no more “October shuffle” fall staffing adjustment so enrollment numbers as of June will set staffing for the year.</li> <li>● Dr. Marshall is confident there will be staff change/cuts next year. The school is working through what impacts there will be. Final displacements will be determined by teacher seniority. We could see a loss of as much as 3 FTE teaching positions and .5 specialist positions.</li> <li>● The staffing changes will also impact what the PTSA is asked to fund. A final vote on PTSA sponsored positions will occur in June.</li> <li>● Group discussed need to increase Kindergarten enrollment. There is currently 64 enrolled K students.</li> </ul>	<p>Marika Vandermisth, Co-President</p>
<p><b>Teachers Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr. Jones reported that school is going well</li> <li>● SPARK is being held this year but will only be two days long</li> </ul>	<p>Alex Jones, Teacher Liaison</p>
<p><b>LASER Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LASER is enrolling summer camps which will all be held at Laurelhurst due to the capital improvements going on at the Bryant campus</li> <li>● Parent Nights Out are also being held monthly</li> <li>● Spring Break camp is also enrolling</li> <li>● LASER will coordinate with Mr. Jones on offering child care for after SPARK</li> </ul>	<p>LASER Liaison</p>
<p><b>Presidents Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The yearbook is still being put together. Order forms will be sent soon via kid mail. Parents can send in photos of kids but they need to be taken physically at Bryant.</li> <li>● Nominating Committee is underway. Especially need K-2nd families to volunteer for the Board since many board members have graduating kids.</li> <li>● Budget Committee is also starting. It is a 4 hour time commitment and gives you input on our budget priorities.</li> <li>● Marika will be issuing a culture survey to the school to support PTSA priorities going forward</li> </ul>	<p>Matt Hunt /Marika Vandersmith, Co-Presidents</p>
<p><b>Treasurers Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is full details in the meeting deck</li> </ul>	<p>David McKnight, co-Treasurers</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$50K was recently paid for staffing.</li> <li>• Budget committee starts in 3-5 weeks.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Advocacy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative session suggests that cuts to K-12 funding are likely</li> <li>• The sales tax bill that was passed and arguably covers schools has been amended to make clear that schools are excluded</li> <li>• The school board has voted to remove student outcomes focused governance as their governing model.</li> </ul>	Leah Rutman, Advocacy Chair
<p><b>Volunteer Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of activities coming up in the run up to the end of the year. Details will be sent by email.</li> </ul>	Anna Bonnett, Volunteer Chair
<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The February minutes of the PTSA meeting were approved</li> </ul>	Matt Hunt, Co-President
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