

Bryant PTSA Meeting

December 10, 2024

Agenda Item

Present: Matt Hunt, Marika VanderSmith, Kerry Billingham, Maggie Dreifuerst, David McKnight, Leah Rutman, Emily West-Foye, Alex Jones, Anna Bonnett

Standard Items (Matt Hunt and Marika VanderSmith)

- Land Acknowledgement
- Approval of Minutes
 - Matt Hunt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Nov 2024 meeting minutes as presented; Alex Jones seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Principal's Update (Dr. Marshall not present)

- Matt and Marika met with Dr. Marshall about the following:
- Open House for new parents scheduled for Feb 6. This is a PTSA run event for potential new families. Marika will make a flyer to hand out. We will need volunteers from the PTSA to attend, answer questions, and give tours.
- Marika talked to Dr. Marshall and Diego, the school counselor about Bryant families in need. We will ask Diego about setting up an Amazon wish list for those families, and we will get something out about that.
- Dr. Marshall approved of potential children's mental health speaker series.
- Classroom calm down spaces: do we need new items for these spaces such as fidget toys, etc. Alex Jones will ask at his next meeting of teachers.
- Review of After School Enrichment programs. Do we need a STEM one for younger kids?

LASER Update (not present)

Teacher Updates (Alex Jones)

- A CPR/First Aid trainer has been identified at the district level. That person will come to Bryant to train teachers. If there is a fee involved they will let PTSA know.

President Updates (Matt Hunt and Marika VanderSmith)

- Marika spoke to the auction coordinator who is open to doing both the online auction, and an in-person auction. The potential date is April 4. She will start with looking for a venue and will get back to us.
- Yearbook committee - the last coordinator left. Matt and Marika have found a new crew and they are meeting tomorrow to assign roles. The biggest issue is collecting the photos. There is a new email to send photos to. Kids could do the artwork for the front and back, like some other years. We will use the same vendor, etc.
- PTSA website needs a refresh, perhaps this summer. Matt and Anna are looking into who could help us.

Treasurer's Updates (David McKnight and Maggie Dreifuerst)

- The Annual Campaign has brought in about \$187k so far, but more from company matching funds is coming in. See Treasurer's report in the slides.

Advocacy Updates (Leah Rutman)

- Since the campaign to close certain schools was halted, there is new energy in asking for increased legislative funding in Olympia. The state level PTSA is advocating this. Leah will draft a letter to share with parents at Bryant that also advocates for increased funding and parents can send in the letter to their legislators. There will also be a need to share testimony at the statehouse in the future.

Fundraising Updates (Michael Polin not present)

Art Committee Updates (Vanya Uzelac not present)

Families in Need Updates (Nina Mettler not present)

Volunteer Committee Updates (Anna Bonnett)

- See slide. Next meeting is January 14th.

Adjourn

- Matt moved to adjourn, Anna seconded. Motion passed.