



Bayard Rustin PTA Meeting

Join online and learn more about what's coming up.

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November 2 Agenda

- PTA Business (6:30-7 p.m.)
 - Welcome
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Events & News
 - Membership Report
 - Treasurer Report
 - Advocacy Report
 - Principal Report
- Digital Citizenship & Library Resources (7-7:30 p.m.)
 - Ms. Tracy Jeffcott
- Adjourn (7:30 p.m.)



Secretary Report

Julia Elam



Meeting Minutes

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Bayard Rustin Elementary School PTA Membership Meeting

October 5, 2021
Via Zoom Teleconference

I. Attendance

Attendance as captured from names provided by attendees in the Zoom session.

• Grace Adjouko	• Mimi Goitom	• Shadi Mohhtar	• Jennifer Strohm
• Joie Ashworth	• Mina	• Calandra Moore	• Katie West
• Andria Apostolou	• Moto g power	• Gita*	• Patti Westenberg
• Mindy Chong	(2021)	• Chau Nguyen	• Gabriela
• Becky Chou	• Melissa	• Tiffany Nguyen	• Wijegunawardena
• Wikie Cnup	• Goldberg	• Floridaliza Peralta	• Saminda
• Amanda Innes	• Sarah Headley	• Jess Perkins	• Wijegunawardena
• Julia Elam	• Crystal Kelly	• Cory Perry	• Sarah Yeh
• ESM Phone	• Nancy Keller	• Ronna Popkins	• Wen Yi-Jung
• Stacy Field	• Mr. King-Shaw	• Manda Richards	• Weirong Zhu
• Leydi Fig	• Amber Koplow	• Ruth Steinmetz	• Zoom User
• Sarah Getty	• Ellen Lanier	• Paula Tully	
	• Phil Kuljurgis	• Shannon Weaver	

II. Call to Order/Welcoming – PTA President, Jennifer Strohm

- Called to order at 6:33pm

III. Officers Reports

a. Approval of Minutes- Secretary's Report--Secretary, Julia Elam

- Julia Elam read the minutes from the last meeting on September 9, 2021.
- Mindy Chong made a motion to approve the minutes and Mimi Goitom seconded the motion. 12 members approved.

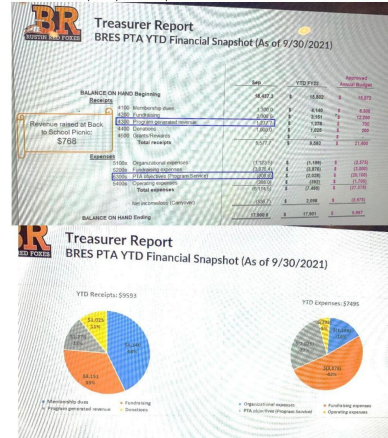
b. President's report--Upcoming Events

- Walk to School Day- 10/6
- Book Fair at BRES- need volunteers
- Book Fair Carnival and Family Picture Night 10/14, 4:30-7
- Dine Out Night @ Panera 10/18, 5-9pm
- Fall Festival

c. Membership Report – Membership Chair, Mindy Chong

- 147 members, 61 families, 51 individuals, 35 teachers and staff. Our goal is 280 members.

d. Treasurer Report by Ronna Popkin



e. Advocacy Report- Delegate, Chau Nguyen

Ms. Nguyen gave the Advocacy Report including discussing the Draft Advocacy Priorities and the MCPS Gender Equity in Sports Survey.

MCCTPA's Draft Advocacy Priorities. Please reach out if you have further ideas or priorities. <https://www.mspspta.org/advocacy-priorities>

- The link to the Gender Equity in Sports survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QLOSports>
- BRES Representation has been requested in MCCTPA Committees including: COVID 19, Green Schools, Curriculum, Special Education, and Gifted and Talented

f. Principal's Report- Principal, Katie West

- Ms. West gave some updates. We will have our outdoor parade. During the parade, parents are invited to come outside but will follow COVID protocols and physical distancing.

- Pool testing next week at Bayard Rustin. It is a random sampling so everyone who signed up will not be selected.
- West recognized the bus issues.
- Outbreak in Kindergarten class- It has been contained and they have been able to stop the spread from going throughout the building

IV. COVID-19 and Children by Dr. Stephanie Hart

- Dr. Hart of Hart Pediatrics posts information about COVID-10 among kids on a [Facebook page](#).
- Dr. Hart discussed daily trends in deaths and case by age group due to COVID-19. The number of deaths is extremely small for younger children. She also discussed the Delta variant among children and Multisystem Inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C). Long covid is not well-defined and there is low risk for children. The childhood cases of long covid are mostly teenagers. Dr. Hart also discussed the increase in obesity and diabetes. Other effects of the pandemic include depression and anxiety has well as suicide. Myopia also increased especially around age 8 because of computer use during the pandemic. Return to school is mitigating these issues.
- Vaccine for children- Pfizer is reviewing the vaccine. If they approve, mid-November is an estimated time it would be available
- Some recommendations: Parents should discuss rules, not safety with children since safety provokes anxiety. Schools should continue social distancing, ventilation, masks in school. When traveling- test children before you leave. Have smaller gatherings.

V. Tick Safety by Gabriela Wijegunawardena

- Mrs. Wijegunawardena is a Public Health Nurse and Lyme disease patient.
- According to the CDC, there are 500,000 new cases of Lyme disease each year. There was a 15% increase in ticks in 2021.
- EPA-approved repellent should be used. Picaridin is good for clothes/skin. Permethrin is good for clothes only. She discussed prevention measures when returning home. Also, perform tick checks on people as well as pets regularly. She also discussed tick removal and saving the tick to have it tested.

There were Questions and Answers following the two presentations.

V. Next Meeting

- The next meeting is November 2, 2021. Ms. Jeffcott will discuss digital citizenship curriculum and internet safety.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Halloween & Fall Fest @ BRES

- Virtual parade and Fall Festival
- Thank you room parents for hosting in-class parties!





Book Fair Update



Financial Report

- Goal: \$15,000 sales
- Actual: \$19,002.95 in-person sales + \$514 in online sales
- Translates into: \$3,500 Scholastic dollars and \$3,000 cash
- Additional \$1,800 in donations and sales (pizza, spirit wear)
- Raised \$175 to support students in need with new book purchases

How the Book Fair Supports Students

- The BRES PTA receives approx. 25% of the funds, which will go toward:
 - Purchasing books for upcoming reading night program
 - PTA budget to support programs throughout the year
- Many teachers also received books from their “wish lists” to enhance classroom libraries- thank you!
- **A HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers especially chair Paula Tully**
- Thank you Mrs. West, Mrs. Goldberg, and Mrs. Jeffcott!
- We hope everyone is enjoying their new books!
- **Save the date for spring- May 16-20, 2022**





Thank you 40+ volunteers!

Terri Bourbon
Mindy Chong
Louis Chang
Rasy Chhoeuy
Vikie Chiou
Cindy Chow
Katsumi Daniel
Stacy Field
Amanda Innes
Crystal Kelly
Cindy Kim
Christine Koh
Ellyn Lanier
Jackie Lin
Emily Lincoln
Lisa Liu

Patricia Loudon
Sara Love
Tonia Luk
Jessica Lund
Uma Neelathi
Chau Nguyen
Tiffany Nguyen
Hannah Pak
Lida Parvin
Ronna Popkin
Clara Prather
Patricia Strohm
Reese Sandor
Erin Schechter
Annabelle Smith

Jennifer Strohm
Patricia Strohm
Saminda Wijegunawardena
Gabriela Wijegunawardena
Thanitha Wan
Patti Westenberg
John Wu
Sabrina Wu
Sarah Yeh
Weirong Zhu
Meng Sun





Upcoming Events

www.brespta.org/calendar

- **Food Drive for Manna-** November
- **Imagination Stage Virtual In-school Field Trip for Fourth Grade*-** Nov. 2
- **Report Card Distribution-** Nov. 12
- **Teacher Conferences-** mid-November
(be sure to sign-up!)
- **Thanksgiving-** Nov. 25
- **Dine Out Night @ Ledos*-** Dec. 14



*sponsored by BRES PTA



- ★ Winter/ Spring Events Planning
 - ★ BRES Patrol New T-shirts
 - ★ Spirit Wear Store Open Online
 - Fulfilled over 80 orders so far!
- Thank you!

Online Store Now Open!
brespta.org/store-1



BRES 2021-2022 Tie-dye T-Shirt
\$15.00



BRES Car Magnet
\$5.00



BRES Original T-Shirt- Youth
Large Only
\$5.00



Youth BRES Mask
\$10.00



Adult BRES Mask
\$10.00



Rockville Rewards Card
\$25.00



We Need YOU

Chair Positions- president@brespta.org

- ★ Wellness Activities Chair
- ★ Before & After School Activities Chair
- ★ Spiritwear Chair

Committee Positions

- ★ Programs Committee- programs@brespta.org
 - Winter Events
 - International Night
 - Spring Book Fair Family Night
- ★ Advocacy Committee- delegate@brespta.org
- ★ Wellness Committee- president@brespta.org





Food Drive for Manna Food Center

- BRES will be holding a virtual food drive for Manna Food Center the entire month of November.
- Manna Food Center was created by the community in 1983. Strives to eliminate hunger through food distribution, education and advocacy.
- Each virtual food donor will receive an individual tax receipt sent to the email they submit.
- The BRES custom marketplace link is:
<https://www.fooddriveonline.org/mannafood/Bayar dRustinES> (in Mrs. West's Principal email)



July 2020-June 2021

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS

45,210
participants supported



5.3 Million
pounds of food distributed

Thank you for your support!



Membership Report

Mindy Chong



Kids Do Better When Parents are Engaged in Their Learning

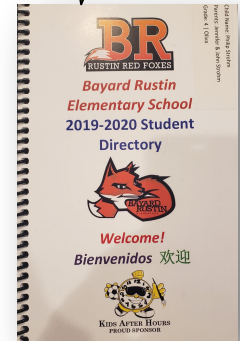
Who benefits from your PTA membership?

Our students and families:

BRES PTA provides support for our students and their families with enrichment resources, access to academic tools (Brain POP), fun playdates and family events, and much more. The PTA also advocates for all Bayard Rustin students.

Our teachers and staff:

BRES PTA provides direct support for our teachers and staff. Each can receive funding for classroom supplies, as well as training support, teacher appreciation events, and more.



Join today: brespta.org and click “Join The PTA”



2021-2022 Membership Updates

Members: 168 TOTAL: 69 Family, 59 individual, 40 staff
Previously- October: 147, September 124

Goals: 180 members (75 families, 75 individuals, 30 teacher/staff) ... which is about 35% of families and teachers/staff

Please join BRES PTA today if you haven't already. Membership must be renewed annually. Reach out if you would like to help with member recruitment or have any suggestions.

Membership Report

Mindy Chong, VP Membership membership@brespta.org



Treasurer Report

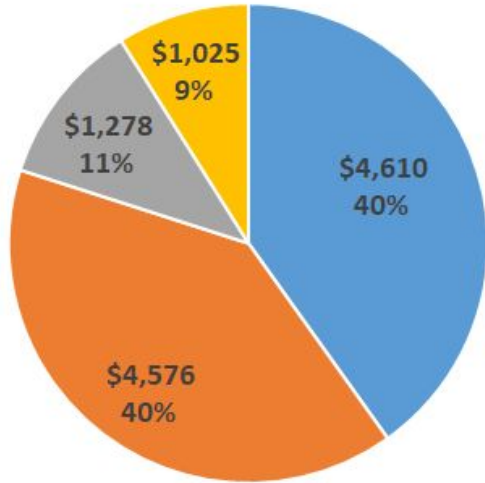
Ronna Popkin



Treasurer Report

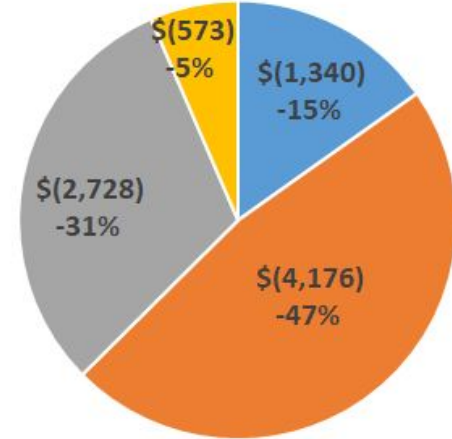
BRES PTA YTD Financial Snapshot (As of 10/31/2021)

YTD Receipts: \$11,488



- Membership dues
- Fundraising
- Program generated revenue
- Donations

YTD Expenses: \$8,817



- Organizational expenses
- Fundraising expenses
- PTA objectives (Program Service)
- Operating expenses



Treasurer Report

BRES PTA YTD Financial Snapshot (As of 10/31/2021)

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>YTD FY22</u>	<u>Approved Annual Budget</u>
BALANCE ON HAND Beginning	17,801	\$ 15,802	\$ 15,972
<u>Receipts</u>			
4100 Membership dues	470	\$ 4,610	\$ 8,300
4200 Fundraising	1,425	\$ 4,576	\$ 12,200
4300 Program generated revenue	-	\$ 1,278	\$ 700
4400 Donations	-	\$ 1,025	\$ 200
4500 Grants/Rewards	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total receipts	<u>1,895</u>	<u>\$ 11,488</u>	<u>\$ 21,400</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
5100s Organizational expenses	(142)	\$ (1,340)	\$ (2,575)
5200s Fundraising expenses	(300)	\$ (4,176)	\$ (3,000)
5300s PTA objectives (Program Service)	(600)	\$ (2,728)	\$ (20,100)
5400s Operating expenses	(180)	\$ (573)	\$ (1,700)
Total expenses	<u>(1,222)</u>	<u>\$ (8,817)</u>	<u>\$ (27,375)</u>
Net income/loss (Carryover)	673	\$ 2,671	\$ (5,975)
BALANCE ON HAND Ending	<u><u>18,474</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,474</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,997</u></u>



Advocacy Update

Calandra Moore
Chau Nguyen

Delegates



Engagement Opportunities



- **MCCPTA 2021-2022 Advocacy Priorities finalized**
- Advocacy includes: COVID Response and Recovery; Health and Wellness; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Bus/staff shortages, and others.
- ★ BRES Representation requested in Committees
 - ❖ Green Schools (*including Shades*)
 - ❖ Curriculum
 - ❖ Special Education

We Need You!



Please contact Delegate@brespta.org if interested.



Additional Engagement Opportunities

- **Notice:** Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 7 p.m. (ET) for Securing Our Children's Health: A Virtual Town Hall About Kids and COVID-19

MAKING IT PLAIN

A Town Hall To Assist Parents In Making COVID Vaccination Decisions For Their Children.

Facebook.com/BlackDoctor.org
YouTube.com/BlackDoctororg

Thursday, November 4, 2021
7:00 PM – 8:45 PM ET

Parents are confronted with difficult decisions necessary to protect their children from the COVID pandemic. Parents have questions about vaccines, masks, participating in school, and much more. We have assembled an extraordinary group of trusted experts to answer those questions. Please join us!



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021
7:00 – 8:45PM ET

CHILDREN VACCINATION TOWN HALL



Vivek Murthy, MD
U.S. Surgeon General



Peter Marks, MD
FDA Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research



Kornisha McGill Brown
President
Jack and Jill of America



Anna King
President
National PTA



Lee Savio Beers, MD
President
American Academy of Pediatrics



Leana Wen, MD
Milken Institute of Public Health



Patricia N. Whitley-Williams, MD
National Medical Association



Susan Wu, MD
National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians



Roberto Johanasson, MD
National Hispanic Medical Association



Shaquita Bell, MD
Association of American Indian Physicians



Lori Freeman
CEO
NACCHO



Kate King, DNP
National Association of School Nurses



Michele Roberts, MPH, MCHES
Association of Immunization Managers



Rhea Boyd, MD, MPH
California Children's Trust
KFF

HOSTED BY:

Black Coalition Against COVID (BCAC)





Additional Engagement Opportunities

- **MCCPTA Gifted Ed Committee (GEC) Community Presentation: ELA Enrichment in MCPS Elementary Schools: Understanding the Differences Between CES, ELC and Enrichment Guidance to Benchmark Advance**

The GEC invites all MCPS caregivers to join a discussion on the different English Language Arts (ELA) curricula MCPS uses for highly able learners in Elementary Schools.

- ★ Overview of the curriculum used in the Centers for Enriched Studies (CES), the Enriched Literacy Curriculum (ELC), and the Supplemental Enrichment Guidance to Benchmark Advance curriculum.
- ★ Compare and contrast the curricula, and discuss how you can partner with your child's school to meet your child's needs.

When: Thursday Nov 11, 2021, 7-8:00p

Register in advance:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIVd--qrjMrEteReHRBMfbMkcf0QqHsda-G>

Submit your questions here: <https://forms.gle/1Mh4P841K8biUe2m6>.



Principal Update

Kathryn West, Acting BRES Principal



Digital Citizenship & Library Resources

Ms. Tracy R Jeffcott, Media Specialist

Bayard Rustin Elementary School Library Media Program



Tracy Jeffcott
Media Specialist

Our library is...

Amazing, unique, peaceful, full of entertaining books, awesome, big, interesting, beyond awesome
-- 4th grade CI

Really fun, a place to get books, a place to learn, a place to get information, peaceful, cool, amazing, incredible
-- Ms. Hendershot's class

Amazing, calming, cool, fun, organized, great place to do research
--Mr. Gazda's class

Awesome, amazing, filled with books that teach us lessons, wonderful
--Ms. Menter's class

Fun, cool, cozy, important, learning space, great because we all like going there, peaceful, important to me.
--Mrs. Brown's class

The best place on earth, big, fun, calming helpful, awesome, cool, has the best books, amazing
--Mrs. Cohen's class

The best, for all of us, great, wonderful, fun
--Mrs. Perez's class

Fun, amazing, a place to read good books, a place to learn about internet safety, informative, big, imaginative -- Mrs Bell's class

A space to work learn and read, great, calm, fun, awesome, amazing
-- Mrs. Glass' class

Our Program

Lessons in the media center

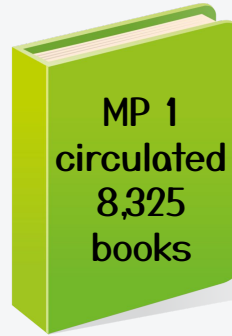
- K-5 two times a month
- PEP once a month

Lesson focus

- Literature Appreciation
- Research Process
- Digital Citizenship
- Coding

Book Checkout

- Always incorporated into class visits
- Students use a hands free self-checkout model
- Open checkout
 - Available for 2-5 now
 - K-1 in the coming months




FLEXIBLE CHECKOUT LIMITS

MCPS Media Centers have moved away from arbitrary checkout limits and instead give students the right to decide how many books are right for them during each visit.



FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Students develop a love of reading by reading books that interest them. No student will be denied a book due to format, language, reading level, or any other factor. By supporting free choice reading, we engage our students with a research-driven method of boosting reading achievement.



SELF-CHECKOUT

Self-checkout stations promote independence and self-reliance among students of all ages. They also provide respect for student privacy and individuality.



COMPASSIONATE OVERDUES

Overdue books are addressed with empathy and trauma-informed practice, and will not be considered a reason to restrict access to new reading material. Conversations will be held with students and parents, but will not interfere with book checkout.




OPEN CHECKOUT


Books may be circulated throughout the students' school day, to include before school, after school and during the student lunch. Individual students are encouraged to exchange books outside of their regularly scheduled class checkout time.




Digital Citizenship at BRES


A digital citizen is someone who is safe, responsible and respectful online.


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MEDIA BALANCE & WELL-BEING
We find balance in our digital lives.
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PRIVACY & SECURITY
We care about everyone's privacy.
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DIGITAL FOOTPRINT & IDENTITY
We define who we are.
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RELATIONSHIPS & COMMUNICATION
We know the power of words & actions.
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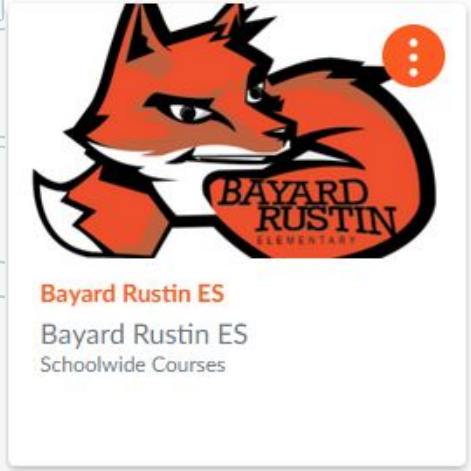
CYBERBULLYING, DIGITAL DRAMA & HATE SPEECH
We are kind & courageous.
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NEWS & MEDIA LITERACY
We are critical thinkers & creators.

- Common Sense Media Curriculum
- 3 lessons a year for students in K-5
- Students in 3-5 had two lessons in November
 - Media Balance and Well Being
 - Digital Footprint and Identity
- Students in K-1 will start in January



BRES Virtual Library



- Students can access the virtual library through the school course in myMCPS classroom.
- The page includes ebooks, virtual makerspace activities, online resources, monthly choice boards, and our library catalog



Time to explore

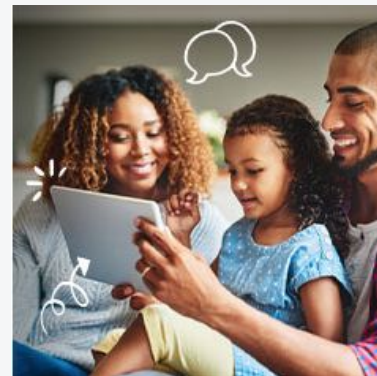
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MCPS Digital Citizenship Webpage



2021-2022 Online Resources



Common Sense Media Resources

If you have questions





Next PTA Meeting

Thursday, February 3
6:30 p.m.

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