

Bayard Rustin Elementary School PTA



General Membership Meeting Agenda

May 9, 2023

7:00pm

Attendance: 21 in attendance

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:10pm
- II. Approval of February Minutes
 - a. Danielle Snowflack made a motion to approve and Rona seconded.
 - b. Secretary's Report- Bylaws Updates
 1. Julia Elam explained that Free State PTA approves Bylaws and provided feedback on BRES PTA's Bylaws that were submitted in June 2022. Free State had feedback on clarifying how vacancies would be filled for the Treasure-elect and President-elect positions; listing all Vice President positions; and other edits.
 2. Free State stated that the revisions to the Bylaws will not impact our elections.
- III. Treasurer's Report presented by Patti Westenberg
- IV. Proposed Budget (Handout provided)
 - a. Patti reviewed the budget. We need 70 families to join. We have 99 staff and not everyone is eligible for reimbursement.
 - b. Lauren Bopp made a motion and Emily Lincoln seconded.
 - c. There was a vote and the budget was approved.
- V. Elections for the Executive Board—

Slate of Officers	
President	Patti Westenberg
Vice President Programs	Danielle Snowflack
Vice President Communications	Nicole Joy Retterer
Treasurer	Manda Richards
Secretary	Erika Melcher
Delegates	Julia Elam and Ansalan Stewart

- a. Mary Lozano described the election process and reviewed the slate of officers.
 - b. Motion to accept the slate by Rona Poppin and Tonia Luk seconded. Unanimous vote of 20 for approval. None opposed.
 - c. Mary Lozano opened the floor for VP Membership, VP Fundraising, President-elect and Treasurer-elect. There was explanation about the president-elect and treasure-elect positions and that perhaps the vacant positions can be held in the fall for these positions.
- VI. Officer Reports
 - VP Membership

- Tonia Luk gave the Membership report. There are 235 members. There was a 60% increase in membership from the previous year. We are hoping to create a family bundle to incentivize members in August
- b. VP Fundraising
- Jennifer Strohm gave the Fundraising report. The Fun Run raised over \$15k. We are looking for people to help with the Fun Run next school year.
 - She is also working on 5th grade promotion.
- c. VP Programs Report
- Danielle Snowflack gave the report; trying to gather volunteers for International Night; hopes to plan for fall.
 - Afterschool programs- She would like to bring these onsite. We need volunteers for the end of the year picnic.
- d. Communications Report
- Nicole Retterer stated all of our communications channels grew. Increased by 60-70 on the email list. We moved to Mail Chimp but are back to Square Space. Over 400 members on Facebook. We also have a Dojo account. She discussed the challenges around translation
 - There was a discussion with ideas such as offering SSL for translation or using Google Translate and then having someone translate
- e. Delegates Report
- Ansalan Stewart stated that MCCPTA and Board of Education are hosting a Central Area Meeting on May 15th, 6:00-8:00pm at Wootton High School. More information is on the BRES PTA website.
 - Calandra Tate Moore stated MCCPTA held their elections and have one more meeting.
 - Ansalan is on Rockville education commission- get city leaders involved in our schools, community building, developing 10 concrete things. Send suggestions to ansalan.stewart@gmail.com
 - There was discussion about the overcrowding issue.
- f. NAACP Parents Council Report
- Calandra Tate Moore gave an update stating the Parents Council had their first meeting in February in person and also met at the end of April.
 - Discussed the anti-racist audit and how the information will get out to the community. Mrs. West will work with parents on the audit. Parents can volunteer to review the data.
 - Ansalan Stewart will serve as the NAACP PC representative for the 2023-2024 school year.
- VII. Announcements
- Field Day
 - Mrs. Tate Moore announced BRES received the Mental Health grant. Mrs. West will send out information about the walking club and the counselors will give information out for the summer. We will also have give aways.
- VIII. Admin Updates –Mrs. Katie West & Mrs. Melissa Goldberg
- MCAP testing updates and MAP tests
 - Summer school will be a local summer program with the 4 schools in our cluster.
 - There may be an issue with a summer school who may not be able to provide lunch. Parents are encouraged to advocate for this issue.
 - Planning sit and see with communities—Woodmont and Tower Oaks

Meeting adjourned ~ 8:15pm