

Bayard Rustin Elementary School PTA Membership Meeting

October 5, 2021 Via Zoom Teleconference

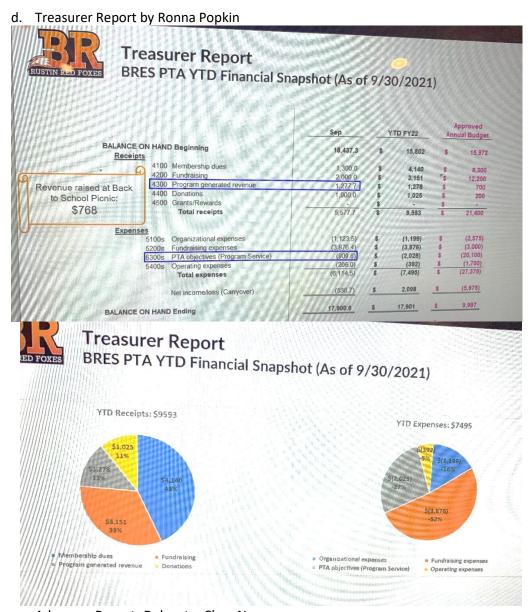
I. Attendance

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

- Grace Adjouko Mimi Goitom Shadi Mohktar Jennifer Strohm Joie Ashworth Calandra Moore **Katie West** Mina Gita* Andria Apostolou Moto g power Patti Westenberg (2021)Mindy Chong Chau Nguyen 🤴 Gabriela **Becky Chou** Melissa Tiffany Nguyen Wijegunawardena Goldberg Fiordaliza Peralta Vikie Chiou Saminda Sarah Headley Wijegunawardena Amanda Innes Jess Perkins Julia Elam Crystal Kelly Sarah Yeh Cory Perry Nancy Keller Wen Yi-Jung **ESM Phone** Ronna Popkins Mr. King-Shaw Weirong Zhu Stacy Field Manda Richards **Amber Koplow** Zoom User 🦺 Leydi Fig Ruth Steinmetz // Ellen Lanier Sarah Getty Paula Tully Phil Kuljurgis **Shannon Weaver**
- II. Call to Order/Welcome PTA President, Jennifer Strohm
 - a. Called to order at 6:33pm

III. Officers Reports

- a. Approval of Minutes- Secretary's Report-Secretary, Julia Elam
 - i. Julia Elam read the minutes from the last meeting on September 9, 2021.
 - ii. Mindy Chong made a motion to approve the minutes and Mimi Goitom seconded the motion. 15 members approved.
- b. President's report--. Upcoming Events
 - i. Walk to School Day- 10/6
 - ii. Book Fair at BRES- need volunteers
 - iii. Book Fair Carnival and Family Picture Night 10/14, 4:30-7
 - iv. Dine Out Night @ Panera 10/18, 5-9pm
 - v. Fall Festival
- c. Membership Report Membership Chair, Mindy Chong
 - 147 members, 61 families, 51 individuals, 35 teachers and staff. Our goal is 280 members.



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.

MCCPTA's Draft Advocacy Priorities. Please reach out if you have further ideas or priorities. https://www.msspta.org/advocacy-priorities

- The link to the Gender Equity in Sports survey:
 https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OLOSports

 BRES Representation has been requested in MCCPTA 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.

- ii. Pool testing next week at Bayard Rustin. It is a random sampling so everyone who signed up will not be selected.
- iii. West recognized the bus issues.
- iv. 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

- a. Dr. Hart of Hart Pediatrics posts information about COVID-10 among kids on a Facebook page.
- b. 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.
- c. Vaccine for children- Pfizer is reviewing the vaccine. If they approve, mid-November is an estimated time it would be available
- d. 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

- a. Mrs. Wijegunawardena is a Public Health Nurse and Lyme disease patient.
- b. According to the CDC, there are 500,000 new cases of Lyme disease each year. There was a 15% increase in ticks in 2021.
- c. EPA-approved repellant should be used. Picardin is good for clothes/skin. Permethrin is good for clothes only. She discussed prevention measures s 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

- a. The next meeting is November 2, 2021. Ms. Jeffcott will discuss digital citizenship curriculum and internet safety.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm