Bayard Rustin Elementary School PTA Membership Meeting

September 7, 2022 Via Zoom Teleconference

I. Attendance (50 participants)

Andria	Carla's iphone	Mikaela Ober Schuster
Saniya Anwar	Christina Lachance	Danielle R Snowflack
Anastasia Aksyuk	Ellyn Lanier	Susan's iPhone
Ursula Bell	Aesah Lew	Vikie
Jimmy Bopp	Haiying Li	301-613-1628
Andrea and Ernie Corrales	Thomas Lincoln	Ansalan Stewart
Julia Elam	Jessica Mark	Jen Strohm
Stella & Cassidy	Mara Miller	Tiffany Tam
Yenrue Chen	Meng	Paula Tully
Rebecca Chou	Lindsay, Dara and Holton mom	Kate Vendemio
Rekha Dhanwani	Adrienne Malickson	Shelley R. Wernick
Julia Elam	Calandra Tate Moore	Kathryn West
Leydi Fig	Anna Pilchtchikov	Patti Westenberg
Melissa Goldberg	Olga Pogarska	Saminda Wijegunawardena
Julie Heister	Nicole Retterer	Mark and Becky Plante
Crystal Kelly	Manda Richards	Sarah Yeh
Thanya Krueger	MC	

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

II. President's Report

- Patti introduced herself as President of the PTA. She introduced our theme of "Make Magic Happen" and discussed after school programs that support the PTA. We are looking for ways to reach families that do not speak English or Spanish. We would like to provide translation services.
- She also reviewed our general calendar of upcoming events and how we plan for volunteers. Back to School Night is the next big event and our Back to School Picnic is on September 23. We will have a magician, bounce houses and food trucks available for food purchases.
- She demonstrated her duties as President such as organizing Room Parent volunteers. She showed the Sign-Up Genius and how people can sign up to volunteer for Back to School Picnic.

III. Membership Report

- Tonia Luk reviewed the memberships. There are 90 Family Memberships, 43 Individual Memberships, and 48 Teacher/Staff Membership
- Tonia drew the name for the t-shirt drawing, and Haiying Li, who was present, won a t-shirt.

IV. VP Program Report

 Danielle Snowflack (VP Programs) reviewed programming. We are reviving the Wellness Committee—dedicated to encouraging healthy awareness and fitness activities. <u>programs@brespta.org</u>. would like to get the Committee started as early as October She reviewed before/after school activities. The website has the activities and there is a QR code and tiny URL that people can use to sign up.

Patti stated that Also Danielle is working on an assembly for Hispanic Heritage Month

V. Secretary's Report

Julia reported on the Bylaws passed in May 2022, and that two new positions were added,
 President-elect and Treasurer-elect.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Ronna presented the Budget for the year.





- Ronna Popkin reviewed what we are proposing for the 2022 Budget to be approved.
- Calandra Tate Moore asked about the amount for shade. The amount is in the school and teacher support. It shows up in the \$14,5000. These dollars are in support of students and the school.
- Jennifer asked if we are including the stipends for the Room Parents. Ronna clarified it is under class celebrations.

Someone asked when the shade will be installed. Mrs. West explained the umbrellas have been purchased with additional tables. Those were purchased in the summer and BRES will be reimbursed through the PTA. They are expecting them to be delivered in October. The next step is a longer process for the shade structure. Mrs. West clarified that the shade structure is allowed to be purchased. We voted to order the table and umbrellas first with the possibility that portables would come in. We have to go through the approved vendor and the shade has to be hurricane rated.



Vote on the Budget

Paula Tully made a motion to pass the budget. Danielle Snowflack seconded the motion.



Election for Treasurer

- Manda Richards ran to replace Weirong and has been working alongside Weirong.
- Jennifer Strohm moved to nominate Manda Richards.
- Patti Westenberg seconded the motion. The question was posed to the General body whether anyone had nominations from the floor and no one ran.
- 42 participants voted in support of Manda Richards.

VI. Delegate's Report

• Calandra Tate Moore and Ansalan Stewart reported on advocacy activities.



National PTA Grant Opportunities

**Proposals due 9/27

- PTA Healthy Minds Equip parents to help children with mental health and social emotional learning
- PTA Connected Host discussions with families about digital safety
- Mary Lou Anderson Reflections Arts Enhancement
- STEM Engineering Design Challenge
- Family Reading Experience Expand access to books and diverse libraries

Ansalan mentioned the committees that people may be a part of in MCCPTA.

VII. Principal's Report

- Mrs. West discussed Volunteer opportunities. She stated that we have a list of opportunities and she
 will send out an announcement on Friday and in a newsletter about the training and how people can
 sign up.
- The kids are still using outdoor spaces for lunch, Lunch Bunch, Friendship groups, student support groups—courtyard and amphitheater will also be used for students.
- Covid tests- That is the last round of universal covid tests that will go out. It was asked when kindergarteners will stop going to the gym before class. Mrs. West explained it will be a transition.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm

^{*}Reach out to Delegate@brespta.org if interested in spearheading a proposal

Submitted by Julia Elam, BRES PTA Secretary