

## Bayard Rustin Elementary School PTA



### General Membership Meeting Agenda November 8, 2023 7PM VIA ZOOM

Attendance: 37 ZOOM attendees

**I. Meeting called to order at 7:06PM when slideshow began**

**II. President's Report**

- A. Newsletter went out this week with upcoming events
- B. 4th annual family fun night scheduled for December 6th 6-8PM
  1. We will receive percentage of entry sales at ice rink and dine out profits
  2. Requesting help for Scavenger Hunt for free activity (Rebecca Robins volunteered- Thank you!)
  3. Staff Appreciation - help needed, but can't say what it is
  4. Pop Up book shop was very successful last year and planning again for spring- sold over 1300 books - great to get books to kids in an affordable way and fundraise and declutter
  5. Fun Run Committee forming - company handles a lot - please volunteer

**III. Principal Updates**

- A. Welcome! Glad to have this hybrid option this year with both in person and ZOOM
- B. Parent Teacher Conferences have begun as report cards are finalized and going out this week - Please schedule your conferences to receive and share information - this is an opportunity to partner in your child's success at school
- C. Open House scheduled this Friday is a throwback to normal times in MCPS- for those who aren't familiar, this is an opportunity to observe your child in action at school without programming - open hours are 9:30-11am with a PTA mixer (coffee & snacks)
- D. Lost and NOT Found items will be placed along the hallway during the open house - please get any missing items before they are bagged & donated to those in need
- E. Bayard Rustin is continuing the tradition of Family Thanksgiving dinner on November 30th from 6-7:30pm we will set up tables, dress up, and break bread together
- F. Updates on Portables (kids are learning a lot about construction!!!). Timeframe is dependent on permits from the city of Rockville, but hopefully progress by winter break. Wiring is being put in for communication and cameras along with ADA compliant decking. Recess continues during the construction with roped off areas for safety. No grade level programs are moving, but looking into niche programs like compacted math, art and or music at this time.

**IV. Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from September**

- A. Motion by Adina Braun and Seconded by Lauren Bopp
- B. A majority vote was documented of the 37 attendees through hand raising well over our quorum of 15 votes. Minutes were approved and available on brespta.org website under PTA documents September Meeting Minutes. Thank you!

**V. Treasurer Report**

- A. Book Fair was a success!
- B. We have stable operating costs from our membership and are able to do more with fundraising to meet extra financial responsibilities
- C. Continuing to earmark funds needed for shade structures

**VI. Delegates' Report**

- A. Montgomery County Council of PTAs met with advocates and City Council to discuss priorities. Priority topics submitted include:
  - 1. Support PTAs as they work to regain nonprofit status
  - 2. Review language immersion parities
  - 3. EPA and Capital Improvement Program to provide healthy schools and access for students
  - 4. Involving and informing families regarding construction
- B. Next Steps
  - 1. Reconvene on November 8th
  - 2. MCCPTA VP will work with PTAs on nonprofit Status
  - 3. Advocating for equity between immersion programs
  - 4. Reach out to [delegate@brespta.org](mailto:delegate@brespta.org)

**VII. Programs Update**

- A. Heritage Assembly was exciting
- B. Thanks for Cultural & Heritage night participation!
- C. STEAM Fair being planned for Spring (hopefully timed with Lunar Eclipse)
  - 1. Need Judges
  - 2. Goldberg Mentor program was well liked last year
- D. Please give feedback on vendors/programs you like- tell Danielle and your friends!!
- E. February 29th - Rusty's Big Birthday Bash coming (every 4 years)

**VIII. Fill out the form at the end for raffle entry!**

- A. Thank you for Fox Box prize donations (Ask your kids about the golden hopper!!)

**IX. Meeting Adjourned: 7:41PM**