

## Bayard Rustin Elementary School PTA



### General Membership Meeting Agenda September 12, 2023 7:00pm

Attendance: 37 in person, 16 on ZOOM

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:09pm
  
- II. **President's Welcome ~ Upcoming Events**
  1. Fall Kick-Off Picnic Thursday, 9/21 4:30-6:30PM
    - a. All activities free in PTA budget for fun for everyone
    - b. Spiritwear is restocked - high demand
    - c. Events need helpers - please volunteer when you can (Bounce house Bouncers and Room Parents are needed)
  2. Early Release Friday 9/22 at 1:20PM
  3. No School 9/25
  4. Dine-outs are opportunities to raise funds for our school and meet up with friends
    - a. Wintergreen Chipotle dine out 9/26 - staff is coming! Raffle!!!
  5. Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly 9/29
    - a. Assembly is arranged and parents are welcome! (Time blocks TBA)
  6. Scholastic Book Fair SET UP PARTY 4PM 10/4
    - a. Scholastic is great - they send everything that is needed
    - b. Our goal is everyone gets a book
    - c. If you are interested in joining, please volunteer
    - d. Book Fair sales are 10/5-10/13 in the Media Center
  7. Bringing International Night back to BRES 10/11 6-7:30
    - a. Our greatest strength is our diversity (#1 ES in Maryland!)
    - b. This is an opportunity to share and enjoy our cultural diversity through posters, performances, and food
  8. Fall Picture Day reminder 10/18
  9. Fall Festival/Halloween Celebration will be 10/31 this year
  
- III. **Principal's Welcome & Update**
  1. Thank you for the best Back to School Nights!
    - a. School provided upgrades to allow for greater access with busing and childcare allowing for many voices
    - b. Please review the asynchronous content shared on BTSN
    - c. 400 evaluations were submitted!
  2. Wednesday Folders are full of information about after school programs and calendar with dates of events - please let us know of any feedback & questions

#### **IV. NAACP Parents Council**

1. Building a Strong Connected Community (IceBreaker- Where the Wind Blows)
2. Who we are
  - a. Oldest and largest civil rights organization
  - b. The NAACP PC is a subcommittee of the NAACP Education Committee
  - c. Focus on inclusion and meaningful representation
  - d. MCPS schools each have a representative at county-level PC
  - e. MCPS schools often have school-based PCs
3. What we will do at BRES
  - a. Support equal education for all children
  - b. Increase school engagement with parents/guardians of minority students
  - c. Help BRES achieve it's wellness goals and foster a culture of inclusion
  - d. Provide a forum for encouragement, information sharing, positive motivation and advocacy
4. How to Join (in-person sign up sheet provided)
  - a. Please email: [BRES.NAACP.PC@gmail.com](mailto:BRES.NAACP.PC@gmail.com)

#### **V. Committee Reports**

1. Communications Report
  - a. Facebook - 426 members (9% increase since Jan 2023)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/brespta>
  - b. Email - 576 subscribers (7% increase since Jan 2023)
  - c. Open rate for newsletter 68% and click rate 31%  
<http://brespta.org/newsletter-su>
  - d. Very New YouTube Channel - check it out!  
<https://tinyurl.com/BRESPTAYouTube>
  - e. Communications will continue to cross post on all available platforms to engage and include all (will investigate rogue groups- we have arrived)
  - f. Please complete post-meeting survey  
<https://forms.gle/DcCxBWvLrwL8Ya568>
2. Program's Update
  - a. After school activities are enrolling
    1. If you are interested in a program it is important that you enroll
    2. Programs provide opportunities for our children - many favorite programs are returning
    3. Scholarships are available when enrollment minimums are fulfilled - please reach out to Danielle [programs@brespta.org](mailto:programs@brespta.org)
    4. Only non-profit organizations can provide flyers in school folders, please check the website for full list of providers  
<https://www.brespta.org/after-school-programs>
    5. 4th & 5th instrumental practice is during school hours
    6. Please work with your kids and their teachers on learning their new dismissal schedule as you add after school activities

3. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Raised \$4,290 on membership and spiritwear
  - b. Software like Money Minder and Jotform help the PTA to manage info
  - c. Setting aside funds for large shade project
  - d. Effort to budget and provide for school-wide benefit
  - e. Grant funding is possible and has been done (Healthy Minds National)
  - f. Our PTA provides teacher reimbursements for our staff members  
(Principal West provides a special thank you for that as not all PTAs offer this)
  - g. Even with \$51,650 budgeted spending there is still over \$3K left
4. Vote on proposed budget:
  - a. Danielle Snowflack made a motion
  - b. Lauren Bopp seconded the motion
  - c. Passed with quorum of 24 votes
5. Delegate Report
  - a. National Reflections Art Program
    1. PTA sponsored Arts competition for students
    2. Interested participates and anyone seeking a role in organizing contact Julia or Ansalan  
[delegate@brespta.org](mailto:delegate@brespta.org)
  - b. MCPS Girls Summit
    1. Saturday October 21, 2023 9am-1pm at Clarksburg High School
      - a. District-wide students (3rd-12th) with caregivers
      - b. English & Spanish sessions to
      - c. empower girls, expose them to vital skills and information, networking, and activities
  - c. MCPS Curriculum Advisory Committees
    1. MCCPTA is seeking representatives to hear about developments in curriculum and programs to provide feedback
      - a. 4 virtual meetings 9/28, 11/30, 2/8, & 4/25 (4:15-6PM)
      - b. Email [curriculum@mccpta.org](mailto:curriculum@mccpta.org) for interest
  - d. Hey Rockville! Podcast features Richard Montgomery Cluster
    1. Episode regarding PTA involvement and MCCPTA relationship
6. Room Parents Needed!
  - a. Opportunity to get to know the teacher and classroom
  - b. Help with fall festival & valentines celebrations and teacher appreciation
  - c. Orientation and guide provided
  - d. Sign Up! <https://docs.google.com/.../1VpoZaNzITVkw0CVZv.../edit>

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10PM