

Bayard Rustin Elementary School PTA



General Membership Meeting Agenda

April 9, 2024
7PM VIA ZOOM

- I. **Meeting called to order at 7:03**

- II. **Principal's Welcome**
 - A. Awesome STEAM Fair and Eclipse
 - B. Forms coming home to complete regarding teacher placement - what does your child need to thrive?
 - C. Fun Run on the horizon - largest fundraiser
 - D. Staffing season - allocated number of teachers contingent upon enrollment
 - E. Testing Season - Mrs. Goldberg - kids should be well rested and are encouraged to try their best

- III. **President's Report**
 - A. 26 attendees at present
 - B. Thank you for everything there is a lot going on
 - C. Fun Run in full swing!
 1. We are at 50% of our goal in 9 days - donations from 28 states so far
 2. Prizes include pizza, chick-fil-a, crocs/stanley cup, sky zone passes, nintendo switch and more
 - D. Volunteer opportunities are being posted
 - E. Elections were moved up to April to begin training
 - F. Staff Appreciation week is coming - need ideas and volunteers
 - G. Field Day is also being scheduled

- IV. **February Meeting Minutes Review and Approval**
 - A. Erika Melcher called to approve minutes at 7:15PM
 - B. Nicole Retterer seconded the motion
 - C. Minutes were approved with 18 raised hands counted

- V. **Programs Update**
 - A. Exciting PTA funded assemblies were provided this year
 - B. STEAM Fair Expo was wonderful and looking for more involvement next year
 - C. International Night Committee needed for fall of next year
 - D. After school activities have spots available (looking for a dedicated volunteer to manage)

VI. Treasurer's Report

- A. It was an honor to be treasurer for the last 2 years and she will continue to help
- B. 8K in membership and donations, well funded with \$32K, 25K saved for shade
- C. Teachers please submit for reimbursement before the end of the year

VII. Delegate's Review of Advocacy

- A. Parity among language immersion programs at different elementary schools
- B. Students in immersion programs to have access to enriched literacy
- C. Funding to implement EPA recommendations for healthy air in schools
- D. Parents to have meaningful input in school improvement plans
- E. Greater transparency for advanced classes and special education placements
- F. Issues related to hate bias incidents in MCPS middle schools

VIII. Communications Report

- A. Growth of our channels and increased traffic show a larger, more engaged BRES community!
- B. FB members and email subscribers have increased from 2023
- C. 1500 Parents and BRES staff on ClassDojo
- D. Web traffic has increased 20% from last school year

IX. Elections for the 2024-2025 PTA Board

- A. Kate Vendemio requested only voting members
- B. The 2024-2025 Slate was presented and called for a vote by Kate Vendemio
- C. 2024-2025 Slate was approved with 21 votes
- D. From the floor Nicole Retterer nominated VP of Communications and Delegates - 26 hands approved
- E. We have a full board for 2024-2025!!!

President: Sheena Austin

VP of Programs: Erika Melcher

VP of Membership: Annabelle Smith

VP of Fundraising: Danielle Snowflack

VP of Communications: Maggie Spak

Secretary: Anne Tallent

Treasurer: Mina Muller

Delegates: Erin Schechter and Shawn Eum

X. Non-elected Positions Still available!

- A. Spirit Wear Manager
- B. After-School Activity Coordinator
- C. Room Parent Coordinator
- D. And more as needed...

XI. Upcoming meeting in May in person to celebrate outgoing & incoming Board

XII. Motion to adjourn 7:46PM, Anne Tallent, seconded by Danielle Snowflack