

**Daniel Bagley Elementary School**  
**PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25, 2017**

Meeting began at 6:40 with PTA Board Introductions  
Minutes from April were not approved due to their absence  
Spanish and Mandarin translators were introduced

**Update from Principal Carla Holmes:**

- Staffing and enrollment: Bagley currently has 430 students
- Class sizes are 18-26 students
- The district as a whole is under-enrolled, but our population is stable
  
- RULER Night: October 18<sup>th</sup> – will introduce the 4<sup>th</sup> Anchor (Blueprint for problem-solving), review Family Charter for those unfamiliar, updates for families who wish to revise their current Family Charter
  
- District-wide adoption of the new literacy program (Collaborative Classroom Literacy Program) emphasizes strong classroom libraries
  
- Safety update: Ms. Holmes is working with the district concerning risk management issues with Bagley's west fence. Wiring exists to install lights, and district representatives have come to take pictures of the current six-foot, deteriorating fence. Bagley will advocate for city resources to be used and for improvements to be implemented sooner than current projections.
  
- Principal's coffee will be the first Friday of each month, alternating mornings and afternoons to maximize opportunities for parents to attend.

**After School Program:** (Vicki Allgood – [vickiallgood@seattle.gov](mailto:vickiallgood@seattle.gov))

- For the past two years, the After School Program, managed by Seattle Arts and Recreation, has failed to break even. Many offered classes have been cancelled. Ms. Allgood encouraged parents to register early in order to avoid cancelled classes. She also encouraged parents to contact her office with ideas for new class offerings. 36 classes were offered for the first trimester, 25 of those were cancelled, leaving 11 classes currently. Financially, she expects that her office will only be able to support 6-7 classes per semester unless enrollment increases.

**Fundraisers:** (Carol Swales)

- Current fundraisers are Jogathon (**pledges due October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**), Chinook Books, Screenagers film (**trailer at [screenagers.org](http://screenagers.org)**)
- Literacy Night is November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will include a special one-day Book Fair, sponsored by Phinney Books. We will have Reading with Rover at Literacy Night this year – kids get a chance to read to dogs!

- Evergreen fundraiser is coming up. Wreaths are delivered soon after Thanksgiving.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Collins Grossman)

- Budget sheet outlining budgets for the past three years is available at the PTA website (link in the Bagley Buzz)
- We failed to reach our budget goals last year by about \$1000, mainly due to less Free Money income.
- We surpassed our goals in fundraising for the Jogathon and the Giving Campaign.
- Spending was also down last year, so we came out ahead overall.

**Question:** What was our net gain for last year?

**Answer:** Just under \$8000

**Question:** Will fence improvements be paid for by the PTA or by the District?

**Answer:** The District must be consulted. District contractor estimated (very roughly) \$25,000 to replace the fence. We could apply for grants, or have a special fundraising campaign.

However, Ms. Holmes is advocating for the use of Capital Funds, pressuring the District and the City to fulfill their obligation to keep students safe, since funds were allocated for amelioration of effects of the nearby homeless encampment, and some of the safety issues concerning the insufficient fencing and lighting may be related.

**Question:** Do we have a fundraising goal per family?

**Answer:** No official goal per family, but our fundraising targets equal approximately \$250 per student

**Membership and Communication:** (Natalie Sepulveda)

- We currently have 337 families participating in My School Anywhere
- We are missing Classroom Liaisons for a few teachers (\*Update: We now have Liaisons for every classroom\*)

**Legislative Update:** (Michael Muto – Legislative Liaison for Bagley and Eaglestaff)

- Advocacy opportunities will be updated in the Bagley Buzz, and they include:
  - Full funding of education
  - State-level PTA Legislative Assembly 10/20 & 10/21 in Olympia
  - Race and Justice in Education 10/20 & 10/21 in Seattle
  - Seattle PTSA survey addressing legislative priorities - there will be a link to this in the Bagley Buzz
  - 10/24 Rally on the Capitol Steps in Olympia during the Supreme Court hearing on the McCleary ruling

**BLT Update:** (Brooke Doyle & Jaqueline Shin)

- Intro to Building Leadership Team: BLT is a team of teachers, staff and parents who meet at least monthly to make decisions about school budgets, school policy, and use of Professional Development time, among other things.
- Bagley's CSIP (Continuous School Improvement Plan) will be finalized October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Homework policy is linked at the PTA website
- Positive Behavior posters are ready and are going up around the school

**Parent Education:** (Peyina Lin)

- Peyina is developing a survey exploring potential subjects and speakers, which may include:
  - How nutrition effects school performance
  - Parent support for conversations about political tension, sexuality, etc
  - Special Initiative grants
  - Other topics outside of school subjects

**Focus Groups:**

- Attendees split into groups of 4-6 to discuss three subjects:
  - Hopes & Dreams for your child
  - What is Bagley doing successfully?
  - What improvements can be made/what would be helpful?
- Some highlights from the focus groups were:
  - Hopes & Dreams: a school environment that fosters confidence among peers and a love of learning, strong bonds with teachers, and kindness within the school community
  - Successes: Specialists who know our students, good communication with parents, Jump Start and Boys & Girls Club, RULER, staff who are happy to be here, teaching kindness, PTA turnout and family events
  - Needed Improvements/Suggestions: More school-wide opportunity to give back to the community, reaching out to families who may feel disenfranchised, more technology, after-school care for Jump Start, Pictures of staff on website, meeting teachers prior to school starting, FAQ page on PTA website, Buddy program for new parents, school-wide science fair, developing a way for parents to know what kids are learning day-to-day (teacher blogs?), community continuity between Montessori & Contemporary programs, creating one central calendar, better integration of communication from the district level down to the building level

**Next General PTA Meeting  
Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:00pm**