Agenda

• Introduction
• LSAT, SIT, and Diversity Working Group Updates
• Proposed By-Laws Discussion and Vote
• Proposed 2018-19 PTA Budget Discussion and Vote
Support for Family Night
Shop for Brent

• Harris Teeter School Code: 7117

• [Sign up at escript.com](http://www.brentelementary.org/support-brent.html) (Group ID #: 11873183)

• Register your Safeway Club Card
Amazon Smile

• Go to smile.amazon.com

• Brent PTA gets 0.5% of each eligible purchase

• Robert Brent Parent Teacher Association has received $795.48 as of February 2018

Up over $200 since August
Important Dates

• Museum Night – Thursday, May 31

• Buy One, Get One Book Fair – June 4 - 7

• K – 2nd Talent Show – Tuesday, June 5

• Mr. Henry’s fundraiser – Wednesday, June 6 (70%!!!! of sales to toward the PTA

• 3rd – 5th Talent Show – Thursday, June 7
Important Dates

• DC Pride Parade – Saturday, June 9

• June PTA Meeting

• Last Day of School - Friday, June 15, will become a half-day for students with dismissal at 12:15 PM.
Local School Advisory Team

Brian Kirrane
LSAT

• It’s NOT just about budgeting!
  • The school has a budget, though...
  • Alphabet soup
  • Does the school work for you? Your kid spends 5-8 years here!
  • Connection to the community

• Structure and Election
  • 3 parent spots - election date TBD
  • Email candidate statements to Christina Muedeking at Christina.Muedeking@gmail.com starting NOW!
School Improvement Team

Ellen Psychas and Principal Lycknell
Brent Elementary School
Diversity Working Group
Brent Diversity Working Group

**Charter:** The Brent Diversity Working Group advances the school’s commitment to recognizing, respecting, valuing and promoting diversity by serving as a resource and liaison for students, families, staff and faculty on issues of equity through education, outreach and advocacy.

**Who:** All are welcome

**When:** Monthly meetings plus activities/events

**Where:** At Brent and in the community

**Why:** Diversity of Voices = Stronger Brent CommUNITY
Diversity Working Group

Coming Up Next

• DWG Meeting: Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 pm
  • Brainstorm supports for summer learning
  • Establish priorities for 2018-2019 & approve bylaws
  • Elect Chairperson, Secretary and Rising Tides Liaisons

• Kids’ Pride Parade Poster Party: Tuesday, June 5 at 3:30 pm

• Pride Parade: Saturday, June 9 at 4:00 pm
Diversity Working Group

Student Engagement
• Rising Tides Program; Summer Brain Gain Initiative; Diversity Bulletin Board

Social Events
• Mix It Up at Lunch Day; All School Unity Dance

Diverse Books
• School-wide Read Alouds; Classroom Library Audit/Growth

Parent/Community Engagement
• Martin Luther King Jr. Day March; International Night; Adult Book Club/Reading Group

[INSERT YOUR IDEAS HERE]
Diversity Working Group

We want YOU to join the Diversity Working Group!

Questions? Suggestions? Email Danielle@websterious.com
Updating the PTA Bylaws
Brent’s Current Bylaws

• Based off of the National PTA bylaws.
• Were adopted April 5, 2005 and amended in 2012.
• Dues are required to be part of the PTA and attend meetings.
• As a PTA, the Brent PTA owes 10% of its budget to the National PTA.
  • The National PTA has successfully sued groups that use the PTA name without fulfilling this requirement.

Therefore, the current PTA Board recommends dissolving this body and forming a new body to support Brent Elementary.
Timeline

• The dissolution process is projected to take a minimum of 2 years to complete.

• The existing organization must be closed out while the structure of the new organization is put into place.

• The Internal Revenue Service is likely to audit the Brent PTA as part of this process.

• While the financial components are being addressed, the legal paperwork to establish a new organization can be prepared.
# Major Changes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Current By-laws</th>
<th>Proposed By-laws</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>16 Parents (4 Officers, 12 At-Large), 2 Teachers, Principal (Does Not Vote)</td>
<td>12 Parents (All Officers), 2 Teachers, Principal (Does Not Vote)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The officer roles are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary</td>
<td>The officer roles are Co-Presidents, Co-Vice President, Co-Past Presidents, Co-Treasurer, Co-Secretaries, and Co-Community Liaisons</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The President is elected and serves a two-year term</td>
<td>Each year Co-Vice Presidents will be elected with the outgoing Co-VPs becoming Co-Presidents and the outgoing Co-Presidents become Co-Past Presidents</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All other officers are elected by the board and serve one year terms</td>
<td>All other officers are elected by the general members and serve off-set, two year terms</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Major Changes (cont)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Current By-laws</th>
<th>Proposed By-laws</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New PTA Board Members selected by the existing board</td>
<td>Nominating committee composed of the presidents, the Brent principal, three at large members, and one faculty representative</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Membership is only open to dues paying members</td>
<td>The Brent PTA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit persons to membership at any time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Brent Organization is tried directly to the National PTA</td>
<td>The Brent Organization is designed to be independent and separate from any national organization</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
What is not changing

• The purpose of the organization is support Brent
• The PTA Board is not the only way to be involved with the PTA or support Brent
• Most PTA Board meetings will be open to all parents
• Volunteers are key to everything that the PTA does for the school
Q&A
Vote on the By-laws
Next year’s PTA Board

• President: Ben Champa
• Past President: TBD
• Up for Election
  • Co-Vice Presidents (running as a team)
  • Co-Treasurers (a 1 year term and a 2 year term)
  • Co-Secretaries (a 1 year term and a 2 year term)
  • Co-Community Liaisons (a 1 year term and a 2 year term, one liaison must have been at the school for less than 2 years)

• The election will be held in the June PTA meeting
If you are interested in running...

Please contact Principal Lycknell or myself
2018-19 PTA Budget
The Goal of the PTA Budget

• To work in concert with the school’s budget to address the guiding principles developed during the strategic planning process.
  • Supporting Growth
  • Advancing the potential of every student
  • Become a strong field experience school
  • Strengthening specials
Projected Revenue Highlights

• Annual Fund and Tree Sale: Plan to bring in an additional $20K across these two fundraisers.
• Increase revenue for school store which has significantly increased the past two years.
• New pass-throughs (e.g. school sports teams and possible 5K fundraiser with feeders).
• Supply Fee will remain $125/student.
• Reduced the expected income from the Fall Festival to make it more of a community building event.
Projected Expense Highlights

• CIT Fellows Program replaced with DCPS-funded positions.
• An increase in technology upkeep and acquisition.
• Big, new socio-emotional investment in recess/learning through play.
• Library and curricular refreshes/equity.
• Planning for an increase in fundraising expenses.
• Furniture to support the larger student body.
• Funding for PTA audits.
Next Steps

• Review the proposed budget.
• Share any feedback.
• Vote to approve the budget at the May PTA General Meeting.
Q&A
Vote on the Budget