

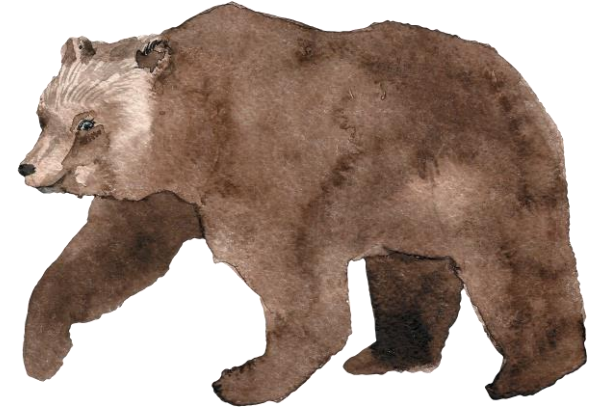


# Brent Elementary May PTA General Meeting

May 23, 2018

# Agenda

- Introduction
- LSAT, SIT, and Diversity Working Group Updates
- Proposed By-Laws Discussion and Vote
- Proposed 2018-19 PTA Budget Discussion and Vote

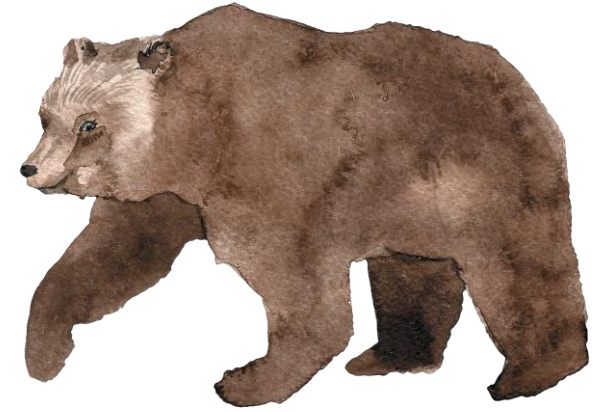


# Support for Family Night





# Shop for Brent



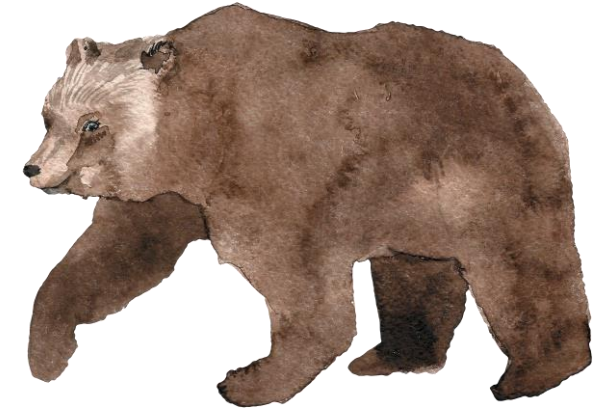
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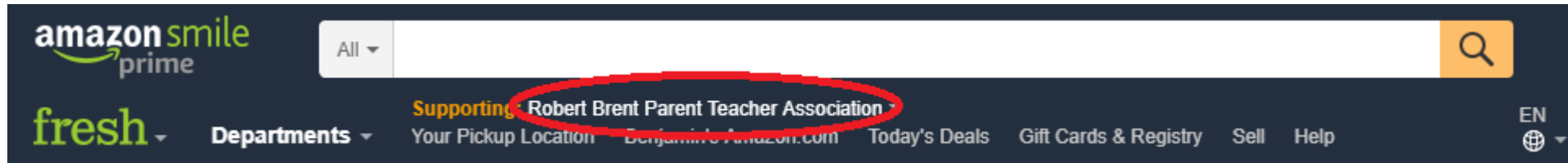
- [Sign up at escript.com](http://escript.com) (Group ID #: 11873183)
- Register your Safeway Club Card

<http://www.brentelementary.org/support-brent.html>


# Amazon Smile



- Go to smile.amazon.com



- Brent PTA gets 0.5% of each eligible purchase

-  Your current charity  
**Robert Brent Parent Teacher Association**  
has received

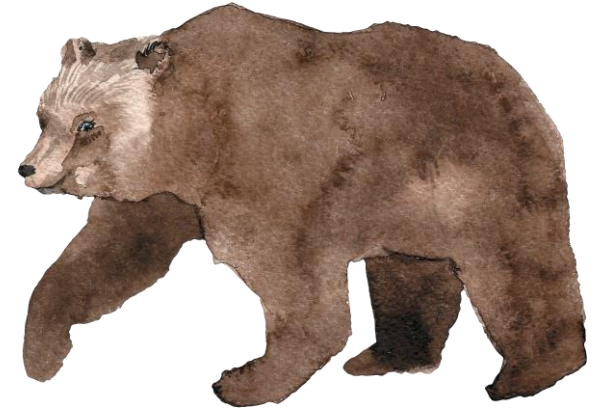
**\$795.48**  
as of February 2018



Up over  
\$200 since  
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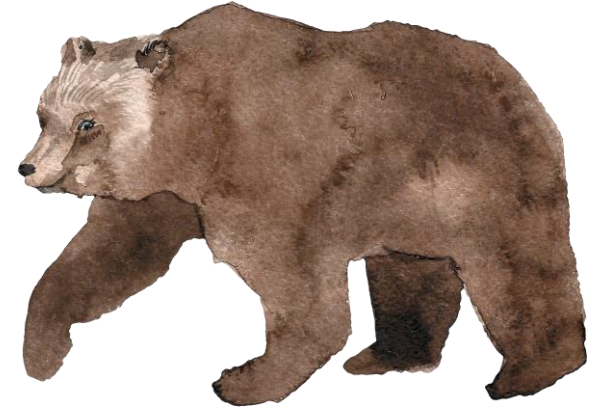
# Important Dates

- Museum Night – Thursday, May 31
- Buy One, Get One Book Fair – June 4 - 7
- K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Talent Show – Tuesday, June 5
- Mr. Henry's fundraiser – Wednesday, June 6 (70%!!!! of sales to toward the PTA)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Christina.Muedeking@gmail.com) starting NOW!



# School Improvement Team

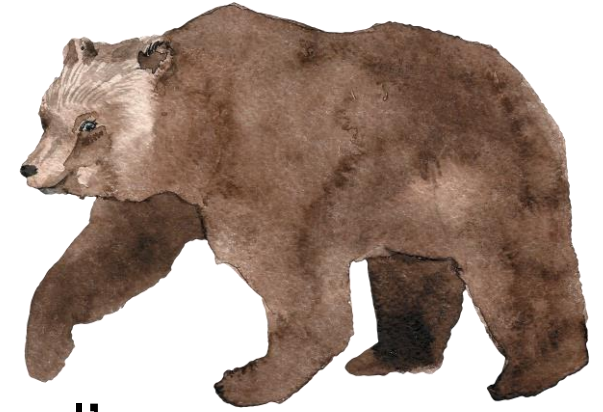
Ellen Psychas and Principal Lycknell





**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

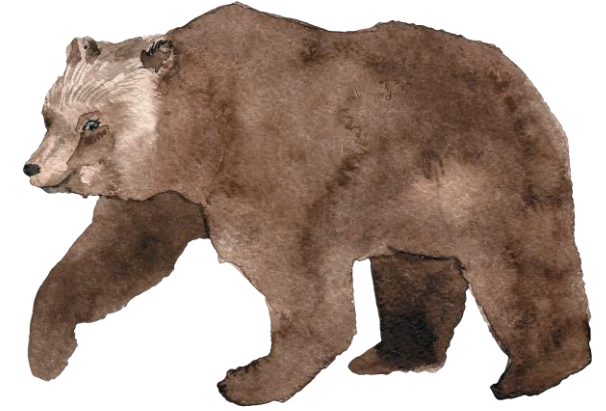
**When:** Monthly meetings plus activities/events

**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

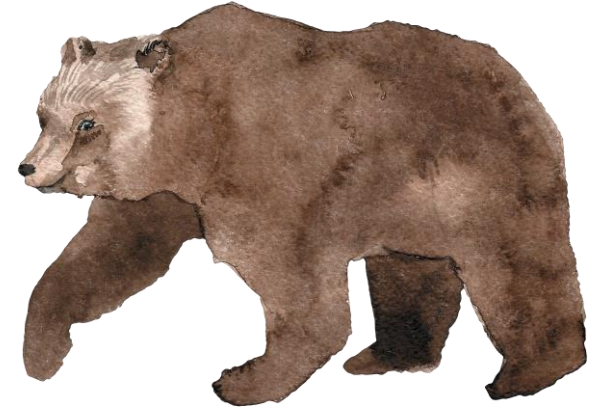
- School-wide Read Alouds; Classroom Library Audit/Growth

## 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!**

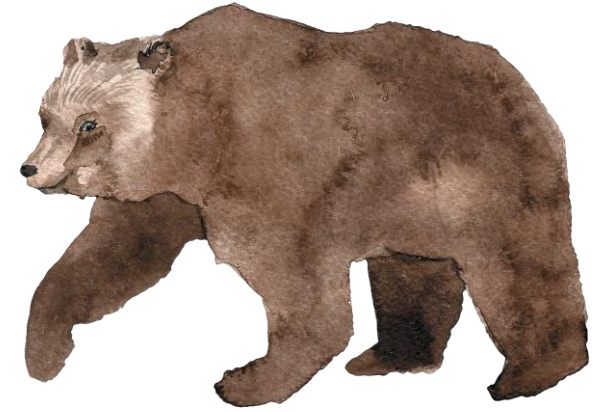
Questions? Suggestions? Email [Danielle@websterious.com](mailto:Danielle@websterious.com)



# Updating the PTA Bylaws



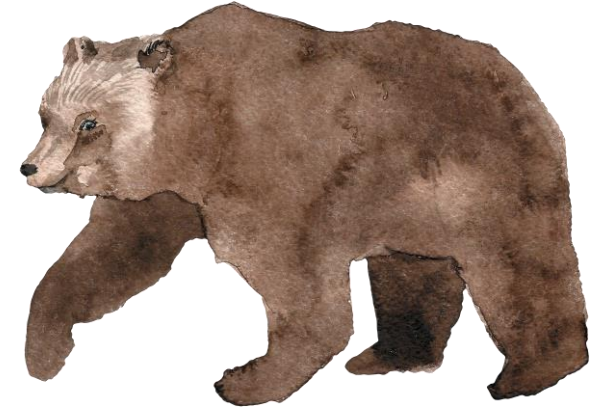
# Brent's Current Bylaws



- 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



Current By-laws	Proposed By-laws
16 Parents (4 Officers, 12 At-Large), 2 Teachers, Principal (Does Not Vote)	12 Parents (All Officers), 2 Teachers, Principal (Does Not Vote)
The officer roles are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary	The officer roles are Co-Presidents, Co-Vice President, Co-Past Presidents, Co-Treasurers, Co-Secretaries, and Co-Community Liaisons
The President is elected and serves a two-year term	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
All other officers are elected by the board and serve one year terms	All other officers are elected by the general members and serve off-set, two year terms

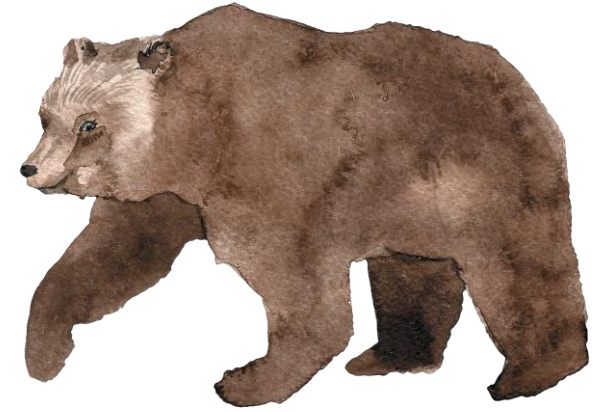
# Major Changes (cont)



Current By-laws	Proposed By-laws
New PTA Board Members selected by the existing board	Nominating committee composed of the presidents, the Brent principal, three at large members, and one faculty representative
Membership is only open to dues paying members	The Brent PTA shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but may admit persons to membership at any time.
The Brent Organization is tied directly to the National PTA	The Brent Organization is designed to be independent and separate from any national organization



# 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



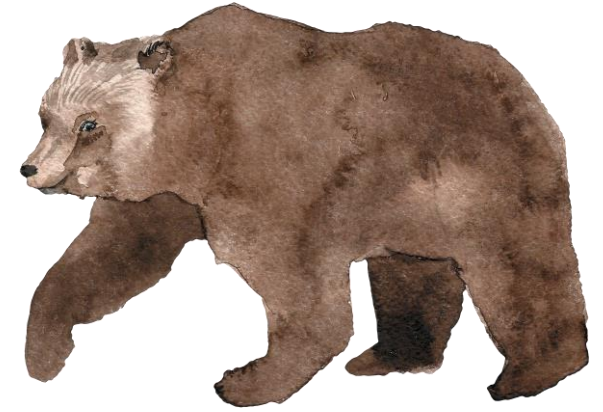
Q&A





Vote on the By-laws

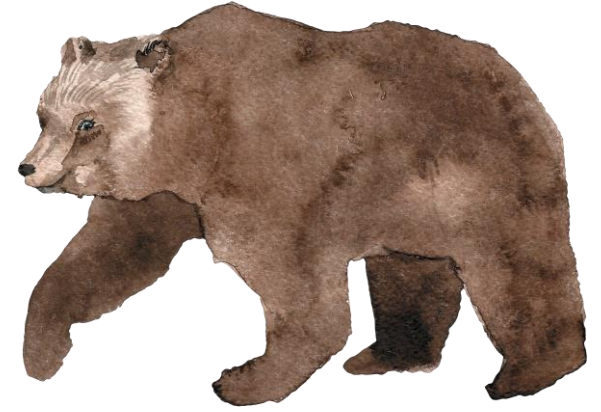
# Next year's PTA Board



- 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...

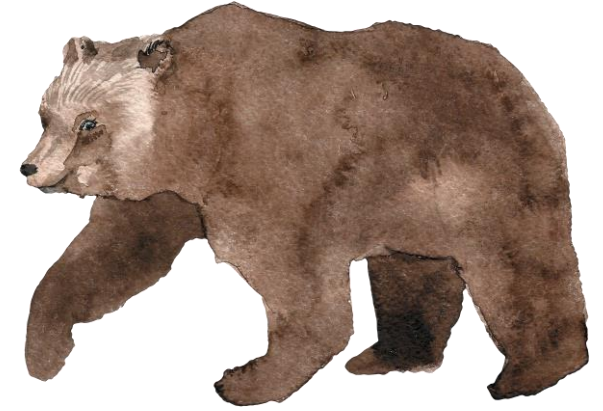


Please contact Principal Lycknell or myself



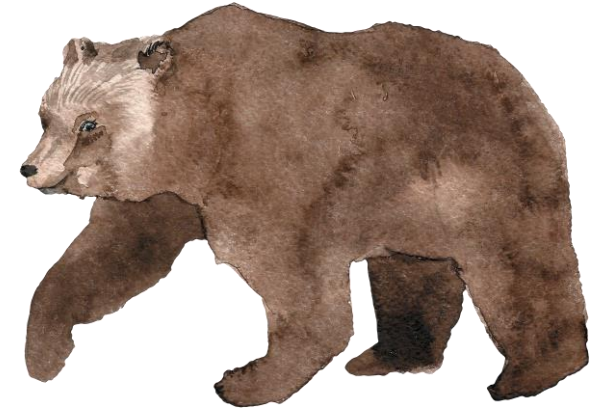
# 2018-19 PTA Budget

# 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.



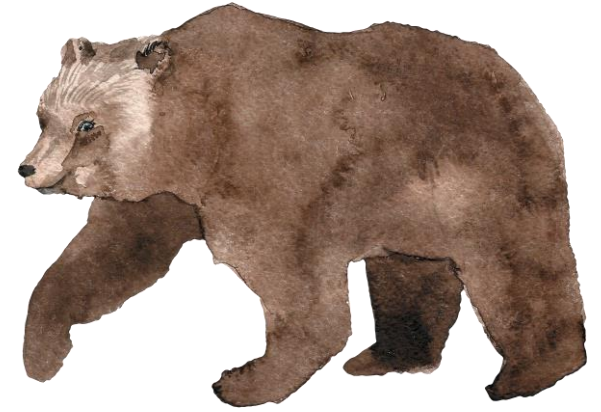
# Projected Expense Highlights



- 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