

Bret Harte Elementary School

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LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL January 13, 2021 (Via Zoom) Bret Harte Elementary School

- 1 Call to Order** by the Chairperson, Ms. Walker at: 6:08 PM_
- 2. Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted by Mr. Bright.

___P___ Charles Bright (Principal)	_Ab___ Audrey Anderson (Parent)
___P___ Kristina Lawson (Teacher)	Vacancy
___P___ Kendrea Williams (Teacher)	Vacancy
___P___ Aiko Hibino	___P___ Kara Hill (Parent)
	P. Erica Walker (Parent)
___P___ Lorraine Richardson (Community Rep)	Ab. Darryl Williams (Parent)
___P___ Accesshia White (Non-Teacher)	

3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hibino requested to add “school reopening” as a standing meeting agenda item.

Motion: Ms. Hibino. Seconded: Ms. White

4. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Ms. Hibino suggested that the meeting notes should be sent in advance to all board members so that people have a chance to review them prior to the start of the meeting. Ms. Richardson agreed to this and stated that going forward this will be our policy.

Motion: Ms. E. Walker. Seconded: Ms. K . Lawson
All Approved

Organizational is key; it is not always easy to give both camps equal amount of time

She said that her room felt very sterilized, and that she is thinking of fun ways to make it child friendly

She said that patience is key and that protocols are only as good as the people who follow them.

Ms. Turley said that flexibility, and patience are key and they we must allow grace for all the ongoing changes.

PAC Update: Mr. Bright - At the last meeting U of C made a presentation on asthma prevention.

Ms. Herring said that attendance is still low at the PAC meetings

The next meeting will be on Tue. 1/19 and they will be planning a Paint and Sip for parents

- **FOBHE Update**– Ms. Hibino

- The campaign reached its goal and has raised over \$15,000 and has decided to close its COVID campaign
- This organization is ready to be led by a parent,
 - Ms. Walker asked if any PAC members might want to lead.
- Ms. Hibino said that everyone who donates gets added to our mailing list
- Ms. Walker said that she would try to get more Harte alumni involved; since she knows some.

8. Old Business

- We still need to answer questions regarding the google doc from last meeting, this will be tabled for now

9. New Business

- We will be tabling fundraiser and budget transfers until Feb. due to technological difficulties
- School Reopening
 - Ms. Hibino mentioned that around 58 local LSCs have voted to send a letter to CPS over concerns for CPS reopening to plans and she asked us if Bret Hart wanted to do the same
 - Everyone was in agreement, people do have concerns with the age of our building, the limited number of bathrooms, overbearing our 2 custodial with the new cleaning protocols.

- Teachers felt overwhelmed as well with the faculty amenities and felt that they would be spending the majority of their day wiping down surfaces to keep up with the recommended cleaning protocols.
- Also Ms. Turley said that it would hard working with students face-to-face because if they are required to be in the building then they wouldn't be able to take off their masks.
- A special session has been called for Wed. 1/20 at 5:30pm and Ms. Walker, Ms. Fido, Mr. Bright, Ms. Hibino and Ms. Turley will work on the draft letter. Ms. Hibino will work on the agenda for this special meeting and also send out a calendar invite

10.Set Agenda for next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wed. 2/10

- We will take another look at the vacant positions
- The reopening strategy
- Budget Transfers

11. Adjournment Time

At 7:35pm Ms. Walker motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Hibino 2nd this motion.
All Approved.

Minutes by Kara Hill and Lorraine Richardson