

Blair PTSA General Membership Meeting
April 20, 2021
6:00pm via Zoom

- I. Minutes from March 16, 2021 approved

- II. Treasurer Report
 - A. There was not a lot of activity.
 - B. Mini-grants and dues were paid out.

- III. Officer Nominations from the floor? None presented

- IV. Principal's Report - Ms. Johnson
 - A. Students are back in the building. Administrators and staff are working hard to ease the transition and keep everyone safe.
 - B. Efforts taken to make virtual students feel included.
 - C. SAT - given last week. Make up day is 4/27.
 - D. Class of 2021:
 - 1. Graduation - will happen on June 2nd at Blair at 9:00am (rain dates are 6/2 at 6:00pm or 6/3 at 9:00am).
 - 2. Waiting to see about number of guests for graduation.
 - 3. Yard signs delivered.
 - 4. Senior SSL hours were waived.
 - E. Athletes - celebrated last week
 - F. Sankofa - series of videos are available.
 - G. Kindness Corner - provides lots of items.
 - H. Lunch is free every day. Also breakfast and light supper.
 - I. Summer school information is coming soon.

- V. Presentation on Systemic Racism and Systemic Change
 - A. National PTSA Position Statement on Addressing Systemic or Institutional Racism (Frances):
 - 1. The PTA is an advocacy organization dealing with issues from the local level to the national level. Goal is to make sure kids have access to equitable education.
 - 2. Last year put forth a Statement on Racial Inequity and Injustice in America.
 - a) PTA plans to pursue activities that will help them advocate for children and for improvements in the school system. They will educate themselves and communities about inequity and injustices in schools.
 - B. Student Panel - Five students shared their experiences at Blair
 - C. Break out rooms for discussion

D. Discussion and Debrief (Mr. Culver):

- a) Research on the benefits of diverse, integrated classrooms
- b) Currently, Black and Brown students referred for on-level classes at a higher rate, even those students with high scores.
- c) Next year - Equity Scheduling Non-leveled course pilot. English 9, Geometry, US/Modern World History, and Biology will run non-levels course. All students in the classes will have access to honors - level curricula and opportunity to earn honors credit.