

Byrom PSO General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19, 2023 | Time: 6:30pm | Location: Byrom Library

Attendees: Brooke Avil, Darin Barnard, Eileen Brandt, Lisa Burton, Kelley Cameron, Matt Coleman, Kailina Don, Krystle Gard, Caitlyn Givenz, Jarvis Gomes, Candie Hotchkiss, Penny Kovach, Lisa Leyshock, Lisa Love, Traci Rose, Allaire Rosenthal, Christine Simoes, Lindsey Stephens, Megan Vassar

Principal's Report

- First round of iReady testing is underway. Teacher goal setting for the year will be based on the iReady data, with 5-8% improvement targets.
- Construction will continue until at least March 2024. Safety drills are being planned with construction zones in mind.

Treasurer's Report

- School supplies for this year were purchased, as well as preemptive purchases for next year.
- Current account balance is \$130,000.

Classroom request for headphones

- Teacher Lisa Leyshock was in attendance to request funds for new headphones for students.
- Earbuds were provided to students for iReady testing, which have been breaking and popping out of ears in the 1st grade classrooms.
- Preferred headphones are \$11/pair, with potential for better pricing with a bulk purchase.
- Total number of headphones needed will be collected by Lisa and provided to Kelley.
- It was proposed and passed that a vote on funding of up to \$1,500 for headphones will take place at the next PSO meeting on October 17, 2023.

Volunteer Coordinator update

- Volunteer sign ups are in progress for all upcoming events.
- Many past volunteers still need to complete the PACE Safe Schools training for this school year. It was confirmed that this training needs to be done annually, and certificates are to be sent to Velma Madrigal upon completion.

Book Fair

- Book Fair will take place October 23-27, 2023, aligning with family partnership conferences.
- Supplies will arrive one week ahead. Lisa Love and Penny Kovach to complete set up.
- Teachers are encouraged to make wish lists.

OBOB

- This year OBOB will be moving to an every-other-week meeting schedule to provide students with the opportunity to participate in both the new recess clubs and OBOB.
- More emphasis will be placed on meeting outside school hours.
- Permission slips will be sent out to teachers and through the PSO newsletter this week. Permission slips are due October 13, 2023 with meetings starting the following week.

Family night

- First family night taking place this Friday at Lee Farms. Activities including face painting, hayrides, hay maze and bounce pads will be free to families. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.
- Buses will be running with 3 pick-up points to bring families to the event.
- 100 Families have pre-registered.

Art Lit

- First art lit trainings will take place this week, with the first project being aboriginal art.
- This year's Art to Remember project will be a color wheel, completed over two art basics lessons.
- November's project will be metal art. There is potential for a metal artist to visit the school in alignment with this project, possibly as an assembly.
- Clay artists are available to teach classes to Byrom students, at a cost of \$900 for 40 hours. Potential for this to be an after-school program or weaved into the art lit program this school year or next.

BB24

- This year's Bobcat Benefit will take place May 4, 2024, at Brix Tavern Tualatin.
- Opportunity for a restaurant buyout will allow for more participation.
- First Wine Pull Party will be September 28, 2023.

Jog A Thon

- Jog A Thon taking place October 6, 2023
- Sponsorship packets will go home with students next week. Pledgestar will be used again.
- Prizes include shoes, raffle entries, principal for a day and fire alarm pull. Allaire and Matt to coordinate on a potential \$20,000 school prize.

Backpack program

- The backpack program started sending backpacks home last week, earlier than previous years.
- Donations to the backpack program will be taken by Munch at the Fall Family Night this week.
- 6-7 parent volunteers have signed up to help pack backpacks.

Garden

- The Byrom garden has been taken over by Mr. Courtney, who will be working to develop a monthly curriculum that teachers can implement with their classes.
- Garden clean up to start this Saturday.

Missoula

- Performance will be April 22, 2024.
- Kelley is seeking a co-chair.

Spirit Wear

- Decision was made to stay with the same company for spirit wear.
- Spirit wear is available for purchase online.

Staff Appreciation

- A chair for staff appreciation is needed.
- Tualatin Together will be hosting hot breakfast for the teachers during family conferences.

Restaurant Nights

- McDonald's Night – September 20, 2023, from 5-8pm. Volunteers still needed.
- Bellagio's – October 10, 2023.
- Chuck E Cheese – October 26-27, 2023, from 3-8pm.

Redemption

- Box Tops are an easy way to earn money for Byrom. More families are encouraged to participate. Christine has posted instructions in the Facebook group. An instructional video was suggested.
- \$549 has been earned through Kroger rewards.
- \$204 was earned through Bottle Drop.

Room Parents

- Room parent sign-ups are open, more parents needed.
- Duties include trunk or treat, valentines party, staff appreciation help.

Willamette Pies

- Tomorrow is the last day for orders.

Charleston Wrap

- Wrapping paper fundraiser taking place in November.

Trunk or Treat

- Chair needed.
- Taking place October 31st on the black top (unless location changes due to construction).
- \$25 for decorations provided per car, \$25 for prizes to be purchased by PSO.
- Students will fill out a gratitude pumpkin during Trunk or Treat that will go on main bulletin board.

Holiday Bazaar

- Scheduled for December 15, 2023.
- Sign-ups are currently open for volunteers.
- Each student will have 3 projects including a canvas bag to design.

Reading Assistant Funding

- Matt Coleman was in attendance to request \$10,000 towards a reading assistant for this school year.
- In May 2023, this line item was voted to be removed from the PSO budget. However, it was subsequently learned that the expected funding from the District would not be available.
- Additional funding for a reading assistant for the 2023-2024 school year will be \$9,300 from Foundation and \$4-5,000 from the school. An alternative funding plan for future years needs to be determined.
- Byrom's current reading assistant (IA2) also contributes to ELL, totaling 4.5 hours of employment. They work with small groups and provide reading assistance to 30-40 students.
- Proposal to fund \$10,000 from PSO savings was voted on and passed.

Lam Research Grant

- Christine submitted an application for a \$23,000 grant to purchase 400 student desks.
- Grant decision will be received in December.
- Existing furniture will be properly disposed of or auctioned if the grant is received.

Munch

- Munch will be getting a friend, to be unveiled at Trunk or Treat in October.
- Students will have a chance to help design Munch's friend. Flyers coming home with students soon.

District Update

- TTSD District representatives Lisa Burton, Darin Barnard, Jarvis Gomes, and Traci Rose were in attendance to share updates.
- TTSD is in the process of bringing the \$300M 2016 bond to a close. Bond oversight committee is primarily allocating the \$7-8M remaining funds towards maintenance projects to protect existing buildings.
- Art Rutkin Elementary School has opened.
- Deer Creek and Durham schools are at capacity. School boundary adjustments will be happening to accommodate. Byrom is not on the list for boundary adjustments at this time.

- TTSD is currently working on the next bond for the November 2024 ballot. Following this, 2039 will be the next opportunity to go out for a bond without increasing taxes.
- TTSD will have a second item on the ballot - a local auction levy which funds 200 teachers.
- District representatives encouraged families to get involved at the district level.
- Safety forum taking place on September 27, 2023 at Tualatin High School Commons.