

Byrom PSO General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 20, 2024 | Time: 3:00pm | Location: Byrom Library

Attendees: Brooke Auvil, Eileen Brandt, Kelley Cameron, John Chase, Tiffany Colbertson, Matt Coleman, Kailina Don, Krystle Gard, Holly Paris, Nancy Petit, Christine Simoes, Eliza Turner, Megan Vassar, Liza Wolfgang, Julie Wright

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes of the January 16, 2024 general meeting of the PSO were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report

- Matt Coleman introduces Byrom's new Family Partnership Advocate Nancy Petit. Nancy will help connect families to resources, and brings experience from the Wrap Around program as well as previous work within Washington County.
- Good news around academic testing. 5th grade had some of the highest scores in the district. All grade levels were in the high growth, high performance quadrant.
- A learning assistant and pre-K assistant also joined Byrom team recently.
- Classes are full swing into human growth and development lessons. Parents can reach out to their child's teacher with any question. For families who opted out, great alternative lessons are ongoing.

Treasurer's Report

- Bank account balance is approximately \$159,000.
- The PSO has switched banks, moving from BMO to Rivermark.
- The checking account will be kept at a minimum, with majority of funds in a liquid money market savings and a 13 month CD.
- The account has already earned \$135 in interest in the 2 weeks since moving to Rivermark.
- Line items have been added to the financial statements for the library book purchase and sound system purchase.

Volunteer Coordinator

- Ramping up for the future. An email to chairs went out on February 20th to find out who is interested in chairing for the 2024-2025 school year, and what holes will be open to be filled.

OBOB

- Leaderboard just went up.
- 3rd grade just finished competitions, 4th and 5th grades squeezing in a couple additional before OBOB ends.

Art Lit

- A selection of the students' metal art projects have been selected by Krystle to be featured in the Tigard Library.
- Student watercolor art will be chosen for a display at New Seasons. Krystle and Holly will connect to put together an assembly recognizing the students whose art is selected.
- Art lit training for the upcoming print-making project will be February 22nd.

BB24

- Bobcat Benefit 2024 taking place May 4, 2024
- 93 tickets have been sold so far.

- Art projects – 9 sign ups of 17 classes right now. Online auction participation will be open again this year for class projects and school experience auction items.
- The planning team is looking at more activities and games like the wine pull, which was popular last year.
- There is discussion around pricing families out of attending at the ticket price, and at the bidding level for packages.

5th Grade Party and Legacy Project

- The party will be off-site at Big Al's.
- The legacy project will be a fence art project along Boones Ferry.
- \$300 from the community fund is requested for the legacy project. They have been able to get some materials donated, but they do need paint, sealants, etc.
- Vote on \$300 legacy project funding will take place at the March PSO general meeting.
- There is suggestion to split into 3 work groups for the party, legacy project and yearbook. Additionally, for future years a per-student budget might work better than \$2500 cap, since some class sizes are larger.

Backpack Program

- The Backpack Program has received lots of donations on recent ask, thanks to all who donated food items.
- The program is serving 28 students each week.
- Trying to be more intentional about what is being sent home, targeting more meal-based items.

Missoula

- Performance will be April 22nd. Information will be going home to families on April 1st.
- Play will be Betty Lou and the Beast
- The PSO is looking for hosts for the 2 producers, if anyone has extra room for the 7 days of Missoula.

Staff Appreciation

- Will take place April 29-May 3.
- There will be Google Meet on February 27th at 7pm for those who want to help with planning.

Redemption

- There has been good participation in the Box Tops program. There were 28 entries last month.

Room Parents – Valentine's Day

- Classes had a great time at the Valentine's parties organized by room parents.
- Room parents are reminded to submit their receipts for reimbursement.

Bulletin Boards

- Kailina will be putting up a board to align with Kindness week.

Read A Thon

- About \$8,000 was raised, and more than half of Byrom students participated.
- Students were excited about the books they received.
- All but 1 of the Read A Thon prizes have already been given out.

STEM Night

- STEM Night will be March 7th, 2024 from 4:30-7:30pm.
- OMSI will set up 12 tables of science projects and 2 large demonstrations.

- The Tualatin High School robotics team will be setting up an obstacle course, and the Tualatin Library will set up a catapult project.
- Buses will be running for transportation to the event.

Library and Music Program Purchases

- Emily Arnold in the final stages of making a decision on the sound system. Most likely will order from Sweeter Water. The sound system should be installed in time for Missoula.

Leap into Kindness

- The PSO has partnered with Holly Paris on leap into kindness day. Each student will get a lily pad with a mini frog for leap day.
- There will be an all-school pizza party on March 1st. The PSO will be seeking volunteers to help.

Dine Out with the Bobcats

- After years of trying, we have been approved for a fundraiser at McMenamins in Sherwood.
- The friends and family night will be March 13th from 5pm – close, and 50% of all sales will be donated.
- The restaurant allows us to put out table cards for the week leading up to the event, and flyers will go home with students the week before as well.
- The PSO is asking teachers to include the event in their newsletters.
- There will be a free raffle for all who attend, for a chance to win \$10 gift cards.

Scholarship

- Each year the PSO grants 2 scholarships for Byrom alums.
- Information will be going out to Tualatin High School students, with an April 1st deadline for submissions.

Additional Items

- Biz Town was a big success, the 5th grade teachers expressed gratitude for the PSO's support.
- Addressing the gap in reading
 - There is a need for high quality, engaging non-fiction level readers for the students.
 - Matt Coleman asks the PSO for an investment of up to \$800 for classroom sets of level readers.
 - A more detailed proposal will be shared and a vote on the investment will be voted on at the March PSO general meeting.
- Flocking – there is discussion around whether we will do this fundraiser again this year.

Next General Meeting: March 19, 2024 at 3:00pm