

Byrom PSO General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16, 2024 **Time:** 6:00pm **Location:** Byrom Library

Attendees:

Brooke Auvil, Eileen Brandt, Valerie Brenes, Kelley Cameron, Kailina Don, Krystal Gard, Jessica Haslam, Jennie Henderson, Candie Hotchkiss, Kelsey James, Morgan Larwick, Mariah Mattoon, Nancy Petit, Christine Poulin, Allaire Rosenthal, Krysten Thornton, Casey Timmerman, Eliza Turner, Kimberly Vande Voorde, Jesse Vassar, Megan Vassar

Principal Report

- Principal Coleman was unable to attend but sent a message that he is excited for the year ahead.

Treasurer Report

- To help reduce the number of check requests this year, the PSO is asking that if committee chairs need to order something for their programs, please ask the PSO to buy it, especially for bulk purchases.
- A \$10K overage is currently showing on the report but it is a mistake that will be corrected in next cycle.
- New debit card was secured because the old one got hacked.

Volunteer Reports

- Volunteer Coordinator:
 - Volunteers are still completing background checks/training. Volunteer badges will be updated soon.
 - All volunteers need to be sure to log their volunteer hours.
 - A chairperson meeting will be held Monday Oct 21. Email to come.
- Art Lit:
 - A good number of volunteers signed up at Back to School Night.
 - The first Art Lit training is Thursday Sept 26 at 7 pm at Byrom.
- Bobcat Benefit/Parent Social:
 - Currently not on the calendar for this year. No chair. Open to discussing a return but it needs to have a chairperson.
- Back-to-School Social:
 - Some feedback from the event was that people were disappointed that no teachers attended the event. Something to consider if a Back-to-School social is held next year.
- Backpack Program:
 - Food went home the first week of school, which has never happened before.
 - Current chairs are all 5th parents so they would like some volunteers to join them this year to learn the program and lead it next year.
- Book Fair:
 - No Scholastic Book Fair in the fall. A Barnes and Noble Book Fair will take place October 19. Currently exploring ideas for in-store event such as a story time. Perhaps Mr. Coleman in the mascot costume.

- Bulletin Board:
 - If you'd like to promote anything on the front bulletin board, please let Kailina Don know.
 - Looking for a new person to take this over for next year.
- Byrom Closet:
 - Now led by the Byrom Family Partnership Advocate.
- Fall Festival:
 - Held on Oct 13 and was a very successful event. It was great to share it with Tualatin Elementary.
 - It was hard to find face painters. The price doubled this year from last year. A suggestion for the future was to maybe hire middle school/high school students to do it.
 - The only costs to PSO for the event were the face painters and the busses.
- Family Nights:
 - Blazer Night: The game is going to be on Nov 12. Blazers vs Minnesota. The website for families to buy tickets will go live in a week. All Byrom families will sit together. After the game, the kids can do free throws. It is a special school even night put on by the Blazers, so all kids from different schools will be there.
 - STEM Night: Needs a chair. Tentatively scheduled for March 2025. Boy scouts have offered to do a robotics demo.
 - Movie/Stuffy Night: Morgan Larwick is the chairperson. Date is still TBD. Ideas include Mr. Coleman reading stories to the stuffies and possibly live stream it.
- Fifth Grade Party and Legacy Project:
 - No chair or committee yet. Kailina is looking at interest forms from Back to School Night and will send an email to parents.
- Garden:
 - Mr. Courtney is leading it. He is looking for assistance, especially with coordinating volunteers.
 - As of January 2025, Kelly Horsford will no longer be doing garden maintenance (weeding, etc.).
 - Candie Hotchkiss to check on family from Bridgeport Elementary that did a demo on gardens and pollinators that could perhaps be held at Byrom.
- Fundraisers:
 - PSO is trying to raise \$80K. There is a full year of funds in the bank but goal of \$80K in funds this year will help ensure that all the projects PSO does can continue to be funded in the following years.
 - Pies: No chair yet. Because this fundraiser requires a fair amount of work, Kelley Cameron would like to see more than one person to take it on. Timing for this fundraiser is March 2025, with delivery on Pi(e) Day, 3/14.
 - Hanging Baskets. No chair or confirmed date yet. This is an easier fundraiser to run, basically sending out emails to publicize the fundraiser, and then picking up and distributing the basket certificates with thank you notes.
- Halloween Trunk or Treat:
 - Scheduled for October 31. Kids can't wear costumes (it will be a spirt day for them) but volunteers can.
 - Sign up for spots will be going out to the room parents first and then will be opened up to others.
 - There was a suggestion to space the classes out a little bit more so they can spend more time at each trunk. Also, if enough help is available, the event can have more activities/games too.
- Jog-a-Thon:
 - Scheduled for Friday October 4. Hoping for good weather! Packets go home next week. Fundraising opens 2 weeks up to the event and then stays open for a week after. Event will be the same format as before. Volunteer requests to go out soon.
 - There will be a raffle again. Principal-For-A-Day is the grand prize.
 - It is important that parents are clear on what the fundraisers are this year so that they know what to support. Communications should also reinforce what the funds are used for.
- Lobby Wall:
 - Kailina Don can put a board up in the school lobby to advertise events, etc. Let her know if interested.

- Missoula:
 - Play this year is Alice in Wonderland. Scheduled for April 21-25, 2025.
- OBOB:
 - Permission slips went out today. There is a Google registration link also.
- Picture Day:
 - Need one more volunteer for Picture Day on Oct. 2. Parents who have volunteered before said it is one of the most fun volunteer opportunities.
- Read-a-Thon:
 - Event has been moved to early May to balance the timing of the fundraisers.
 - Still hoping to provide a “new-to-you” book for all the kids, so all donations of books are welcome especially newer titles and graphic novels. There was a suggestion that perhaps we could buy books for kids with Scholastic Dollars.
 - New read-a-thon ideas are welcome and also looking for ways to tie it in with the book fair that is at the end of April.
- Redemption:
 - Skipped.
- Restaurant Nights:
 - Bellagio's Pizza night is scheduled for early October. Byrom gets a % of all sales all day.
 - Dave's Hot Chicken may be move out to a different month.
 - McDonald's is slated for January 2025, and may be planned as a bigger event with lots of teachers and promotions.
 - PSO can't buy gift cards to help families with costs, but will talk to the restaurants about any discounts that can be provided.
- Room Parents:
 - Eileen Brandt volunteered to be Room Parent Coordinator. Some classes still don't have room parent volunteers. A Konstella post will be posted to get the rest of the volunteers.
 - Video tutorials on Konstella were requested.
 - Parent-led Classroom Volunteer. Mr. Coleman is leading the program. Classroom support mostly for younger kids.
 - Valentines Party. Room parents will be planning those. Budget of \$75 per class.
- Spirit Wear:
 - Ongoing online store. PSO doesn't make much \$ from it (10% of all sales), but it is low effort.
- Staff Appreciation/Hospitality:
 - Casey Timmerman is the chairperson. The focus this year is to provide experiences to the staff, not just during appreciation week but throughout the year. Things like yoga, chair massages. lunch during teacher work days. The goal is to be creative.
 - Send any ideas or community connections to Casey.
- Traditions Night:
 - Skipped.
- Vision Screening:
 - Occurs later in the school year. Volunteers will be needed then.
- Webmaster:
 - Need a new webmaster.

New Business

- Cafeteria Tables:
 - PSO has partnered with Mr. Coleman on trying to get new round tables. PSO is holding any funds for the tables in ab separate account. PSO can purchase the tables faster than if the money goes through district.
 - The cost is \$2800 per table. Only \$500 has been raised so far.
 - Waiting to hear back if the school got a grant for additional funding.
- Teacher desks:
 - Teachers can use their allocated (PFF?) funds. They can also apply for PSO grants.

- Pizza Truck:
 - Hook and Ladder pizza truck serves wood fired pizza. Ideas are to pair it with one of the free movie nights or possibly on Halloween.
 - PSO will ask them for their pricing model and also what it would cost for the PSO to host the pizza and then charge a smaller cost to families at a movie night.
- Teacher Blazer Game:
 - Game is on Thursday Jan 16, 2015 vs LA Clippers. \$920 cost for 64 tickets. Parents can sponsor a ticket for their teacher/staff. Goal would be for the PSO to get two-thirds of the cost covered. Tickets would be for teachers/staff only, not guests.
 - Interest was expressed in getting more tickets to allow staff to bring one guest. PSO to check on availability and if tickets can be in the same spot.
- Winter Wonderland Planning:
 - A packet of ideas for crafts was provided to attendees. Event is scheduled for December 20. Krystal Gard volunteered to chair.
 - PSO bought tons of glitter magnets for \$50 that could be used at Winter Wonderland. Bridgeport might also buy some from the PSO.
 - One idea is do the party by class in the Art Lit room. Because there are 16 classes, it would have to go over 2-3 days. Room parents could perhaps provide a snack.
 - Another idea is for the room parents to do the projects in each class room at the same time. The committee would prep the projects for each room. Each class would have the same projects and snack. A story time with "reindeer games" and hot chocolate could be held in the library.
 - Favorite projects:
 - sugar scrub,
 - tic tac toe (can landscaping company donate rocks?),
 - string art,
 - personalized magnets with picture of kids.
 - Planning meeting to come.

Next General Meeting October 21, 2024 at 6:00pm, Byrom Library