

# Byrom PSO General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 21, 2024    **Time:** 6:00pm    **Location:** Byrom Library

## Attendees:

Brooke Auvil-Young, Eileen Brandt, Kelley Cameron, Matt Coleman, Stephanie DeRosa, Kailina Don, Karen Emerson, Krystle Gard, Jessica Haslam, Karen Hughart, Morgan Larwick, Mariah Mattoon, Nancy Petit, Krysten Thornton, Eliza Turner, Kimberly Vande Voorde, Jesse Vassar, Megan Vassar

## Special Guest Report:

- Karen Emerson and Karen Hughart from the TTSD Local Option Levy Renewal Campaign:
  - Renewal of the levy is on the Nov 5 ballot. This would be the 5<sup>th</sup> renewal of the levy over 25 years. The levy equals about \$13 million per year and is equal to 100 teaching positions. That is 1 out of every 6 teaching staff in the district.
  - Levy is \$1 for every \$1000 of assessed property value.
  - Asking for everyone to vote yes on the renewal and hoping to find homes for 10 yard signs in the Byrom boundary. Only 25% of voters are current parents in the district.

## Approval of the Minutes:

- Brooke Auvil-Young approves. Jesse Vassar seconds.

## Principal Report:

- There are lots of high points in fall testing data but also lots of work to do. Implementing the new math program has been a challenge, and staff is looking at ways parents can help. Now that it is October, the honeymoon is over on behaviors. Looking at ways to reset expectations for the kids on how we do school. Staff is sharing more with parents about PAX system. Volunteer program with parents is going well. Parents are in the classrooms as volunteer teacher aids. Thank you to the PSO for all the ongoing support.

## Treasurer Report:

- Some funds have been moved around to make more passive income. Some has been moved to a CD with a 4% return. That will give about \$3K a year in interest. \$50K is locked in a 4% CD until February.

## Volunteer Reports:

- Volunteer Coordinator:
  - Sent info in Konstella on how to log volunteer hours from home. Contact Brooke if need the info. If a volunteer doesn't have a volunteer badge, let Brooke know.
- Art Lit:
  - First training went great. Classes are finishing the first projects and they are starting to be hung up.
  - November 7 is the next training. This will be the Art to Remember project.
  - There were some issues with Konstella on scheduling but it is better now.
- Bobcat Benefit/Parent Social:

- No chair and not on the schedule. Maybe something will be scheduled at the end of the year just to get parents together.
- Backpack Program:
  - Program is doing great. 21 students are signed up.
  - Hoping to do a food drive in November.
- Book Fair:
  - Banes and Noble book fair was on Oct 19. It was a great turnout of Byrom families. Also had 4 Byrom teachers and the librarian do story times at the event. The prize wheel and prize drawing were a big hit. Drawing winners were picked and prizes delivered. Waiting to hear final total on funds raised at the event and the online sales.
  - Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for end of April.
  - Have a Nov 3 date for Fall 2025 Scholastic Book Fair, but maybe try and tie that book fair back to family partnership days schedule.
- Family Nights:
  - Blazer Night: 23 tickets sold so far. Open until Oct. 24 to buy tickets.
  - STEM Night: Still working on dates. Probably an April/March timeframe.
  - Stuffie Night: Targeting a date in November. Need to start reaching out to teachers to help with staging of stuffies in different places, etc. Plan to put the pictures together into a video that gets sent to the kids. Every stuffie gets a tag to make sure no stuffie gets lost.
  - Movie Night: No update.
- Fifth Grade Party and Legacy Project:
  - First meeting is on Nov 4. 18 parents are signed up now.
- Garden:
  - Garden - as it is today - is going to be dissolved. The garden funds are going to be absorbed by the PSO but will be kept in a separate account so that it can be managed separately. PSO will likely put that money into a CD so it works for the garden.
  - Still need to find a group of people to manage the garden.
- Fundraisers:
  - Pies: Selling pies for delivery on Pi Day (3/14).
  - Hanging Baskets: Will know in Jan if we get this one.
- Halloween Bash/Trunk or Treat:
  - Schedule has been modified. Same time frame, different combos. There are 16 trunks and different tables. There are also going to be some sensory things and games. There will also be a tree where kids can write a positive affirmation.
- Jog-a-Thon:
  - Raised \$25K. In the last spirit assembly, Mr. Coleman was made into a Sunday. In an upcoming event, Ms Stuart will be duct taped to a wall.
- Lobby Wall:
  - Will be a Gratitude tree for the Trunk or Treat event.
- Missoula:
  - Week of April 21. Play is Alice in Wonderland.
- OBOB:
  - Teams will be announced this week. Volunteers needed to help at the meetings. A signup is going out in Konstella.
- Read-a-Thon:
  - Planned for early May. Kimberly and Krystal are co-chairing.
- Redemption:
  - Mostly Box Tops promotion on the PSO Facebook page. Exploring a can drive for later in the year possibly.
- Restaurant Nights:
  - Raised \$630 at the Bellagio's night.

- Nov 20 is Dave's Hot Chicken fundraiser. They are providing us with the flyers and chicken stickers. They'd love teacher volunteers at the restaurant and maybe the Bobcat too. Maybe a hot wings challenge vs principal/teachers? They did one for the Hazelbrook fundraiser and it was very popular.
- Spring: McDonalds night and a Hook and Ladder pizza truck night.
- Room Parents:
  - Trunk or treat is the main focus right now.
- Spirit Wear:
  - Order as you want. No current marketing right now. Only marketed when a sale.
- Staff Appreciation/Hospitality:
  - PSO did purchase the tickets for the teachers and a plus one. A communication will be sent to teachers this week. So far, \$400 has been raised from the Byrom families and community. PSO will pay \$1600 to cover the rest. The donation link is still open until the end of year and will be re-advertised.
- Traditions Night:
  - Will be removed from list.
- Webmaster:
  - There is an updated teacher favorites list that will be posted soon.
- Winter Wonderland:
  - There will be one project - the string art one – that the kids will work on. They will also get a hot chocolate to-go bag. Earlier in the week of the event, kids will be able to pick their template for the string art project. There will be lots of pre-work and the logistics are still being worked out. Prep will start during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November. Volunteers will be needed to cut wood and help with stencils and drilling. Team is trying to get the wood donated.

## **New Business**

- PSO-funded Assemblies:
  - Nov 20 will be an art and literacy-themed Zaniac assembly. In March, the plan is for a STEM-themed Zaniac assembly. PSO paid \$1600 for both assemblies. There is money left over if PSO wants to/can find a 3<sup>rd</sup> assembly to book in May.
- Non-Fiction Books Payment:
  - One bill of \$5K for the non-fiction books purchased for the library did not get paid. It will be paid out of this year's budget. This year's non-fiction line item will show \$9500.
- PSO Positions for next year:
  - If anyone is possibly interested, it would be great to start shadowing a project with the president/other board members. Would love to know if anyone is interested.
  - Changes to bylaws on eligibility need to happen in the Nov/Dec.
  - Jan: PSO may have an info night on the board roles and responsibilities. People who aren't planning to re-upping for next year can share info on their roles. Also, working on outreach to Hispanic families regarding the PSO.

Next General Meeting November 18, 2024 at 6:00pm, Byrom Library