

Byrom PSO General Meeting Agenda

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

Attendees:

Eileen Brandt, Kelley Cameron, Kelsey James, Teresa Thomas, Casey Timmerman, Kimberly Vande Voorde, Jesse Vassar

Approval of the Minutes:

- Kelley Cameron approves. Jesse Vassar seconds.

Principal Report: None

Treasurer Report:

- No report this month. Report will be updated by the end of year with Nov and Dec info.

Volunteer Reports:

- Volunteer Coordinator: No update.
- Art Lit:
 - Idea for third project is set. Training is on Jan 16.
- Assemblies:
 - Trying to find another assembly option. We got \$1400 from Art in the Burbs. Idea is to use that money for an assembly and then use the leftover assembly money for something else. In past years, it has been used to purchase headphones.
- Backpack Program:
 - Serving 23 kids. The food drive was mildly underwhelming, possibly because it was only publicized through the PSO Facebook page. Have enough for a few weeks but will be out of oatmeal and fruit soon, which always run low.
 - Idea raised to put together another Amazon wish list and ask teachers to send it to their families. Also perhaps send a January PSO Welcome Back flier that lists the info on food drive.
- Book Fair:
 - Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for April 21-25. Looking at ways to coordinate with the Read-a-Thon that starts the following week. Stock up on books now to get your reading minutes in and win prizes.
- Family Nights:
 - STEM Night. Slated for March. No plans yet. Start planning in January.
 - Stuffy Night. This is a stuffy day now, not a night. Scheduled for Jan. 22. Teachers have been asked if any kids need stuffies. Kids will get a tag for their

stuffies. Stuffies will have adventures during the day. There will be a special pick-up option for the stuffies at night, if needed.

- Fifth Grade Party and Legacy Project:
 - Waiting for feedback from fifth grade teachers on dates and legacy project ideas.
- Garden:
 - Non-profit has been dissolved. Kelly Horsford will be delivering a check. A sub-account that will be just for the garden money will be set up.
 - Still looking for someone to run the garden. Casey Timmerman said that Timber Jim loves gardening, has Byrom/Tualatin connections and may be interested. She will reach out to him. There is budget for seed, etc.
- Fundraisers:
 - Pies: On sale in February for March delivery. Info goes out in January.
 - Hanging Baskets. Email goes out to Smith Berry Barn on Jan 1 so Byrom will hopefully get it.
- Lobby Wall:
 - Tree has what the kids said they liked about themselves in Oct. Plan is to add to it in Jan. with what they hope for the new year. Maybe add to it again in the spring.
- Missoula:
 - Scheduled for April 21-25. Play is Alice in Wonderland. Looking for people to house the Missoula staff. Also need to find a piano player.
- OBOB:
 - Nothing specific. Practice battles have begun.
- Read-a-Thon:
 - Planning beginning. Looking for ways to promote it during the book fair.
- Redemption: No update.
- Restaurant Nights:
 - Looking at Hook and Ladder Pizza and McDonalds fundraiser in the spring. The fall Bellagios and Dave's Hot Chicken were successful.
- Room Parents:
 - Info on the Valentines party will go out soon. Valentine's Day is on a Friday before a 3-day weekend this year.
- Staff Appreciation/Hospitality:
 - Everything is ready for winter Teacher Appreciation. It will be set up this Friday, Dec 20. Teachers can pick up heat wrap bags, shower steamers, under eye gels to make a build-your-own spa bag. Planning for May Teacher Appreciation week will start in the new year.
 - Blazer tickets: Lots of unclaimed tickets, so we can do a raffle or open it up for more guests. Jan 1 is final reminder to staff. If not claimed, the rest of the tickets will be open to staff on Jan 10. Then, it will be open to families.
- Webmaster: No update
- Winter Wonderland:
 - Event is this Friday, Dec 20. There are numerous volunteers for each grade. K-2 prep went really smoothly. Video has been made for the stringing of the project. There are bags they can stamp to put the gift in. Kids will also make coco bombs.

Old Business

- All-School Yearbook:
 - Admin is doing one. They haven't figured out the details yet to see if they can fund it so that parents don't have to buy it. Fifth grade will also do their own.
- Bingo Night:
 - Add this to family night section for planning/discussion moving forward.
- ParentSquare Test:
 - The test of calendar and sign-up functionality will start in January with a possible spring rollout. If works for us, it will roll out to all TTSD elementary schools.

New Business

- Classroom Snacks:
 - PSO has spent \$2K on classroom snacks so far. Snacks are valuable for teachers to have from PSO.
 - Prepackaged snacks are easier for the teachers to distribute. Maybe teachers could set up Amazon wish lists for their classroom.
 - Idea to make a graphic for first half of the year on what the PSO funded and what is planned for Jan to June, and to also promote the wish lists.
 - Does the PSO want to invest in funding classroom snacks? Maybe use the \$3K teacher grant? Table until January meeting.
- Mr Little:
 - Sadly, his wife has also passed. The Go Fund Me has raised \$14K so far. Can the Byrom community do more for him over the holidays? We have asked his manager and are waiting to hear.

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

Please note this is a TUESDAY due to the MLK Holiday.