

Byrom PSO General Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18, 2025 **Time:** 6:00pm **Location:** Byrom Library

Attendees:

Brooke Auvil-Young, Darin Barnard (TTSD), Seth Benson, Kelley Cameron, Matt Coleman, Krystle Gard, Karen Hughart (Bond PAC), Kelsey James, Morgan Larwick, Mariah Mattoon, Kevin Montague (TTSD), Alex Pulaski (TTSD), Allaire Rosenthal, Eliza Turner, Kimberly Vande Voorde, Matt Vande Voorde, Jesse Vassar, Megan Vassar

Approval of the Minutes:

- Brooke Auvil-Young approves. Eliza Turner seconds.

Principal Report:

- This bond is exciting because it will directly impact Byrom. Winter benchmark scores are great. 4th and 5th graders scored at high levels for iReady. Kindergarten tests are going really well also. A survey for 3rd, 4th, and 5th on connection to adults and bullying showed great results but also areas for growth. All in all, things are great. Coffee with the Principal will be rescheduled.

Treasure Report:

- Some errors were uncovered in QuickBooks so they will be fixed by next meeting. There is a miscode on the Backpack Program showing it as income, not an expense. There is also a negative showing for the Redemption Program, which is a mistake. We will remove the auction line item to bring the forecast more in-line with expectation.
- Income investments are bringing in passive income of \$700 a month. That's roughly a class field trip a month. It earns monthly almost as much as a restaurant night.

TTSD May Bond Presentation:

- Speakers: Alex Pulaski (TTSD Communications Director), Darin Barnard (TTSD Director of Bond and Operation), Kevin Montague (TTSD Facilities Manager) and Karen Hughart (Bond PAC).
- This \$421.3 million bond will fund substantial renovations at Bridgeport Elementary, Byrom Elementary, Durham Elementary, and Mary Woodward Elementary. Renovations include replacing all flooring/ceiling/lighting/windows, reconfiguring of classrooms and restrooms, additional daylight in classrooms, HVAC and plumbing upgrades, wiring/server updates, playground and parking lot updates, and much more.
- The bond will also covers replacing Fowler Middle School with new construction. There are updates included for most schools in the district, including Hazelbrook and Tualatin High School.
- One option is that the renovation work would take place during the summers over several years and the kids would be put in one side of school while that is in progress. Another option is to send kids to another facility for a school year while all the work is done. The new Fowler school will be built on site while kids still go to the old building.

- Costs to replace schools doubles every 10 years so want to try and get some big projects done in this bond. TTSD is working closely with the city of Tualatin to collaborate with the parks bond that was passed.
- The cost of this bond is 99 cents per \$1K of property tax. If the bond passes, TTSD will also get a state grant of \$8 million. If it doesn't pass, the money to maintain facilities will come out of the general fund which takes away from other budget areas. Bonds can't pay for teachers, only for infrastructure.
- Only 25% of voters have kids currently in the district. The bond committee is looking for a school representative to help with the campaign. The campaign is also fundraising to buy signs, etc. PSO can donate also. Endorsements are also needed for the voter booklet.
- Motion was made to donate \$400 from PSO to the bond campaign. Vote passed and additional verification underway to make sure it doesn't impact non-profit status/ bylaws.

Volunteer Reports

- Art Lit:
 - Monet training is next Thursday. Still waiting on Art in Burbs money.
- Backpack Program:
 - Currently there are 23 kids in the program, which is very low on supplies (about 4 weeks of food left). Only received one shipment in the last ask for donations. Will do a Konstella post next week asking for donations and including an Amazon wish list. Maybe also send a flier in folders with a QR code to the wish lists. Megan will do a Facebook post.
- Book Fair:
 - Slated for April 21-25. Will need volunteers and a request will go out in early April. Looking at ways to promote the Read-a-Thon during the Book Fair as well.
- Family Nights:
 - STEM Night: Probably will need to be in May, maybe the 7th or 14th. Trying to get HS robotics team to participate, among others. If can't get participation, it will pivot to a neon bingo night. Maybe bring in Menchies also. Kailina/Krystle leading.
- Fifth Grade Party and Legacy Project:
 - Signed contract with Big Als for the party. Trying to get the blacktop painting project set.
- Garden:
 - Kimberly/Megan to check with the Girl Scout troop to see if they are still interested.
- Fundraisers:
 - Pies: Order forms went out today and are due next Tuesday.
 - Hanging Baskets: Got 60-100 coupons from Red Berry Barn.
- Lobby Wall: no update.
- Missoula:
 - Planning meeting is scheduled for next week. Currently getting the Missoula staff cleared with district. Have a volunteer to house them. Sign-ups go out on April 2.
- OBOB:
 - Battles going well and wrapping up this week. The battle of the two top teams is February 27.
- Read-a-Thon:
 - Selected PledgeStar as the vendor. Planning is well underway. The "new to you" book give away will be on April 30 to kick off the event. Hoping to have an assembly on Friday May 2 to encourage a big reading push over the weekend. Kelley mentioned there may be a science assembly on May 1 that can be leveraged for the Read-a-Thon. We will continue to solicit for book donations in March.
- Redemption: no update.

- Restaurant Nights:
 - Pastini fundraiser on March 20. 40% of proceeds go to the school but must mention Byrom. Spring restaurant night to be either McDonalds, Burgerville or Hook and Ladder.
- Room Parents:
 - Valentine's Day Party has been moved to this Friday due to the snow day.
- Staff Appreciation:
 - Casey Timmerman is running it. The goal is to provide services for the staff. Need help on ideas: yoga class, chair massage, etc. Please send any ideas to Casey. Will also probably have a potluck lunch for the staff like last year.
- Webmaster: no update.

Old Business

- Assembly Ideas:
 - Looking at 3 options. Want to keep with science theme, but not wanting to bring back Zaniac. May 1 could be big assembly with Hagerman the Science Wizard (cost about \$1500). Science Circus is also available in May for \$400.
- Classroom Snacks:
 - Spent \$500 of the \$1K allocated in last meeting on snacks. The next purchase will probably be after spring break.
- ParentSquare Test: no word yet.

New Business

- PSO Teacher Grants:
 - 3 teacher grants:
 - 5th grade novel study. 2 books purchased so far still waiting on 3rd. \$180 dollars on covers to protect the books. Will have a covering party next week during the school day.
 - \$100 to honor choir for 10 kids.
 - 5th grade field trip to Evergreen Museum.
 - A grant to buy Mr T. new fridge and microwave for the custodian room.
- 2025/26 PSO Budget Planning Timeline:
 - First draft of budget to be done in April based on potential income this year: \$55-60K, with the ability to take from savings. Any ideas for the budget are welcome. Come to the March meeting to share.
- 2025/26 PSO Recruitment:
 - There are likely to be lots of seats open, as well as chairs needed for several programs. Current board members are available to answer questions. Need to hold info sessions to recruit new members. Perhaps ask each people on the board to personally ask 5 people. Maybe get some Coleman support at Coffee with Principal and other places. And get teacher support to get word out. Kelley has talked to Ms. Conrad on this. Make it clear that everyone is invited and is a PSO member. Budget doesn't have to be voted on until the new board is set. Targeting having candidates by April, with a vote in May.
 - Recruiting options under discussion include a morning coffee info session in early March and using the March General PSO meeting on March 17 as an info session as well, with snacks, etc.

Next General Meeting March 17, 2025 at 6:00pm, Byrom Library. Invite anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the PSO! Snacks will be provided!