

Byrom PSO General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17, 2025 **Time:** 6:00pm **Location:** Byrom Library

Attendees:

Brooke Auvil-Young, Mandy Banks, Eileen Brandt, Matt Coleman, Kailina Don, Britany Ellerbrook, Krystle Gard, Morgan Larwick, Mariah Mattoon, Nancy Petit, Zach Simmons, Teresa Thomas, Kyrsten Thornton, Eliza Turner, Kimberly Vande Voorde, Matt Vande Voorde, Megan Vassar, Kelly Wesley

PSO Info Discussion:

- Provided an overview of the PSO organization and what programs are supported by PSO. Some current board members shared some of their experiences. Matt Coleman also expressed appreciation for the PSO and its work, and says that he's worked with several PSO leaders and they all make the role their own. Other PSO members echoed that same statement. Discussed that all the board roles are open for 2025 and some key committees, like backpack program. Encouraged all interested parties to reach out with questions or if they'd like more information.

Approval of the Minutes:

- Eliza Turner approved. Brooke Young seconded.

Principal Report:

- Don't hesitate to email teachers to see how kids are doing. State testing for grades 3-5 starts soon and link will go out for what the tests are. Everything is full steam ahead. Excited that the data is showing things are going in the right direction. Happy to answer PSO questions too. Discussions soon on what next year is going to look like budget wise and teacher wise.

Treasure Report:

- No report to share due to QuickBooks issues and other bank issues related to the Rivermark credit union merger.

Volunteer Reports

- Art Lit:
 - We are in the middle of Monet art project. Art to Remember just launched. There are lots of products to choose from. Order by April 14 and get free shipping to the school. Chagall is last project, kicking off in mid-April.
- Backpack Program: no updates
- Book Fair:
 - Scholastic book fair starts April 21. Runs through April 25. Volunteer requests will go out in early April. Looking for ways to tie in Read-a-Thon.
- Family Nights:
 - Looking at May for a STEM Night. Waiting to confirm a date with Heather. We've confirmed with the Tualatin HS robotics club and are looking to get some of other groups we had last year. Not sure what help is needed yet volunteer-wise.
- Fifth Grade Party and Legacy Project:
 - Planning meeting on April 7 at Jessica Haslam's house. Party is scheduled for Big Al's on June 9th.
- Fundraisers:
 - Pie sale just finished. All pies have been delivered. Raised about \$1881.

- Hanging Baskets: Flyers coming out in a few weeks. Baskets are from Red Berry Barn.
- Lobby Wall:
 - Kimberly/Krystle to follow up with Kailina on a Read-a-Thon bulletin board.
- Missoula:
 - Everything is on-track. Have hosts for the directors. Cost is \$35/kid and each kid gets 2 tickets. Scholarships are also available. 60 students total can participate, and both the form and payment need to be in to secure a spot. Volunteer requests are going out next week. Also, looking for dinner donations for the Missoula staff.
- Read-a-Thon:
 - Planning in the works. Packets go home on April 28. Book give-away is April 29 in the ArtLit room. Read-a-Thon runs from April 30 to May 7. We are using PledgeStar. We are hoping to have an assembly on May 1 where kids can compete in book trivia to generate excitement for the event. Kids will earn cosmic cash for every 2 hours read and after the Read-a-Thon, they can use the cash to buy prizes at a prize store.
- Redemption:
 - Not much going on. Maybe can have a Bottle Drop can drive related to Earth Day.
- Restaurant Nights:
 - Flyers are going out tomorrow for Pastini on Thursday March 20. Fundraiser is all day but you have to mention Byrom. The school gets 40% of those sales. It also works for take-out orders. A fun reminder sticker and a post on social media are going out. Want to also include a note: If you can't make it and want to just donate to PSO, here is the Venmo link.
- Staff Appreciation:
 - No report. Usually it is May 5-9. It often needs lots of volunteer support.
- Webmaster.
 - Do we pay for website? The PSO needs to find a new platform for next year. It is currently an old Word Press site. Lots of options out there. Need to investigate the details on how it is hosted and paid for.

Old Business

- Assembly Ideas:
 - We could possibly use the assembly money for STEM Night if we can't find an assembly. The challenge on finding a new assembly now is that they have to be vetted thru the district. Maybe check with other schools on who they have used.

New Business

- Garden:
 - Girl Scout Proposal: Troop 110487 wrote a proposal to adopt a portion of the Byrom garden for 2 years from April 2025-2027. The troop would prepare for planting in the spring, properly water, and visit the garden weekly in the growing months to tend and weed. They would also release pollinators in the garden, use resources wisely, and make new signs for the garden. They could access some garden funds for items and the troop can use some of their funds too.
 - Kailina moves to vote on this for the next meeting and Brooke seconds.
 - Question raised on what they will do with the food grown. Proposal says they will donate to the local community but can explore what that can look like. Maybe collaborate with the Backpack Program to include fresh produce.
- PSO Bylaws:
 - There is a 4/14 meeting at Kelley Cameron's house to review bylaw changes. Printed versions are available here at the meeting or it is available online. Looking at board role definitions too as part of this process Meeting is open to all.
- TTSD Bond Signs: Take one and sign up if you'd like.
- Pajama night: Last pajama night is coming soon. Some of the older 5th grade kids are helping to plan and organize.

Next General Meeting April 21, 2025 at 6:00pm, Byrom Library