

Byrom PSO General Meeting Notes

Date: September 9th, 2025 **Time:** 6:30pm **Location:** Zoom

Attendees:

Brooke Auvil-Young, Seth Benson, Eileen Brandt, Gerry Brenes, Rachel Chava, Stephanie Derosa, Britany Ellerbrook, Krystle Gard, Kristen Hoover, Morgan Larwick, Stephanie Mann, Mariah Mattoon, Allaire Rosenthal, Zach Simmons, Kacy Smerke, Theresa Thomas, Casey Timmerman, Brittany Valli, Kimberly Vande Voorde, Matt Vande Voorde, Megan Vassar, Tara Weston, wutznxt accounting

Approval of the Minutes:

- Still looking for a secretary. It is a lower time commitment role and can be shared with a friend.
- Meg Vassar read and approve last meeting's minutes. Brooke Young seconds.
- Minutes will be posted on the website.

Treasurer Report:

- Also still looking for a treasurer. It's ok to have no finance background. If interested at all, let us know.

Principal Report:

- Mr. Coleman could not attend.

Volunteer Reports

Active

- Art Lit: Stephanie & Mariah:
 - 5 artists have been figured out. Japanese art styles is the first project.
 - Sept 25 is first training at 6:45/7 pm.
 - Will have info at back-to-school night, with a QR sign up code. 70 volunteers needed, 5-6 per class.
 - In contact with Art to Remember. It will be the second project to allow for earlier ordering.
 - Staff is hoping to move the ArtLit room into the building next year.
- Backpack Program: Chair is Melanie but she could not attend. Update from Eileen:
 - First backpacks will be given out on Thursday. Next few weeks are laid out.
 - Will be at BTSN with info for volunteers and donations.
- Garden: Matt V.:
 - Learning a lot about the garden and trying to document all the info.
 - Upcoming meeting with Bridgeport Elementary garden lead.
 - Clean up event is this Sunday from 2-4.
 - Biggest issue is fixing the irrigation system. May have to pay for a leak locator.
 - Want to buy soil for the 4 beds that will be used for fall planting. Got OK to purchase. Hope to have donations for the spring. Allaire has contact at Grimms.
- Jog-A-Thon- Allaire & Coleen:
 - Event is 3.5 weeks out. Same format as before.
 - Working on getting sponsorships, prize donations, and getting t-shirts ordered.
 - Week of event the fundraising info will be sent out.

- Will use Sign-up Genius for volunteers.
- Missoula - Krystle & Eileen:
 - Play is the first week of December and it is Hansel and Gretl.
 - No one yet to host the directors. They need separate rooms and access to a bathroom.
 - Tried to get the high school stage, but it was too late. Will ask for next year.
- Pie Fundraiser- OPEN.
 - Super easy, super quick, great way to get feet wet with PSO.
- Restaurant Nights- OPEN.
 - Great way to get first involved in PSO. Sept event is Red Robin. Hoping to also get Dave's Hot Chicken in the fall.
- Room Parent- Eileen:
 - Will have a table at BTSN. Sign-ups usually get filled fast. Such a fun role.
- Staff Appreciation- OPEN.
 - A bit bigger of a commitment. It is done all year round for smaller stuff, and the big appreciation week is in May. It is a great role if you like to be creative. Would love for it to be a committee. Blazer game is part of it.
- Trunk or Treat- Christine P:
 - Halloween is on a Friday this year. PSO provides the goodies. Room parents get first dibs.
- Winter Wonderland- OPEN:
 - This doesn't have to be a massive production. Maybe just have one craft and a cookie/hot coco bar. It could be more games, etc.

Non-Active

- 5th Grade Party- Allaire:
 - Updates after jogathon.
- Bulletin Board- OPEN:
 - Morgan is working on it but can use more assistance.
- Byrom Benefit 2025- OPEN:
 - Hopefully we will have one this year. We know it is a huge commitment, and we are very supportive of it this year. Excited to hear if anyone is interested.
 - Ask was to make sure that it is reasonable in terms of cost to attend.
 - Lack of budget was an issue before for the committee.
- Family Nights- OPEN.
 - Usually a bingo /move night/STEM night. Can get creative or simple.
 - Can be individual chairs or one chair for all.
- OBOB - Tara W:
 - Currently prepping materials.
 - Meetings will be on Wednesdays again and program goes thru March.
- Parent Socials- OPEN.
 - New this year. Smaller fundraisers and social events, aiming to build community.
 - May have a dance class at the end of October.
- Read-A-Thon- Kimberly:
 - New timeframe is Feb/March. No fundraising component.
 - Zach Simmons offered to help/co-chair.
- Redemption – OPEN.
 - An easy way to get involved with PSO. It covers the BoxTops program, Fred Meyer rewards, and Bottle Drop.
- STEM Night- OPEN.
 - Fun event. OMSI comes, library comes, high school robotics team is invited.

Old Business

- School Supplies.
 - Went well. It's great that we can provide this to students. Budget was \$5k.
- Snack Drive & Stock Staff Room:
 - Trying to do snacks differently this year by having a snack reserve that front office manages. Right now, we have about ½ of what we'd like to have.
 - Stock the staff room is also underway and we need to get more snacks. Teachers can ask for what they want via a QR code.
- Back to School Night.
 - Lots of info will be provided. PSO is giving out folders for event calendar and event/volunteer flyers. We also have volunteer interest passport that will get stamped at all the tables for a chance to win prizes.
- Fall Festival:
 - Two face painters lined up. There is a Google form to register for tickets. Need volunteers for check-in and face painting line management. Sign-ups and flyer to be out soon.

New Business

- ParentSquare. Coming soon.
- Teacher Grants:
 - 2 requests already. One denied because it was a huge part of budget. Other was for pre-K teacher's classroom books.
- Blazer Game:
 - Britany E. is coordinating Blazers game. It is a community event and a staff appreciation event. Hoping for the October 14. game vs Golden State Warriors. Other choices are later in the year. Not picking weekend games, just weeknights.
 - PSO purchases tickets. Each teacher can bring a guest. After teachers, rest of the tickets get sold at cost to Byrom families. Last year, teachers went to a different game than the student families.
- Parent Social Events. See above.
- Additional Items: Open to fun days like celebrating national donut days, etc. Feel free to suggest.

Important Dates:

Sept 14th- Garden Days

Sept 19th- Fall Festival

Sept 25th - Red Robin Night

Oct 3rd- Jog-a-thon

Oct 10-13 - No School

Next General PSO Meeting: October 14th 6:30pm, Byrom Library