

Bull Run Middle School PTSO

February 19th, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Time & Location: 6:00 pm, Bull Run Middle School Library | 6308 Catharpin Rd. Gainesville, VA 20155

Call to order: Welcome, Opening Remarks & Attendance/Sign-In

In Attendance: Stacie Knouse, Debbie Wilmer, Amy Rhoades, Lynette Sample, K. Michelle Bennett, Willy and Silvana Straubhoor, Jennifer Balios, Gabriel Smith, Lauren Smith, Jamie Arredondo, Tabatha Walton, Elizabeth Acevedo, Randy Muster, Kate Thaller, Can Muinwaping, Jennifer West, Marcelena Jarrouj, Matthew Phythian, Jennifer Wall, Ellen Slobodnik, Connor Haupt, Megan DePaoli

Reading of minutes from January meeting: Minutes available at brmsptso.com

Treasurer's Report:

- CandyLand dance ticket sales \$4,620 (274 tickets). Expenses were \$1,700. Profit on Event \$2,920

Teachers' Report

Key Priorities

- Updates to PTSO Bylaws and invitation for feedback
- Upcoming Spring event
- PTSO Donation
 - The PTSO would like to make a donation of \$5000 to benefit the music department and \$3000 for the athletic field.
 - Everyone was pleased and in support of this donation. The art department requested funds, which school leadership clarified would be received since art/theater is considered part of the same department.

Old Business

- Candyland Dance was a success. 274 tickets sold
- PWCS Audit
 - The auditor who completed the most recent PTSO audit is a certified tax preparer. School leadership clarified that having a CPA is only a strong suggestion, so using the same auditor would be acceptable for the current year.
 - Spirit Nights
 - Panera: \$74.19
 - Chipotle: \$208.90
 - Skate Zone: \$350

New Business

- Bylaws updates and invitation for feedback (to be found on website)
- Upcoming Spring event: Color Run on Saturday, April 18th or After School Event on Friday, April 17th.
 - Feedback highlighted that the PWCS All County Art Festival is scheduled for 4/18 (10am - 4pm) and may present a conflict

- School leadership requested another Baskin Robbins teacher scoop, indicating the students still talk about the first event.
- Quarterly staff appreciation;
 - March 19th, PTSO would like to schedule Tom's Traveling Coffee truck utilizing credits remaining from last year's teacher appreciation week.
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Multicultural Night (non-PTSO event, March 6th)
 - Spring Event
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - 8th Grade Dance
 - End of year grade level celebrations

Upcoming Events

- Jersey Mike's Spirit Events: Feb. 20-21; Mar 13-14, April 24-25, and May 22-23
- Skate N'Fun Zone Spirit Night: March 17th
- Manhattan Pizza TBD March

Open Questions:

- March 4th at 6pm is Rising 6th Grader Night at BRMS, and school leadership requested that the PTSO set up a booth at this event.
- Shrek the Musical is scheduled for May 1st & 2nd

Adjournment: Closing and confirmation of next meeting: Next meeting is March 19th at 6pm