

Bull Run Middle School PTSO

March 19th, 2026 Meeting Agenda

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

Call to order: Welcome, Opening Remarks

Attendance: Matthew Phythian, Jessica Elliot, Ellen Slobodnik, Mia Abeles, Jennifer West, Jessica Beech, Melissa Bays, Christine Stephenson, Dietra Shepard, Preston Lazer, Amy Rhoades, Amber Briggs

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

Treasurer's Report:

- PTSO bank account balance stands at a healthy 28K as of this week, after the 8K donation to the Music and Athletic Depts.
- Current PTSO submitted a revised Income Statement FY 24-25 as per Auditor's request.
- No fundraiser income to report since the Winter Dance
 - Just had our 3rd Skate N'Fun Zone Event and it does seem like we'll hit more than 50 students/event which will result in \$1000 in fundraising.

Principals' / Teachers' Report:

- Gratitude was expressed for the PTSO donation to the music department and great news was shared about distinctions received for the music department.

Old Business

- Donation (\$5,000 to Music Dept, \$3,000 to Athletic Dept)
 - These donations were completed
- Pies (3/13), Coffee Truck...hand delivered (3/19)
- Spirit Nights
 - Skate N' Fun Zone

New Business

- Bylaws updates: review of changes and invitation for feedback (now on website)
- Nomination Forms for PTSO Board Elections (Google Form)-Newsletter and Social Media Platforms
 - There must be approval for all nominees
- Guidelines for Voting (on person only vs google form)
 - Attendees discussed online vs. in-person voting and the pros and cons of each.
 - There was agreement by consensus that voting will take place in person, with those who wish to vote but cannot attend invited to contact the Parent Liaison to complete a proxy vote.
- Upcoming Spring event: Friday, April 17th or 24th (Luau Dance)
 - April 24th has fewer conflicting events, and this is the end of "Green vs. Gold week" with a Friday event for 8th graders.
 - Keeping the typical 7pm is ideal to allow time to after after-school events.
- 8th Grade Dance Planning (May 15th)
 - Planning has begun for this event.
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- Spring Event
- Teacher Appreciation Week (first full week of May)
- 8th Grade Dance
- End of year grade level celebrations
 - Historically, special treats have been for 8th grade only, but 6th and 7th grade were added based on the PTSO's desire to do something special for them in very recent years. This is
 - The school typically does Kona Ice for 8th grade, and the PTSO's budgetary support is appreciated.

Upcoming Events

- Shake Shack April 15th
- Velocity Wings April 30th
- Jersey Mike's Spirit Events: April 24-25, and May 22-23
- Election of officers for the 2026-2027 Board Year at April Meeting

Open Questions/Adjournment: Closing and confirmation of next meeting: Next meeting is April 16th at 6pm.