

Bull Run Middle School PTSO

April 16th, 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

In Attendance: Jennifer West, Mia Batson, Marcelena Jarrouj, Jessica Beech, Melissa Bays, Ellen Slobodnik, Megan DePaoli, Matthew Phythian, Jeshua Mercado, Bronwyn Hershberger, Amy Rhoades, Amber Briggs, Chris Renehan, Georgette Driskill, Jennifer Balios, Debbie Wilber, Lynette Sample, Lauren Smith, Jamie Arredondo, Preston Lazer, Connor Haupt

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

Treasurer's Report :

- Minimal activity in March
- Bank balance \$27,000
- Received \$130 from Jersey Mike's
- Received \$74.00 from Panera

Teachers' Report

Mr. Haupt shared that staff are excited for Teacher Appreciation Week, but there are no additional updates.

New Business

- Approval of updated by-laws
 - By-laws were approved
- Nomination Forms for PTSO Board Elections were sent but did not receive any interest, so voting will be postponed to May
 - Communication to feeder schools: Mr. Phythian will share this information with our feeder schools with rising 6th graders.
- Teacher Appreciation
 - Request for scheduling feedback: Some teachers do eat lunch at 10:15am when 6th grade lunches begin, so early set-up of lunch is helpful but if there is a lack of volunteers or issues with food availability, starting later is fine as well.
 - Monday: Coffee Bar and Light Breakfast
 - Tuesday: Salsa and/or Nacho Bar
 - Wednesday: Dirty Soda Bar with reusable tumblers
 - Thursday: Cookies and Cream
 - Friday: Lunch from the Bone
 - Feedback from the staff: the food and ice cream were appreciated, as are the mid-week treats. The Jersey Mike's is really beloved: "Please don't ever stop that."
 - Haymarket Chik-fil-A expressed to the school that they'd like to do something for the teachers this year. Coffee for Monday's breakfast would be ideal: Ms. DePaoli will reach out.
 - What would you appreciate from students?
 - Thank you notes mean a lot. Things that can be posted on the bulletin board and lift spirits on a difficult day. Things students make are very special.

- A daily recommendation to students, eg on Monday bring a thank-you card, Tuesday a candy bar, Wednesday a single flower, etc. Little slips of paper with statements like give this to someone who makes you feel safe, give this to someone whose class you look forward to going to, etc.
 - Is there a central location where supplies could be provided to make something for staff. The library, cafeteria?
- Luau Dance
 - Ticket sales are limited at the moment, but we'll be ramping up advertising
 - We're seeking volunteers to donate fruit
- 8th Grade Dance & Picnic Planning (May 15th)
 - 8th graders voted for a Black and Gold theme
 - Food will be provided: pizza, chick-fil-a, and desserts
 - New photo booth is coming with a mirrored selfie effect
 - Seeking committee chairs
 - Clarification on what left over dance ticket funds will be used for
 - Teacher involvement
 - A sign up for volunteers is already circulating!
- Donation made for Mental Health Awareness: PTSO is providing easels, canvases, chips, granola bars and toppings for dipped apple station. The event will be May 7th.

Upcoming Events

- Administrative Professionals Day: April 22nd
 - PTSO providing lunch for administrative assistants & school social worker
- Spring Luau Dance: April 24th
- Velocity Wings Haymarket: April 30th
- Jersey Mike's Spirit Events: April 24-25, and May 22-23
- Skate N Fun Zone: May 12th
- 8th Grade Dance: May 15th

****We still need volunteers to make these events happen****

Open Questions/Adjournment: Closing and confirmation of next meeting: Next meeting is May 21st at 6pm.