

Peirce Service Organization Meeting Minutes

Friday February 19, 2016

8:15 am

Attendees

Nora Hughes, President

M. Cecilia Bocanegra, Secretary

Lori Zaimi, Principal: Helen C. Peirce School of International Studies

Members of Peirce Service Organization (PSO)

Location

Fieldhouse - Helen C. Peirce School of International Studies

1423 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. Chicago, IL 60660

Agenda

- **New Business**
 - Introductions
 - Walk-a-Thon Fundraising
 - T-Shirts from Valentine's Dance Order
 - FOP Fundraising
 - Parent Group Leader Discussions
- **Old Business**
 - International Literacy Night
 - CIWP Focus Group
 - Box Tops

New Business

- **Introductions** Each member of the group introduced themselves and answered the question of what they like best about spring.
- **Walk-a-Thon Fundraising** The Walk-a-Thon 2016 Committee is headed by Manini Rao, Betsey Boemmel, and Molly Roudebush. The Walk-a-thon will be taking place this year on May 13, 2016. The committee has come up with some new fundraising ideas to motivate excitement about the event. One idea is to have a sponsor book this year where sponsors, local businesses, and parents can buy space to put out their message in a book that each student will receive. Sponsors and businesses can buy space to advertise their services and parents can purchase space to print a message to their child/children. The committee is also in the process of coming up with ideas for incentives for the day of the event and not just leading up to the event. Some ideas are prizes for amount of laps run. The group is seeking input from other parents and also more volunteers to help plan the event.
- **T-Shirts from Valentine's Dance** The t-shirts Nora Hughes purchased for sale at the dance sold out and many parents have expressed a desire for more shirts so Nora reminded the group to spread the word that the deadline for the second order is Monday February 22nd.
- **FOP Fundraising** Friends of Peirce met on last Wednesday night, February 17, 2016. Michael Roper, owner of Hopleaf, was present at that meeting to discuss alternative ways his establishment can help Peirce fundraise now that the Kegs 4 Kids event is defunct. Michael suggested having several different dates that are designated Peirce fundraising days where all proceeds procured on those days by Hopleaf will be donated to our school. FOP can advertise those dates to Peirce families and the community to try to maximize the opportunity for fundraising. FOP is currently working on some dates that might be feasible where we can do this.
- **Parent Group Leader Discussions** The heads of the various parent groups at Peirce have met with Principal Zaimi to talk about various items of importance to the parent community here at our school and to update each other on certain initiatives being undertaken by each group. Examples of topics that have been discussed are uniforms, the CIWP survey, the computing classes being run by the BAC/PAC groups, the idea of Spanish classes being offered via a BAC-PAC-PSO collaboration, and the psychology series being hosted by BAC/PAC.

Old Business

- **International Literacy Night** Principal Zaimi updated us on her knowledge of the status of the planning for this event taking place on March 16, 2016. Kimberly Lebovitz, IB PYP Coordinator, Katherine Hopkins, PK Teacher, and Brooke Thompson, Music Teacher, are heading up the planning. The event will take place from 5 pm until 6:30

pm and plans are being discussed to have different cultures' fairy tales being told in different classrooms, activities all along the main hallway of the first floor, a middle school poetry slam, Swedish snacks, Swedish dancing in the gym, and even having a maypole. The bins for the book donations will be out again and there is an idea to have a passport for each student.

- **CIWP Focus Group** PSO will be hosting a CIWP focus group next Wednesday, February 24, 2016, in the fieldhouse. The goal is to have at least 14 people in attendance so the group was encouraged to spread the word. Discussion of each of the 7 areas of the CIWP might require about two hours. The CIWP is due in April
- **Box Tops** The next Box Top counting gathering will take place on Monday February 22, 2016 after drop-off.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 18th at 8:15 am. The location will be the fieldhouse at the school.