



# PSO AGENDA

PEIRCE SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Thursday, April 13, 2023

## MEETING SUMMARY

### I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome to everyone in attendance. We introduced ourselves around the room.

### II. Recap of Events

#### Winter Mixer - Friday March 10, Michelle Platts

- Really nice time at Whiskey Girl Tavern with Peirce parents, socializing, community building, special Peirce branded drinks.
- Any feedback? Great to pair this event with Peirce Babysitting Night.

#### Career Day Breakfast - Thursday March 16, Michelle Plants

- Food ordered from Costco to support the breakfast as well as lunch. FOP provided funds for this, less than \$300.

#### Spring Book Fair - March 27 - 31

- Really terrific book fair ran the week of March 27th. Kids and families enjoyed greatly.
- Tried to make the fair equitable, created a fund to support kids who did not have funds to purchase books. There was a lot of miscommunication as many kids thought they could all get free books, even if they brought their own money.
- Many parents donated to the fund
- Confusion over ewallets
- Confusion over when the fair would be at the Pre-K branch
- Need more communication and volunteers particularly in the younger grades.
- Could we get Middle School students help volunteer at the Book Fair?
- Way understaffed with volunteers. Might be good to sync up the volunteer time slot that their child will be attending the Fair with their class. Will need to coordinate communication from teachers about when their class will visit the fair.
- Karen McGroaty will take the lead on this next year, taking over for Erin Payne, whose 8th grader is graduating Peirce this year.
- Karen will hold a meeting to discuss the vision for the next book fair in the fall.
- Would be great to have a Book Donation / Swap event, whether connected to Book Fair or not. Perhaps this could be part of Literacy Night.

#### Parent - Teacher Conference Luncheon - Wednesday March 29

- This event went very well. Set up was great. Feedback from teachers great. Lots of appreciation for the hot food.
- Food catered from Mariano's. Could have used maybe 2 more entrees, more chicken.
- Total raised \$1700 from parent donations for the school year. Spent \$694 from this fund for the December luncheon, and \$522 for this luncheon this spring. There is a balance of \$369 left in this fund.
- Sustainability: water bottles? Can we ween ourselves off of this? Or gift them a reusable water bottle with Peirce logo / brand. Or ask folks to bring their own water bottle. Tables covered in butcher paper instead of plastic. The kids decorated and thanked every teacher in our staff directory.

### III. Upcoming Events

### **History Event coming to Peirce - May 17th.**

- A historian, Dilla History, will come to Peirce to hold a TED-style Talk. / STEAM event. We will fundraise for this event. Idea is to hear about Chicago history Live. Planning committee with folks from PSO, VOICES, PAC, BAC, FOP. After school 4:45pm. 5 - 6pm the talk will start. Looking for Student Council rep to be on the committee as well. Age group is everyone. Make this a picnic on the turf as well. More to be communicated. Bonn Wade is leading this from REP. Helena and Leanne will join from PSO to help plan. April Browning to join from FOP to help with fundraising. Michelle will help with flyers. Could we also connect this to Back to School event in the fall to reach more folks? Do we have a punch list that we have to have when we do school events? Talk to Lori and Kim. Bridget O'Donnell and Jess Rooney are leading this as well. Might need a lease agreement for the school, if so, this will require approval from LCS. Need to be on their agenda 48 hours before their meeting.

### **Community Yard Sale - Saturday April 22 - Michelle Platts, Committee Lead**

- Flyers have gone out, added to SMORE newsletter.
- Drop-off on Friday evening before the event at the St. Gregory Lot
- There's a sign-up genius for Parent volunteers - 2-hour time slots all day long.
- Will have a Cheddar-up Link to collect money. Venmo also available.
- 3 ways to help - donate items, shop the sale, or volunteer your time at the event. Kids can volunteer too.
- Will need volunteers to help set-up and sort items.
- Will use tarps (that we originally purchased for outdoor lunches) to lay out items.
- Kids and Family event also happening here at Peirce sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce
- Leftover items are donated to a variety of places. Will recruit donation coordinators to help with this after the event. Can be difficult to donate baby items, Leanne will research where these items can be donated to.

### **CELEBRACION DE ARTE - Wednesday April 26 - Michelle Platts, Committee Lead**

- Coming back after a 3-year hiatus. Event is put on by our Art, Dance and Drama teachers.
- 30 tables will be set up for local artists. Shopping in the gymnasium. Music, crafts, face-painting, food trucks, home-made tamales.
- Art will be hung in the halls from the last several years. Sign-up genius to help hang the art. Erin Payne to lead this.
- This event takes a huge amount of organizing.
- All items for sale will go back to the Arts department.
- Trying out entrance at Door 7 to avoid bottle neck in the front.
- Many ways to volunteer for this event, in 1-hour increments.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week - May 1 - 5**

- Becky Rad will help support ideas for school-wide level. There will be a lunch for the teachers, we'll get some swag for the teachers. Popcorn day, Starbucks coffee.
- We need to work out with FOP how we can fund this without requesting additional donations from families. There are left-over funds, about \$1400, from previous winter teacher appreciation fund.
- Room Reps to coordinate for their classroom teachers.

### **Sport Banquet - May 23 & 24**

- Mr. Carbajal will lead a Sport Banquet for all Peirce Athletes and their families. He is leading, support from Ann Reagan.
- PSO is lending support.
- More information to come from Mr. C.

Lauren Swuhart to take over treasury for PSO.

Next PSO meeting at the Understudy!