



PSO AGENDA

PEIRCE SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Thursday, February 2, 2023

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Recap of Events

Lunar Parade Recap

- Peirce marched in the Argyle Lunar New Year Parade on January 28th. There was a great showing of Peirce kids and families.
- We discussed the situation where an alder candidate and supporters were electioneering and campaigning alongside the Peirce float, and the impact it had on our community.
- PSO acknowledged the harm that occurred and shared a statement of acknowledgement with the community following this meeting, posted to the PSO Facebook page.
- Moving forward, we will be working with Admin and other parent groups to discuss what we can do to prevent such acts from reoccurring, and we'll commit to updating you as we learn more.

III. Upcoming Events

Valentines Dance - February 10th, 5 - 6:30pm

- (At the time of this publication, the dance has already been held, and it was a great success!)
- The planning committee was led by Becky Rad and Michelle Platts. We had many other volunteers - thank you!
- Communication about the dance included flyers in backpack mail, SMORE, posting to socials.
- There were a lot of activities - craft tables, creative line dancing, a Heart wall, photo booth
- We had discussed how to manage it well to avoid long lines and big messes - and agreed no popcorn or cotton candy. Instead there were goodie bags upon exit with water bottle stickers, big lollipops, etc
- Pizza was available for \$1 per slice to break even. A few other items and drinks were free.
- There was a suggested donation at the door to keep our events free and running. We had discussed ensuring we express to parents the donation is completely optional. QR code was also available to give donations.
- We'd like to send a survey to kids and families at the end of the year, what they liked, what they would improve to inform our events like this for next year.

Winter Mixer - Friday March 10, 6 - 10pm.

- Our next Parent / Caregiver Mixer will be held at the Whiskey Girl. There will be pool tables and a special drink. Gorgeous space. Free jazz band.
- Babysitting Night will be held at Peirce that evening from 6 - 9pm to make it easier to attend the Winter Mixer (although it's not required you attend the mixer in order to take advantage of babysitting night - you can spend your time however you wish)
- Becky Rad recently shared a post about Babysitting Nights on Parents of Peirce. Check it out for details.

Career Day Breakfast - Thursday, March 16.

- Mr. Lee is asking PSO to help, buy breakfast food, coffee and set-up. FOP will cover the cost.

Spring Book Fair - March 27 - 31

- The Book Fair is coming up again in the Spring. Erin Payne is the Committee Lead. Discussion about how to continue making it more equitable for all kids. There will be a meeting prior to the book fair to discuss.

Teacher Luncheon - Wednesday, March 29

- There will be a Luncheon for teachers during our spring Parent / Teach Conferences. Will be led by Lee Ann Searight.

Fiesta del Arte - Wednesday, April 26

- Fiesta del Arte is happening again this spring. This will be in partnership with BAC's Dia Del Nino event held that day.
- There will be a Silent auction, an FOP gear table, an Art market in cafeteria for kids, parents and community members to sell their art, Bake sale, performances by the kids, food trucks outside.
- There's an idea for each classroom to have a piece of artwork they can make together to be sold.
- All money collected will go back to the school.
- Need parent support to help organize and execute this. Erin Payne agreed to help hang art on walls. Michelle will get info out soon to solicit more volunteers.

IV. Other Parent Groups:

FOP (Friends of Peirce)

- FOP held a special working session regarding serious fundraising efforts. Coming up are the Move-a-thon and a gala for the community. More info to come. Babysitting events will be happening. 6 - 9pm. The first one will be March 10th to coincide with our Winter Mixer.

REP (Racial Equity Parent Group)

- REP has been supporting our community by making space for parents to have conversations following the murder of Tyre Nichols, and created a statement that went out to the community, shared in the SMOREs newsletter and Peirce Facebook pages.
- REP's February meeting was held on Feb 7th, 8pm. Going forward meetings will be held 1st Tuesday of each month. Ashley to confirm and share dates back, Cecilia to add to Facebook events sent out monthly.

BAC (Bilingual Advisory Council)

- BAC's February Meeting was held on Feb 2, 3:15pm in the field house.

LCS (Local School Council)

- Ms. Zaimi's contract was unanimously renewed by the LSC. We are grateful for Ms. Zaimi's leadership and thrilled to learn of her contract renewal.