



PSO AGENDA

PEIRCE SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Thursday, January 12, 2023

MEETING SUMMARY

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Recap of Events

Financial Update - Ashley Heins

- The PSO started this year with a balance from Friends of Peirce (FOP), and we've since made some money from some of our events thus far. We'd like to discuss and agree as a group how to set budgets for each of our events for the remainder of the year. We also talked about how to get reimbursed when you've made a personal purchase for a PSO event. There's a link on AirTable, which Ashley will share, where you can put in your information and it goes into an account for PSO. The system immediately reimburses you within a couple of hours. The biggest issue is people forget to do this. You buy something, lose the receipt and don't go through the steps to get reimbursed. FOP is asking for a turnaround time of 2 weeks in which to seek reimbursement, to keep this process on track (however, if you forget, no worries, you'll still be reimbursed). You can take photos of your receipt too.

Holiday Breakfast

- The holiday breakfast was a huge success.
- Led by LeeAnn Searight and a number of volunteers. THANK YOU LeeAnn and to all the folks who volunteered.
- PSO spent \$385 for breakfast tacos, and \$200 for home-made tamales.
- The breakfast was held the day before winter break. All the food was eaten!
- Goodie bags provided to teachers also, as a thank you. Teachers appreciated all the work and volunteering.
- We took up a collection to raise money to pay for the above, money left over will be used for the next teacher breakfast happening during spring conferences.
- There's a request to email back the families who donated money to let them know where the money was spent.
- Lauren Swihart led the breakfast at the Branch. It was great to include them this year, much appreciation from the staff. THANK YOU to Lauren and the folks volunteering at the branch.
- Feedback received that the Sign-up Genius wasn't clear that there was also a breakfast happening at the branch, we'll need to be more clear next time.

III. Upcoming Events

Winter Parent Mixer

- A parent mixer is listed on the Peirce calendar for Friday, January 20th, however, this has been cancelled and will be rescheduled later this winter. We will communicate to the community through our regular channels.
- FOP is working on two babysitting nights. We'd like to align our Parent Mixer with one of these nights. We're looking at a local bar called Whiskey Girl - an establishment with 4 pool tables, food, craft cocktails, karaoke, as a possibility
- Michelle will reach out to FOP to align dates and will communicate to the community. Stay tuned for details to come this winter as this gets planned out.

Lunar New Year Parade - Ashley Heins

- The Argyle Lunar New Year Parade will be held this year on Saturday January 28th. We hoping to get a crowd this year to march in the Parade to represent our school.
- Ashley is taking the lead in getting Peirce kids and families to join in the celebration
- We'll get the Peirce cheerleaders, decorate a car, and get Pickles involved.
- We'll create a banner, and signs for the cheerleaders to hold up.
- Wear your Peirce gear! We'll advertise going to our Peirce Store to get some swag. Go Peirce!
- The Parade starts at 1pm. If you're marching in the parade, line-up begins at 12pm.
- Location: Broadway and Argyle

Valentines Dance - February 10th, 5 - 6:30pm (timing to be confirmed)

- PSO will be hosting a Valentine's Dance for all students the evening of Feb 10th.
- We're looking to get a committee formed for this. Please let us know if you'd like to be involved.
- A survey will go out to the community for parents to share with their kids - we want the kids' feedback to make this work for them!
- Some feedback we've already received:
 - Middle schoolers want the auditorium.
 - Crafts should be in hallway for all to do. We want to ramp up the crafts and have at least 3 different ones.
 - We'll have a photo booth available.
 - Tables can be put in the recessed doorways to not block the hallways and allow for easier traffic flow.
 - Goodie bags with popcorn can be provided upon exit to avoid lines and bottlenecks and mess.
 - Some simple foods could be available for purchase - pizza, cookies, etc.
 - Contact Michelle if you'd like to be part of this planning committee!

IV. Committee Updates

Peirce Grounds - Tracy Didriksen

- No new news, but this is still happening every Monday, weather permitting. A small group of parents meet up to pick up trash across the playground and field, we provide bags and gloves and welcome anyone to join.

Teacher Holiday Gifting

- Led by Helena, a collection was taken up across the community prior to the winter holiday to provide a monetary gift to all our teachers and staff.
- Every teacher and staff member received a gift.
- THANK YOU Helena for leading this, and to everyone in the community who donated funds, kind words, or their time.
- We'd like to get a gift to the crossing guards for next gifting (year end). Michelle will get their names and info.
- We gift the staff using a tier model as there are different levels of staff in the school (tier 1 receives X amount and tier 2 receives Y). There's a need to review our tier levels to ensure this is fair and equitable. Based on feedback from the community, families like using the tiered model, although families aren't clear who falls into which tier and how much each staff member receives. This is an opportunity to revisit this and make it more clear.

Room Reps

- Led by Cecilia - we will be encouraging Room Reps to blast their classrooms about upcoming activities. There is a need for chaperones for upcoming overnight field trips (will need level 1 status), classroom specific mixers, etc
- Feb 9th, 16th, 17th: 6th grade trip to the Indiana Dunes.

Communications Committee - Website - Lauren Swihart

- No new updates. Lauren will request a meeting with Ms. Zaimi in the coming weeks to review this now that she has returned from her temporary leave.

Spirit Squad - Lindsey Moon

- Cheerleading is happening! Led by Lindsey Moon, Ms. Adu, and supported by Sarah Gust and Ashley Heins. Well done to you all on getting this launched and off the ground.
- Our goal is to create more school spirit!
- There are 30 kids on the team. Open to both boys and girls.
- First game the cheerleaders will attend was last Saturday, January 14th 9am. 5th/6th Boys Basketball game, Senn High School. The cheerleaders will alternate cheering at both boys and girls sporting events going forward.

V. Topics from Last Meeting:

Welcome Back Banner for Ms. Zaimi

- There is a fabulous welcome back banner for Ms. Zaimi signed by all kids, hanging in the hallway of the school.

Winter Coat Closet

- There is a closet filled with winter gear for kids to borrow. All has been laundered and is ready for borrowing in the field house. Coach Mike and all the recess coaches can help students get what they need to borrow and help them return it back when they are done.

V. Questions/Comments/Suggestions:

Family Bowling Day

- We're looking to sponsor a Family Bowling Day this winter and will get the word out about it. More to come ...

Volunteer SMORE Newsletter Coordinator

- We're still looking for a parent to help support Ms. Zaimi and our admin team with this. If you're interested, contact Michelle Platts.

VI. Other Parent Groups:

FOP (Friends of Peirce)

- January Meeting: Jan 11, 6:30pm (virtual)

REP (Racial Equity Parent Group)

- January Meeting: Jan 12, 8:15am

BAC (Bilingual Advisory Council)

- Next Meeting: Feb 2, 3:15pm (Fieldhouse)

LCS (Local School Council) - Lindsey Moon

- January Meeting: Jan 26, 6pm (virtual and in gym)
- Every 4 years the Local School Council is responsible for evaluating our principal and determining whether or not to renew the contract. Feedback from parents is an important part of this process. A survey has gone out to parents through the SMORE newsletter, Parents of Peirce Facebook page, back-pack mail and Room Rep emails. The deadline to submit feedback is January 17th. Your feedback is important to this process, so please complete this by the 17th.