



# PSO AGENDA

PEIRCE SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Thursday, June 1, 2023

## MEETING SUMMARY

### I. Welcome

### II. Recap of Events

#### **Sports Banquet - Michelle**

- Really great event, first time ever, will be held annually going forward
- All kids recognized and received rewards who participated in any CPS / Peirce sport this school year
- Budget paid for from the school budget

#### **New Family Open House - Michelle**

- Good turnout, about 40 - 50 people in total. All attendees took a tour of the school.
- Very welcoming

#### **Teacher Year-End Gifting - Helena**

- We have about \$12k collected so far. This is on par with what we collected this time last year
- \$55 left from December gifting, which we will put toward year-end gifting.
- \$1745 left from Teacher Appreciation collected earlier this year. We agreed we will keep this in our budget for the fall appreciation breakfast / luncheons.
- Gift money being collected right now should be 100% for the year-end teacher gifts.
- For next year, we propose combining Teacher Appreciation gifting with year-end gifting so we're not asking for funds from families twice, so closely in the same part of the year.
- Next year we also want to be more inclusive about including all staff in Teacher Appreciation Week, and call it Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
- Michelle is also going to talk to FOP about perhaps moving Move-a-thon to the fall, to get families excited at the beginning of the year, as this donation collection can impact families' ability to donate to so many events.

### III. Upcoming Events

#### **Summer Playdates - Helena**

- Location changed to Cochran Park as our playground will be under construction over the summer
- First one is end of June. Four total to be held through the summer.
- Info will be shared for various communication channels - neighborhood Facebook groups, info to the alderman offices, etc
- Michelle will create a new logo and look-and-feel as current logo doesn't look very inclusive
- Will create a banner to put up at Cochran Park

#### **Back to School Picnic - August 17th**

- Flyer already handed out to new families at Orientation today
- Would like to form a committee to dole out the responsibilities.
- Gordon to join this committee. Dafina to join as well.

- Michelle has a Google Doc she will send out to the school community in the last SMORE and Facebook, to hit the ground running next year.

#### **Next PSO Meeting**

- Should we hold our next meeting in August? Or first week of school? We agreed the Back-to-School Picnic Committee can meet in August and first PSO meeting would be first week of September
- Might be nice to have PSO evening Office Hours next year to have a quick chat for folks to ask questions, especially for those who have difficulty meeting at 8:15am.

#### **PSO Treasury / Budget**

- PSO has their own credit card
- Send receipts to Lauren if you need reimbursement

### **III. Topics of Discussion**

#### **Calendar of Events and Committee Leads / Supports**

##### **School Dances**

- Michelle has a survey to send out to gather feedback on school dances. We'll let this inform our dances going forward. Idea to have a Homecoming Dance in November just for Middle School and do away with the Halloween Dance. Having a Halloween Dance and Fall Fest so close together is challenging for our volunteers.

##### **Book Fair**

- Karen has agreed to lead the Book Fair Committee, there will be a book fair this fall. Helena to support.

##### **Teacher Conference Luncheons**

- LeAnn to head up again?

##### **Parent Mixers**

- We will align these with babysitting / kids night out nights.
- We may hold more mixers and give-back events through the year
- Room Reps can continue to be encouraged to plan grade-level mixers and events

##### **Fiesta de Arte**

- Michelle will lead, Sarah and Helena to help
- Need a lot more volunteer support, in the works for a date for next year

##### **Yard Sale**

- Michelle to lead this, Kelly to support
- Will look align this with the WANT neighborhood yard sale

##### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

- Lauren to take this

##### **Sports Banquet**

- Lindsey to lead

##### **Homecoming Dance**

- Tracy to lead

##### **Valentine's Dance**

- Becky to lead

##### **Jr PSO**

- Rene Ryan to head this up. This is a group of 6th-8th kids who can help volunteer through the year.
- REP also wants to get volunteer opportunities to kids even as young as K and 1st

##### **Volunteer Coordinator**

- Erin to continue to lead. Good news: Level 1 volunteers will not need to be fingerprinted again next year. All you need to do is email Sally Suarez and she can renew you for next year.

##### **Grounds Clean-up Committee**

- Tracy to step down, Erin to lead, but if there is another person who wishes to lead, that would be terrific.
- Would be great to have Jr PSO help with this. Will connect with Rene.

## **Communications**

- Need to streamline communications better next year - FOP has an FYI with FOP newsletter, we could make this an FYI for all parent groups. Folks in attendance agreed this is a good idea.

## **FOP Update**

- \$62k raised, above \$60k goal. Booklets will be created and sent out.
- Kate and Kelly will be finishing their 2-year term and will not be returning for a new term. Excited time for a new board.
- A Gala is coming for the fall. (If we want to move this to spring, and move Move-a-thon to fall, we need to get going on this now. There are a lot of great reasons to switch these, but it will need to happen quickly if we want to do that by next year.