

# Peirce Service Organization (PSO)

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# PEIRCE

## Current PSO Officers

Cecilia Bocanegra - President  
Ashley Heins-Elwood - Vice President  
Tracy Didriksen - Secretary

## About PSO

All Peirce parents and caregivers are automatically PSO members, and all are welcome to join our monthly meetings and/or support our activities and events in any capacity.

The mission of PSO is to foster connection and collaboration among the members of the Peirce community, and manage events and activities throughout the school year to support the faculty, students, and families of Peirce. Some of the key things we do are the Back to School Picnic, Fall Fest, School Dances, Teacher Appreciation Events, Playground Clean-up, School Beautification Events, and the Room Rep Program. To share ideas for other activities and events you'd like to see, lead, or support, please join our meetings or reach out to us at [peircevolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:peircevolunteers@gmail.com).

Our monthly meetings take place the second Friday of each month, in person, in the basement of the Edgewater Baptist Church on Hollywood and Glenwood.

## June Meeting Summary

Friday, June 3, 2022

- Welcome / Introductions
- Recognition and huge thanks to Cecilia Bocanegra, who has led the PSO as President for the last 7 years. Our team is forever grateful to Cecilia for her commitment and passion in leading this fantastic group. This was Cecilia's last meeting as President, as Michelle Platts will step in as President going forward for the next 2 years. Welcome, Michelle, we are so happy to have you in this role and really look forward to working with you.
- Old Business
  - Spring Dance Debrief: The dance was a hit! Great attendance and a lot of fun. We raised \$865.75 in ticket sales, which will support future dances and events. We brainstormed improvements for next time including: having 2 snack areas, tables set back in door bays to create more walking space in hallways, earlier communication to kids and families, volunteers at every door, clarification on level clearance required for volunteers. We welcome any additional feedback from students and caregivers - please feel free to email us at [peircevolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:peircevolunteers@gmail.com).

- End-of-Year Gifting: We are still collecting donations for year-end gifts for all teachers and staff. Folks can donate to one central donation pool until Thursday June 9th via the following link: <https://teacher-gifting-2022.cheddarup.com>. All funds received will be distributed among all teachers and staff. You may contribute money and/or a message of appreciation. Helena Swyter, April Browning and Room Reps serving as gift coordinators are working together to make this happen. Backpack mail went out last week to all families to share this information.

#### ○ New Business

- New Chair for Teacher Conference Day Luncheons: formerly headed up by Emily Johnson DeSanto, each year we've hosted a teacher luncheon during both the fall and spring parent-teacher conferences, to feed our teachers during these long days. Emily has created a document with all the information and logistics on how this has run historically and is passing this off to a new team. LeeAnn Searight has volunteered to support and will be recruiting others to join. Thank you, Emily, for your excellent leadership of this for the last many years. Thank you, LeeAnn, for stepping up to support this going forward.
- Kindergarten and New Family Playdates: As per tradition each year, we will host 4 playdates throughout the summer for rising kindergartners and their families. All new families to Peirce, regardless of grade, are also invited to join. Dates will be Tue June 28th 5pm, Mon July 11th 5pm, Sat July 23rd 10am, Sun Aug 7th 2pm. Communications are in the process of coming out through our various communication channels.
- Back-to-School Festival: this will be held Thu Aug 18th 3 - 5pm. This will include students meeting their teachers and bringing supplies to their classrooms, as well as students and families enjoying a celebration and picnic on the field. Michelle Platts will be recruiting a sub-committee to plan this throughout the summer.
- Creating better drainage on school grounds: while not discussed in this meeting, several offline discussions have taken place lately about how can we minimize the big mud puddles and muddy areas near doors 8 and 9 after a big rain. We have the ok from Ms. Zaimi to brainstorm and work together this summer to help this area drain better. One idea shared was to dig a deep trench and fill with gravel, then cover the area with dirt and mulch. Anyone with the time, skills and energy to support this endeavor, please reach out to Tracy Didriksen or Erin Snow. We will communicate a date soon to meet on campus over the summer to do the work ourselves. We welcome anyone to come and help us.

#### ○ Other Updates

- Move-a-thon Recap: The Move-a-thon was a huge success and so much fun. The kids, teachers, staff and volunteers all had a blast. We are on track to reach our goal of \$50K. Well done to all the organizers and everyone involved.