



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.

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.

May Meeting Summary

Friday, May 13, 2022

- Welcome / Introductions
- PSO Election
 - For the first time in its history, PSO held an election for its officer positions for the 2023 - 2024 school years. Officers will serve for 2-year terms. To be eligible for an officer position in the future, one must have been an active PSO participant for at least 1 year.
 - The new officer positions for the 2023 - 2024 school years are:
 - President - Michelle Platts
 - Vice President - No candidates for this role, will be filled at later date
 - Secretary - Tracy Didriksen
 - Officers will begin the transition into their new roles before the end of this school year.
- Old Business
 - Teacher Appreciation Week Debrief - the week of May 3rd was Teacher Appreciation Week. The PSO team hosted a potluck breakfast and an afternoon of Popcorn and snacks. Many Room Reps organized classroom level and individual appreciations. Also that week, we began re-stocking the Teacher's

lounge with drinks and snacks, and this will become a monthly activity to ensure the lounge is fully stocked with refreshments. These events were greatly appreciated by our teachers. Thank you to all the folks who helped pull this off.

- Parent Engagement and Communication - there is an effort to begin using WhatsApp as another way to engage and communicate with parents, especially for anyone who does not use email to communicate. Our original goal was to launch this in time for Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences, but several unforeseen events made it difficult, and thus it didn't happen. Our new goal is to have this ready for the new school year this fall. More information to come as this is developed and launched.

○ New Business

- Spring Fling! PSO is hosting a Spring Dance on Friday, May 20th from 5:00 - 6:30pm. There will be snacks, crafts and plenty of dancing. We're still recruiting folks to volunteer to support this event, and you may sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/v9a692v>
- End-of-Year Gifting - Room Reps will begin organizing an end-of-year gift for our teachers and staff. Room Reps will communicate soon to classroom families with information on how to participate.

○ Updates from other Parent Groups

- FOP is hosting the Move-a-Thon 2022 on June 1, and are currently sharing information with families and recruiting parents / caregivers to volunteer to support this awesome event and collect donations. Look for more information in backpack mail, on Parents of Peirce, and other social media pages.
- FOP is hosting a Peirce Night at Replay, 5358 N. Clark on Tuesday, May 17th. 100% of Replay's profits will be given to Peirce. Kids can join until 6:30pm and then it is adults only from 6:30pm and beyond. Replay has great food and free video games.
- FOP hosted the first in a long time Trivia Night at Empirical Brewery on Friday, May 13th. Great fun for all Peirce adults - including many of our teachers and staff.
- BAC hosted the Fiesta del Nino event on Friday April 29th. It was such a great event and fun was had by all.
- Friends of Andersonville is gearing up for their Kid's Summer Reading Program, to begin the week after July 4th and run for 6 weeks. Kids will get a gift card to local Andersonville businesses for the books they read. A flyer will be coming home soon in backpack mail.