

PSO Meeting Minutes 4/12/2024

In attendance:

Michelle Platts, Cecilia Bocanegra, Bianca Jimenez, Deirdre Colgan Jones, Helena Swyter, Lauren Swihart, Jessica Galligan, Rebecca Nguyen, Sarah Gust, Dafina Dobroschi, Lindsey Moon
Virtually: Rene Ryan

I. Welcome Introductions (Michelle)

- a. **FOP Update** (none, no FOP rep). But Panther Ball new date: Fri May 31
- b. **BAC update**: Bianca: Dia Del Nino (4/26/24) will run the same way as last year. BAC is working on helping all interested BAC parents get the Level 2 volunteer approval. She will post a SignUp Genius on Parents of Peirce and send to Kim for getting in the S'more
- c. **Next year's PSO Board**
 - Anyone parent who has been involved PSO can run, they need to have attended meetings or be a regular volunteer to ensure some working knowledge of the org.
 - President: Michelle's 2-year term is ending at the end of this year, and is not running for re-election.
 - Helena Swyter has offered to step up, but PSO will also advertise the vacancy to the community.
 - Vice President: currently unfilled anyway, up for election
 - Secretary: 2-year term is ending, unsure if Tracy is interested/able to continue

II. New Business Discussion

- a. **Teacher Appreciation Week** (Lauren Swihart):
 - May 6-10th
 - Lauren Swihart has been talking to teachers about their preferences, teachers are not interested in more Peirce swag at the moment
 - Copying last year's efforts, but removing the gift bags and trying for a coffee/massage experience instead, Uvae was appreciated last year
 - There is a decent budget this year (\$2500) and considering a barista cart, massage chairs, delivering drinks to teachers during their prep hours
 - Cecilia will send out notice to room reps this week
- b. **Fiesta De Arte** (art teachers/Lauren Swihart)
 - -This is a school-sponsored event that PSO helps to execute and staff
 - -Funds raised are held by FOP for art teachers
 - -Officially rescheduled for Wednesday 5/29/24, 5-6:30
 - -Will repeat the plans from last year except new wall hanging strategy
 - -We will be purchasing black fabric for hanging the wall art, rather than the black paper (via fundraising efforts)
 - -There is a timeline in place with the school for wall-hangings/art hangings/recruiting volunteers, all ready to move forward

- -Deirdre Colgan-Jones (professional artist and room rep) is offering to support! Beth Shank, as well
- c. **Yard Sale** (Michelle Platts)
 - Michelle wants to hold it, but the spring calendar is so full! The Edgewater sales are June 1, morning after the Panther Ball and Michelle is unavailable. Potentially scheduled for June 15, pending confirmation of parking lot availability
- d. **Sports Banquets** (Mr. Carbajal/Lindsey Moon)
 - 5-6:30p on both Wed 5/22 (7&8th grade) and Thurs 5/23 (5&6th grade)
 - Parents will support Mr. Carbajal in repeating the plans from next year

III. Review of Past Events

- a. **Winter Parent Mixer** – Was very fun, but low turnout. Next year just have one in Fall, but concerns about communication to the new families early in the year to make sure everyone is aware? Will work hard to push communications.
- b. **Career Day Breakfast/Lunch** – Presumably went fine, didn't hear any feedback from Mr. Lee about the lunch items that PSO facilitated
- c. **Parent/Teacher Conference Luncheon** – Need more vegetarian and vegan options next time, around 50/50 ratio

Next PSO Meeting:

Friday May 3rd 8:15am in the Fieldhouse, instead of usual Thursday May 2nd
 (If meeting links are always the same then it is <http://meet.google.com/wgd-rjy-ope>)