



PEIRCE

Peirce Service Organization (PSO)

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2022

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Cecilia Bocanegra – President

Ashley Heins-Elwood – Vice President

Tracy Didriksen – Secretary

We welcome any Peirce parent to join our meetings and become a PSO member. PSO helps foster connection and collaboration among the members of the Peirce community. We plan 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 Room Rep program, family and parent events, Teacher Appreciation Weeks, and beautification efforts such as Playground Clean-up, painting and gardening, and many other things.

Our meetings take place the second Friday of each month, in person, in the basement of the Edgewater Baptist Church on Hollywood and Glenwood (entrance is on Glenwood). Even if you can't attend all the meetings, we still welcome you to get involved in any of our activities. If you have ideas of activities you'd like to see, or events you'd like to lead or support, feel free to reach out to our Leadership Team or email us at peircevolunteers@gmail.com.

Current Activities / Updates

- **Peirce Volunteer Update (Erin Snow)**
 - Peirce is ready to accept volunteers again, allowing parents and care-givers to help with their child's class, chaperone a field trip, etc.
 - In order to volunteer, parents and care-givers must sign-up to become either Level 1 or Level 2.
 - Level 1 Volunteers may support any classroom or fieldtrip activity that is unsupervised by a CPS or Peirce staff member, such as leading a small group of students on a field trip. Level 1 Volunteers must be fingerprinted and complete a TB test.
 - On Monday 3/14 Accurate Biometrics was on-site at Peirce for finger-printing.
- **Room Reps (April Browning and Jill Garvey)**
 - The purpose of Room Reps are to build engagement among the school community, help families get involved in classrooms as volunteers, and work with other parents to coordinate appreciations/gifts for teachers and staff.
 - April is looking for a partner to help with end-of-year teacher gifting. Helena Swyter stepped up to support this.
 - Teacher Appreciation is May 3rd and celebrated throughout the first week of May. The group brainstormed ideas of how we can show appreciation to our teachers school-wide and in individual classrooms. Jill will share communications with Room Reps soon to allow them to begin to discuss and plan things for their individual classrooms.
- **Peirce Spirit Squad (Ashley Heins and Lindsey Moon)**
 - There has been an increased effort recently to create more school spirit around Peirce, especially at our Peirce sporting events.
 - We've been in touch with Mr. Carbajal and Mr. Crawley to learn dates and times of sporting events, posting them to Peirce facebook groups to encourage more students and families to attend and cheer on their fellow Panthers.

- An idea is forming to create a Spirit Squad, a group of kids to help lead cheers, chants and spirit at various school sporting events.
- **Peirce Website (Lauren Swihart)**
 - We are currently working in partnership with Mr. Lee to update the Peirce School Website. There are several immediate items we are adding / changing to make it more usable, such as updating out of date info, who to contact for school absences, etc.
 - At the same time, we will be discussing how to revamp the website entirely for the long-term. We are developing a survey for parents / care-givers to gather ideas on how to make it more useful for all.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - A Scholastic Book Fair is currently being discussed and planned for Report Card Pick-up Day / Family-Teacher Conference Day. We had a discussion about the importance of ensuring the book fair is equitable and accessible to all students. Michelle Platts is leading, more to be communicated soon.
 - A Puzzle / Toy Swap is currently being planned by the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce, and is a great opportunity for our Peirce community. Michelle Platts is the contact, more to be communicated soon.
 - Picnic Tables will be delivered to Peirce for outdoor lunches. Volunteers will be needed to help assemble them. Ms. Zaimi will communicate more soon.
 - We discussed the possibility of a Peirce Spring Dance. More to come as we learn what's possible. Ashley will reach out to Ms. Zaimi to discuss.