



PSO Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2022

Board Attendees: Brett Gilfillan, Kelle Hohl, Kara Stanek, Amanda Shearer, Ada Betancourt, Aimee Avery, Major Kindsfater, Veronica Palmieri

Additional Participants: Diane Kar, Heather Wimsatt, Diana Laulainan-Schein, Jennifer Kindsfater, Tiffany Uelner, Pamela Perrilliat, Rose Risser, Misti Kekevian, Sheila Sawyer

8:15am Zoom meeting start

President Report (Kelle Hohl)

- Museia (April 22) - We are looking for someone to oversee Museia. There will be a sign up genius asking for volunteers to help run the day, bounce houses, food, musical performances, and art displayed.
- We have a new lead of the booster club, Major Kindsfater.
- Field Celebration is January 20th.
- We need suggestions for the best way to auction off one item, the parking spot.

Headmaster (Brett Gilfillan)

- Conferences - Conferences will be online. This will be more convenient for families since the schedules are out late. We will have fewer people on campus to reduce risk. This is the best for our community right now.
- Staff Updates - We now have a full time sub and a 60% time sub. We have a new ESS aid, and an interventionist for ELA, a registrar person, and we are looking for a science position (we have a teacher leaving in March). We also currently have a nurse intern for 8 days. We have two teachers going on maternity leave and one teacher on medical leave until January 31st. We have asked 4 teachers to go from a 1.0 full time position to a 1.25 position. We have had a lot of absences but morale is high even though bodies and minds are fatiguing. So proud of our faculty and family appreciation of our faculty. Snowstorm was beautiful.

- COVID Update - We don't have the resources to close contact so we are messaging the whole grade. We have been adding the counts in each grade and a section for 6th - 8th grade. On announcements today, we will remind the kids to stay home if they have symptoms and that masks are available if the students want them. GH is sticking to masks being a family choice.
- IXL Math Program - We will be offering this program to students that need additional math support. This program looks at overall skills and micro focuses on the skills the student needs to develop. Mrs. Lengel-Zigich and Mr. Hennessee have been working on which students will benefit from the program. The primary focus will be 6th and 7th grade, but it goes up to 12th grade,
- Field Celebration (January 20) - Mr. Crowe and Ms. Chaney will be there. Archway is invited. We will have one food truck and we will be acknowledging our donors. We were to play Basis but they cancelled due to COVID. We will play Scottsdale Christian or Tempe Prep.
- The Lottery will be next week. New families can drop off new packets on Friday the 28th.
- We had a delay on the release of grades. During fall break the teachers worked hard through break so we gave the teachers winter break off and grades were released January 10th.
- Attorney General presentation on Internet Safety will be given to middle school in person at the end of February.
- Parent Comments - We have a dangerous intersection at 92nd and Bahia. Could we designate the area a School zone? Could we have a police presence? Could we hire an off duty police officer? (Gilfillan) We have asked for school zone signs and speed bumps. We will make school zone signs for our sandwich boards and place them out by that intersection. We will have a police presence during Barrett Jackson week. A good week to hire an office duty police officer would be for the Waste Management tournament.

Treasurer (Amanda Shearer)

- As of December, we raised \$60,000. This is better than last year.
- We are getting close to transitioning everything over to GH.
- Please reach out if you have any questions on how to make deposits, if you have receipts, or if you have any questions on tracking.

VP of Passive Fundraising (Ada Betancourt))

- Due to our wonderful lunch leads and supportive families our lunch program continues to operate. Thank you!

Booster Club (Major Kindsfater)

- Really excited about some fundraising opportunities.
- Barrett Jackson (January 22nd, 28th and 30th) - Athletics programs, kids and parents, ushering parking for the event. If anyone has golf carts, please sign up to volunteer for a shift. Also looking for volunteers to set up a station for water and goods to sell. The SUG is out, shifts are 8am-12pm and 12pm-4pm. Coaches will sign up for blocks and then we will need 20 athletes, 5 per team per block. All funds will go to the volunteering teams.
- Grant from Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority (AZSTA) - Received a \$250,000 grant from AZSTA. We will install lighting on the field by August. And with project funding we hope to add bleachers soon after that.
- Physicals (Spring Event) - we will ask for volunteers, doctors and nurses, to help administer physicals and eye exams. All funds will go to the booster club.

Additional Committee Reports

- Shoppers Program (Heather Wimsatt)
 - Amazon Smile - this is our highest quarter so far.
 - Script Program - highest fundraising amount compared to past years. We will run another Script event to target Mother's Day and Teacher Appreciation week.
 - Kendra Scott - we did not have a great turnout. We made just under \$600.
 - Looking into a Barnes & Noble event to promote summer reading. Maybe we can get suggested reading lists from teachers.
- MS Social (Diane Kar)
- KTAR December event - not well attended, 25-30 kids.
- Pausing January events, planning for Spring events (February - May)
- March - on campus movie night
- Off campus event - Ice Den

Next meeting is a board meeting on Friday, February 11th at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15am