



PSO Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2024

Board Attendees: Mark McAfee, Rosa Kim, Kelley Crandall, Amanda Shearer, Aimee Avery, Angela Badura, Major Kindsfater, Veronica Palmieri, Lisa Noyes

Missing: Kara Stanek

Additional Participants: Lori Keever, Maria Azcanio Santos, Jennifer Kindsfater, Johanna Tesoniero, Stephanie D'Elia, Kensi Ryken, Candy Huber, Stefanie Dora

8:00 am In person meeting start

President Report (Kelley Crandall)

- General welcome and meeting kick-off

Headmaster (Mark McAfee)

- We are making progress on our art project. Plaques are going up. We want to plan an art opening - maybe an Arts Night.
- We are going to have another Blazer ceremony on February 21st - we will blazer our juniors and pin our seniors. Ultimately we will give Oxfords to Freshman, Ties to Sophomores, Blazers to Juniors, and Pins to Seniors.
- The enrollment lottery is next week, January 18th, and many parents are excited.
- Re-Enrollment for our current families is in March.
- We had our Alumni panel on Monday. Last year I was blown away by the whole experience so we had the home office media team come to film this year. It was a great event to see alumni, how they are doing, and how SPA prepared them for college.
- (Rosa Kim) A draft of the tentative 2024-2025 calendar will be posted on Tuesday. Changes ight be made.

Treasurer (Amanda Shearer)

- I just sent December financials. We have \$27,000 but most of it is allocated - partially for senior trip scholarships.

VP of Passive Fundraising (Veronica for Kara Stanek)

- Lunch is going well. We would like to thank our volunteers.
- One change this semester is the Jamba Juice menu - we will only have two smoothie options, Razzmatazz and Surfrider, and the açai bowl.

Booster Club (Major Kindsfater)

- We now have a spirit wear link on our website and have items for sale. Shelly Jin is looking into a point of sale system.
- Varsity letters have been ordered.
- Barrett Jackson SUG spots are filling up.

VP of Community Engagement (Angela Badura)

- We would like to plan another ice cream surprise for the students. Hoping to plan the next one for January 19th.
- Stock the Pantry - we will be asking parents for items at the start of this semester (same as first semester). The rest of the semester snacks will be provided by PSO.
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch Dates - we will be finalizing dates for this semester. Starting again late January or February.
- Middle School Social - February 2nd at Top Golf.

Family Giving and Community Engagement Officer (Lisa Noyes)

- We had great participation in tax credits the last two weeks of December. We received 70 in that timeframe this year. We will accept tax credit through April 15th.
- We also had great participation for community investment those two weeks, 26 gifts. We will accept 2023-2024 community investment gifts through the end of the school year.
- We are at a 44% participation rate for community investment and 19% for tax credit participation.
- Tax credit has an educational part to it because many are unclear on what it is and how it works.

Additional Committee Reports

- Family Directory (Kim Beres)

- We are launching an opt-in directory for SPA families. Details will be in the weekly update. First data input will be January 31st.
- This is a great way to build community.
- Participants will be given a link and they will be able to edit their own data.
- Sponsorships will be sold to help defer the cost of the directory.
- Please email questions to directory@spapso.org.
- The app has capabilities of moving kids up to the next grade at the end of the school year.
- Spartan Dads (Lex Beres)
 - We have a new qr code, link name, and phone number.
 - Our first event is January 31 at OHSO. It is a social event for dads to come and just hang out and meet other dads and explore common interests, no speakers, no agenda. We want to create a network of dads to help out with school/PSO events.

Questions/Discussions

- Family Directory - Could we contact parents regarding PSO events?
- Plus/minus grade system - What is Great Hearts' stance and why would they want to put our kids at a disadvantage regarding GPAs?
- Semester 1 Grades - could narratives come out later and release grades first so kids don't have to wait 3 weeks for final semester grades?

Next meeting is a board meeting on Thursday, February 1st at 8:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am