



PSO General Meeting Minutes December 5, 2025

Board Attendees: Mark McAfee, Rosa Kim, Valerie Guttman, Amanda Shearer, Tiffany Hill, Colleen Bedell, Laurie Moyer, Veronica Palmieri

Missing: Kara Stanek, Major Kindsfater

Additional Attendees: Marisa Lengel-Zigich, Peter Laugen, Wade Chapman, Lisa Noyes, Tiffany Uelner, Genna Fessinger, Amanda Ryan, Katrina Cuoco

8:00am In person meeting start

President (Valerie Guttman)

- General welcome and meeting kickoff.
- Holiday gifts this year - Great Hearts will not allow us to collect gifts for teachers for tax purposes. Please remember your teachers this holiday season.
- The high school preview night last month went well.

Headmaster (Mark McAfee)

- Thank you for the holiday staff party. We had a great turnout. It was a great evening for all.
- We had our Civics test yesterday for our 9th graders and most performed 95% on average.
- Our Galileo scores had the biggest percentage of growth in our GH network.
- We raised over 1.3 million for the Teacher Excellence Fund. We have 68 teachers and 52% of our teachers are getting money.

VP of Community Engagement (Colleen Bedell)

- Spring MS Social - We will have our next MS Social at Slick City on February 6th.
- Winter Formal for our HS Students will be January 31st.
- Our Basketball teams will be playing games at the Suns arena on January 7th. Students can wear a Suns shirt or jersey on January 7th to support our athletes.

Questions and Discussions

- Campus Safety (Peter Laugen)
 - We are always looking at ways to improve our campus security.

- Family Giving (Lisa Noyes)
 - Our goal for Community Investment was \$30,000 this week. We will know our final Giving Tuesday numbers soon.
 - This is the time of the year to do your tax credit donations. If you have not done it already, please consider it.

- Curricular Shows and Concerts
 - (Parents) Could we please remind teachers of the required performances? The students continue to be given a lot of homework the night of the performance.

- HS info for 8th Graders (Mark McAfee and Rosa Kim)
 - We are providing shadow days for our 8th graders.
 - The college counselors are offering meetings to 8th grade families.
 - We had the choir perform for MS on Monday. We are trying to show them the different opportunities they have in HS.
 - (Parents) Ideas - Maybe middle schoolers can attend the curricular play on tech days.

- First day of school 2026/2027 (Rosa Kim)
 - It will be August 6th this year!

The next meeting is a general meeting on Friday, January 9th at 8:00am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am

