



MINUTES

PSO GENERAL SESSION & ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 21, 2024 6:00pm

JAA-EDH Campus James Madison Building - The Forge Gym

I. Preliminary

A. Call to order: ___ 6:07pm _____

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

1. Officers

Tamara Ferrin, President

Ronda McBride, Vice President of Secondary

Amanda Erskine, Vice President of Elementary

Julie Cemo, Secretary

Ashley Sorgea, Treasurer

Heather Rico, Historian

2. General Membership: *Nicole Smith, Alicia Contreras, Melanie Sandry, Kristin Hoggan, Rachel Keyser, Jenny Ashton, Lauren Girard, Kayleigh Abeloe, Desiree Harris, Marcela Smith*

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

A. General Session 02/20/24

Motion to approve ___ Ronda McBride _____; 2nd ___ Amanda Erskine _____

Ayes: ___ 16 _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____

III. Public Comment

A. Thought of the Day - *Heather Rico, PSO Board Historian*

Historian Rico presented the thought of the day. She shared that as we near the end of the school year, it's a time when families might be doing a little hustle to get their volunteer hours in. She asked for a round of applause to all those who have not only hit the 40-hour mark but have gone above and beyond. Heather shared that volunteering at John Adams Academy is about modeling what we teach. Our children recite the core values every day and they are reinforced when they see their parents volunteering. She went on to say volunteering exemplifies public and private virtue - doing the right thing when completely alone and serving without thought of recognition. Parents are their primary educator and scholars will learn servant leadership by seeing parents serve. Out of this grows creativity in identifying ways to serve, and helps to create abundance within the John Adams Academy community. Through parents being dedicated to these core values we are building a culture

of greatness. Heather closed by saying she couldn't think of a better way to spend our time than reinforcing these five core values by volunteering.

IV. Business

A. President's Report - *Tamara Ferrin, PSO President*

2023-2024 Accomplishments - President Ferrin shared a slide deck reviewing all the events and activities the PSO hosted or supported during the school year. She thanked members of the executive board, committee chairs, and key volunteers as she recapped the year. Tamara shared that the Patriot Challenge fundraiser raised \$93,000 this year that allowed the PSO to hold wonderful events and make grants that invest in our Academy. Special thanks to Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Kristin Hoggan and Rachel Keyser.

Ashley Sorgea organized a wonderful Harvest Festival with over 2,000 people, 50 booths, and \$16,000 returned to teachers and campus groups. This year, our PSO Holiday Service project was a canned food drive for a local food pantry. EDH families donated over 500 lbs of food to our local community.

The Staff Luncheon (Hospitality) Committee was chaired by AnnMarie Harris this year. PSO hosted several full luncheons for 180+ staff in addition to a Pie Day, Bagel Day, Crumbl cookie and Fruit Day, a Coffee Cart & Treats Day and more! This year we also stocked the break room with coffee, tea, hot cocoa, drinks, paper goods, etc. for our EDH staff in both buildings. Special thanks to our entire committee including: Alexis Lockwood, Nicole Smith, Alicia Contreras, Colette Blain, Desiree Harris, Kristin Hoggan, and Melanie Sandry.

Ashley Sorgea led our Staff Appreciation Week. PSO rolled out the red carpet for our EDH staff with daily events, treats, and special treatment from the EDH scholars. We ended the week with a full luncheon and PSO gifted the staff two movie theater vouchers each.

Special thanks to Ronda McBride and Secondary Committee Chair, Krista Small, for organizing wonderful Simulation Day decorations and food. They decorated over 17 classrooms, the MPR, and the hallways with items from the historical times.

Maggie Cope chaired the Daddy Daughter Dance Committee this year. It was a Hawaiian themed dance and was attended by over 500 EDH dads and daughters.

Amanda Erskine and Ashley Sorgea led the Annual Mother-Son Cars Nights event this year! We had over 350 JAA moms and sons, 30 cars, and so much more!

This year, we had 64 elementary Room Parents. Our PSO Room Parent coordinator was Alexis Lockwood. Together, they supported 38 teachers and 1,020 scholars.

President Ferrin also shared that the PSO has made over \$40,000 in 25 grants to the Academy this year and the board is still working on a few more!

Special thanks to all the PSO board and volunteers who do so many wonderful things! Some other events and activities we had this year include: the College and Career Fair, two new

parent orientations, scholar directories, staff favorite sheets, winning Republic parties, VAPA events, Athletics support and so much more!

B. PSO Board Presentations - *Dr. Andrew Carico, Headmaster & Tamara Ferrin, PSO President*

1. Recognition of current 2023-2024 PSO Executive Board Officers

- a) Heather Rico, Historian
- b) Ashley Sorgea, Treasurer
- c) Julie Cemo, Secretary
- d) Amanda Erskine, Vice-President of Elementary
- e) Ronda McBride, Vice-President of Secondary
- f) Tamara Ferrin, President

Dr. Carico thanked President Ferrin for her service and said she was key to the success and operations of the Academy. President Ferrin thanked the board for serving and shared how proud she is of all the wonderful events the board hosted this year and all the grants we invested into our school. She shared that friendship is the true silver-lining of service. President Ferrin recognized each board member individually and presented them with a lovely gift from the NSD.

2. New 2024-2025 PSO Executive Board Officers

- a) Ronda McBride, Vice-President of Secondary
- b) Amanda Erskine, Vice-President of Elementary
- c) Julie Cemo, Treasurer
- d) Nicole Smith, Secretary
- e) Alicia Contreras, Historian
- f) President - vacant

President Ferrin welcomed the new board and thanked them for all their service on campus. She gave each board member a welcome packet, meeting journal, PSO lanyards, and a clipboard.

C. Recognition of Key PSO Volunteers - *PSO Executive Board Officers*

The board thanked all the following key volunteers and presented them with a small token of appreciation for all their service this year.

1. Tamara Ferrin, President

- a) Room Parent Coordinator - Alexis Lockwood
- b) Community Building/Parent Leadership - Genevieve Pelissie
- c) Harvest Festival Chair- Ashley Sorgea
- d) Media & Publicity - Jenny Ashton
- e) Holiday Service Project - Executive Board

2. Ronda McBride, Vice-President of Secondary

- a) Secondary Events Chair - Krista Small
- b) Photography Committee - Tami Ames

3. Amanda Erskine, Vice-President of Elementary

- a) Elementary Events: Daddy Daughter Dance Chair - Maggie Cope
- b) Elementary Events: Mother-Son Cars Night - Ashley Sorgea, Nicole Smith, Alicia Contreras

4. Julie Cemo, Secretary
 - a) Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs - Kristin Hoggan & Rachel Keyser
5. Ashley Sorgea, Treasurer
 - a) Teacher Appreciation - Kayleigh Abeloe, Nicole Smith
6. Heather Rico, Historian
 - a) Staff Luncheons - AnnMarie Harris (Chair), Desiree Harris, Alexis Lockwood, Nicole Smith, Melanie Sandry, Alicia Contreras
 - b) Library Committee - Marcela Smith, Nicole Smith

President Ferrin thanked all the key volunteers and closed with a quote: "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart".

V. Upcoming Events

- A. Elementary Classroom Year-End Parties (Room Parents) - Friday, May 31
- B. Secondary Scholar Gov-Hosted Field Day/PSO Kona Ice - Friday, May 31
- C. Last Day of School & Graduation - Friday, May 31 6:00pm
- D. First Day of School - Thursday, August 8

VI. Board Initiated Business

- A. Next PSO General Meeting: September 2024

VII. Adjournment: _____ 6:58pm _____