



MINUTES

PSO GENERAL SESSION & ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 23, 2023 6:30pm

JAA-EDH Campus 1102 Building Gym

I. Preliminary

A. Call to order: ___ 6:34pm _____

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

1. Officers

Tamara Ferrin, President

Ronda McBride, Vice President of Secondary (*arrived 7:10pm*)

Ashley Sorgea, Vice President of Elementary

Kristin Hoggan, Secretary

_____ Yvette Cragun, Treasurer (*absent*)

_____ Dawn Klein, Historian (*absent*)

2. General Membership: Melanie Sandry, Chad Sandry, Lincoln Sandry, AnnMarie Harris, Tami Ames, Nicole Smith, Genevieve Pelissie, Maggie Cope, Grace Gorospe, Rachel Keyser, Alicia Contreras, Jenny Ashton, David Ashton, Kylyn Olson, Julie Cemo, Amanda Erskine.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

A. General Session 02/02/23

Motion to approve Rachel Keyser; 2nd Genevieve Pelissie

Ayes: 19

Nays:

Abstain:

III. Public Comment

A. Thought of the Day - Kristin Hoggan, Secretary

Secretary Hoggan gave an inspiring talk about the silver lining of friendship that comes when volunteering together. She shared the value of all types of friends in the various parts and stages of our lives and shared the following quote: "We should always have three friends in our lives: one who walks ahead who we look up to and follow; one who walks beside us, who is with us every step of the journey; and then, one who we reach back for and bring along after we've cleared the way." - Michelle Obama.

IV. Business

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

1. 2022-2023 Accomplishments

President Ferrin gave a report on 2022-2023 accomplishments. Tamara thanked everyone for all their contributions to our Academy this year. She reminded everyone that as JAA parents, we are all members of PSO. Tamara encouraged everyone to join a PSO group on ParentSquare. Tamara shared some highlights and a presentation of the year:

- PSO Fundraiser was a read-a-thon held in the Fall, the theme was *Around the World in 10 Days* and we raised \$55,000. Tamara thanked Kristin Hoggan for leading the fundraiser for 1,200 scholars. Those funds are used to pay for all the fun events and activities around campus. Tamara shared that this year, the PSO hosted or supported 80 events and activities on campus!
- EDH had its first senior class. PSO hosted the first-ever senior sunrise event at Folsom Lake. Tamara thanks Ronda McBride for leading that event.
- MUFFINS WITH MOM – 500 moms and scholars and countless muffins! -Ashley
- HARVEST FESTIVAL - over 1,000 people in attendance. Classes and clubs were offered the opportunity to host booths and \$10,000 of funds raised were invested in classrooms and campus groups. – Ashley did an amazing job! We had over 700 paper waivers that had to be signed for inflatables.
- HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT – EDH families collected 350 gifts for 33 local children in need. NHS spent an afternoon wrapping several of the gifts.
- STAFF LUNCHEONS - The PSO Staff Luncheon Committee hosted 10 luncheons – including the year-end staff BBQ at Promontory Park. The Staff Appreciation Committee hosted beautiful hot cocoa bars in both buildings. Recognizing our amazing staff is one of our favorite things to do!
- STAFF APPRECIATION – The Staff Appreciation Committee organized an amazing week of celebrating our teachers and staff. Scholars were encouraged to participate: notes of appreciation, practicing the manner of the week, bringing a treat or classroom supply, being helpful in class, and giving compliments! Door banners were hung throughout the building and there were treats each day. PSO ended the week with a staff luncheon and all teachers and staff were gifted a custom tote bag and umbrella.
- SIMULATION DAY – this is an amazing day where scholars simulate various historical events and are assigned a character or historical figure they have been studying. Our Secondary Committee, led by Ronda McBride, did an amazing job decorating the classrooms and providing food of the times. The best part is all the decorations are reusable! The seniors wrote their own constitution and PSO had it printed so all the seniors could sign it before we had it framed as our gift to the senior class.
- DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE – This annual event is a campus favorite – more than 400 dads and daughters attended this year's sock hop!

- MOTHER SON CARS NIGHT – this event brought 350 JAA moms and sons! Ashley Sorgea led this creative event with 21 classic cars complete with hot dogs and big wheel races!
- MATH FACTS – Elementary scholars achieved more than 1 million math facts, so PSO served ice cream to 650 scholars last week to celebrate!
- SECONDARY DANCES – The PSO Secondary Committee supported 4 secondary dances this year with PSO providing pizza and organizing parent donations of food and décor.
- GRANTS – PSO also uses funds raised from the annual fundraiser to make grants that invest in our Academy. This year the PSO board made 21 grants totaling \$67,000 invested into our Academy!

B. PSO Executive Board Presentations - Dr. Andrew Carico, JAA EDH Headmaster & Tamara Ferrin, PSO President

Dr. Carico thanked the current board and introduced the new board. Each board member came up to be recognized.

1. Current 2022-2023 PSO Executive Board Officers
 - a) President - Tamara Ferrin
 - b) Vice-President of Secondary - Ronda McBride
 - c) Vice-President of Elementary - Ashley Sorgea
 - d) Secretary - Kristin Hoggan
 - e) Treasurer - Yvette Cragun
 - f) Historian - Dawn Klein
2. New 2023-2024 PSO Executive Board Officers
 - a) President - Tamara Ferrin
 - b) Vice-President of Secondary - Ronda McBride
 - c) Vice-President of Elementary - Amanda Erskine
 - d) Secretary - Julie Cemo
 - e) Treasurer - vacant
 - f) Historian - vacant

C. PSO Remarks - Tricia Nielsen, Director, John Adams Academy Board of Directors

Director Nielsen gave an inspiring talk about the creation and value of the PSO. She shared all her hard work in creating the organization that has grown and continues to support JAA scholars, parents, teachers, and staff. She talked about the importance of leading by example and persevering. Tricia read the children’s book “Woo Hoo You’re Doing Great” by Sandra Boynton and presented one to each board officer.

D. Recognition of Key PSO Volunteers - PSO Executive Board Officers

The board officers recognized the following key volunteers and each were presented with a letter and small token of appreciation.

1. Tamara Ferrin, President
 - a) Community Building - Genevieve Pelissie (Parent Leadership)
 - b) Community Events - Maria Eyrisch
 - c) Garden - Kaylyn Olson
 - d) Library - Marcela Smith, Tami Ames, Susan Johnson, Erika Wilson
 - e) Room Parents - Amanda Wallis
 - f) Harvest Festival - Ashley Sorgea

2. Ronda McBride, Vice-President of Secondary
 - a) Secondary Events - Krista Small, Tami Ames
 - b) Photography Committee - Tami Ames

3. Ashley Sorgea, Vice-President of Elementary
 - a) Elementary Events - Rachel Keyser, Desiree Portela

4. Kristin Hoggan, Secretary
 - a) Fundraising Committee - Emily Cairns, Lacey Cope
 - b) Staff Luncheons - Desiree Harris, Alexis Lockwood, Nicole Smith, Melanie Sandry, Alicia Contreras, Gina Hunt, Jessica Hammrick
 - c) Media & Publicity Committee - Jenny Ashton, Ali Johnson

5. Yvette Cragun, Treasurer
 - a) Teacher Appreciation - AnnMarie Harris, Maggie Cope
 - b) Holiday Service Project - Ashley Phipps

E. Special PSO Service Award - Tamara Ferrin, PSO President

President Ferrin presented secondary scholar Lincoln Sandry with the very first “Special PSO Service Award” recognizing his dedication to supporting the PSO in all things big and small. Lincoln is always holding the door, helping the board unload cars, carry boxes, set up events, and clean up events. He even helped BBQ at the annual staff luncheon event. Lincoln’s family was in attendance as well.

F. Remarks - Dr. Andrew Carico, John Adams Academy-EDH Headmaster

1. A Look Forward to Next Year. Dr. Carico shared the planned growth for the 2023-2024 school year as well as an update on the two buildings. He shared there were nearly 300 new elementary families and most elementary grades would be growing to 5 classes. He took questions surrounding concerns about the growth and driveline. Dr. Carico also said he was open to considering a white zone for parent drop off and pick up when the PSO shared that this is a huge gap in community building and parent connection on our campus.

V. Upcoming Events

- A. Chemistry Fair - Thursday, May 25 4:00pm
- B. Secondary Awards Assemblies - Friday, May 26
- C. Elementary Classroom Celebration Festivities - Friday, May 26
- D. Secondary Scholar Government-Hosted Celebration - Friday, May 26 11:30am
- E. Graduation - Friday, May 26 6:00pm
- F. Last Day of School - Friday, May 26
- G. First Day of School - Thursday, August 10

VI. Board Initiated Business

- A. Next PSO General Meeting: September 2023

VII. Adjournment: _____ 8:03pm _____