



## AGENDA

### PSO GENERAL SESSION

November 14, 2023 9:00am

JAA-EDH Campus - 1102 Building MPR

#### I. Preliminary

A. Call to order: 9:06am

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: Holly Cuthbert, Krista Small, Samantha Beard, Christie Porter, Eli Beda, Brandy Beda, Rachel Keyser, Kenny Demarest, Alicia Contreras

#### II. Approval of Previous Minutes

##### A. General Session 09/12/23

Motion to approve \_\_\_\_\_ Amanda Erskine \_\_\_\_\_; 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Heather Rico \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes:   6  

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. Public Comment

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

#### IV. Guest Announcement: *Holly Cuthbert, Revolution Run Coordinator* - Announced April 20th Revolution Run Date.

#### V. President's Report - *Tamara Ferrin, PSO President*

President Ferrin shared updates since our last General Meeting.

- The Academy celebrated Constitution Day and our new secondary **Scholar Government** was inducted. This group of scholars works hard all year long to support the scholar body. They organize four dances each year and many activities and service events. PSO enjoys collaborating with them.

- Cantoris Advanced **Choir** had a dinner show and a successful silent auction. Mark your calendar for the upcoming Winter VAPA show on December 8 and 6:00pm. The Academy also had an amazing season of **Athletics** and just wrapped up a wonderful drama production of **Macbeth!**
- PSO hosted a **uniform swap** event and got to meet so many new families.
- We had our **Annual PSO Fundraiser** – our one fundraiser of the year – this year was our Patriot Challenge. It was a great success! Thank you to all the scholars and families who worked hard to raise funds for our EDH campus. We are so grateful. Together we raised \$93,000 for our campus! This is a record-breaking amount! We also received very generous donations from several local businesses that allowed the PSO to purchase Patriot Challenge t-shirts for every scholar and all 160 members of the EDH staff! Please visit these local businesses and thank them by using their services when needed.

The fundraiser is our primary source of funding for campus activities, events, and grants that invest in our Academy, such as:

- ❖ Daddy Daughter Dance – PSO hosted – free event February 23
- ❖ Secondary Simulation Day – February
- ❖ Mother Son Cars Night – PSO hosted – free event in April
- ❖ Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week – Feb 26- Mar 1

Grants support both elementary and secondary, are long-term investments, and support classroom enrichment, Fine Arts (drama, art, music), Athletics, outdoor equipment/recess, facilities, campus safety, and much more! Recent PSO grants include:

- ❖ a beautiful grand piano for our music department
- ❖ new uniforms for our growing athletics department
- ❖ branded pop-up canopies (you may have seen at Harvest Festival)
- ❖ a bicycle (and helmet) for campus safety to patrol between the buildings
- ❖ Trophy Case
- ❖ Portable speakers and misting fans for elementary PE
- ❖ Paint for the Senior Class parking spots
- ❖ Microwaves and a refrigerator for the Elementary Teacher Lounge
- ❖ Physics equipment and supplies
- ❖ Elementary Library Books \$5,000
- ❖ Metal lunch tables
- ❖ PSO made 21 grants last year totaling \$67,000

We budgeted \$30,000 for grants this year and we've already committed \$24,000. With the success of the fundraiser, we'll be discussing our cash flow and increasing the grant budget to invest more in our Academy!

The Patriot Challenge Obstacle Course races were held 10/20 for secondary and 10/25 for Elementary with a separate TK/Kinder course. It was such a fun day with so many prizes! \$100+ earned a donut with deans party, top classes earned Crumbl cookie and Chick Fil A parties, and the winning republic had a nacho Zorb ball party.

A very special thank you to the PSO Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs, Kristin Hoggan and Rachel Keyser, for their amazing dedication and hard work that made this fundraiser a huge success. We could not have done it without them.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **PSO Harvest Festival!** Nearly 2,000 attendees. We had 50 booths – carnival style games, inflatable slide and obstacle course, face painting, cake walk, pizza, pulled pork sandwiches, popcorn, caramel apples, hot apple cider, more! More than \$16,000 in proceeds from the booths went back to the classroom teacher or group hosting the booth! PSO hosted the inflatable attractions and pizza booths to ensure there were some affordable dinner and fun options for families attending the event. PSO also paid \$4,000 to cover the bulk ticket cost so families could purchase 25 tickets for \$20. A big thank you to Ashley Sorgea for organizing and leading such a wonderful community event for our campus! And to our Room Parents who hosted so many of the booths with generous donations from our EDH families!
- **PSO Staff Luncheon Committee** – Stock the Breakroom and staff coffee cart and dessert tables! Thank you to AnnMarie Harris for leading this committee and to Heather Rico for all her support as the board liaison. This Friday 11/17 Pie Day for staff! Dec. 8 Holiday Staff Luncheon.
- **Classroom Harvest Parties** - Thank you to our wonderful Room Parents for organizing classroom harvest parties on 10/27. Watch for posts from your Room Parents next month for the class holiday parties! Classrooms are allowed to host 3 parties per year: so, the last one will be the year-end party.
- **Book Fair** – thank you to all the parents who volunteered to make the Fall elementary book fair a success! Our teachers and library will earn 50% of all book purchases.
- Folsom **Veterans Day** Parade was this past Saturday! Thank you to Alicia Contreras for leading the float decorations and making the day special for our JAA scholars as they thanked and celebrated our local Veterans. And of course, the Academy had our very special Veterans Day parade and assembly here on campus – thank you to all parent volunteers who supported this wonderful event.
- **Holiday Service Project** – Canned Food Drive 12/04-12/08
- **High School Winter Formal** Saturday Dec. 9 – volunteers needed. Photographer needed. Special thanks to Ronda McBride for all her support to scholar gov and our amazing Dean of Secondary, Zeta Cammarota.
- You are all members of the PSO and the PSO board cannot do all these wonderful events and activities without you! Special thank you to this wonderful board – we’ve had 21 executive meetings so far this year and so many wonderful events already! Thank you for all the hours you put in as volunteers for our Academy.

## VI. PSO Committee Updates

- A. Tamara Ferrin, President
  1. Room Parents
  2. Media & Publicity Committee
- B. Ronda McBride, Vice-President of Secondary
  1. Secondary Events
  2. Photography Committee
  3. Athletics Enrichment Committee/Dining for Dollars
- C. Amanda Erskine, Vice-President of Elementary
  1. Elementary Events
  2. Community Building & Events
  3. Garden

- D. Ashley Sorgea, Treasurer
  - 1. Harvest Festival
  - 2. Teacher Appreciation
- E. Julie Cemo, Secretary
  - 1. Fundraising Committee: Patriot Challenge
  - 2. Holiday Service Project
  - 3. Uniform Management
- F. Heather Rico, Historian
  - 1. Staff Luncheons
  - 2. Library
  - 3. Fine Arts Enrichment Committee

VII. Upcoming Events

- A. Staff Luncheon Committee: Thanksgiving Pies Friday, Nov. 17 1:30pm
- B. Holiday Service Project - Canned Food Drive 12/04 - 12/08
- C. Staff Holiday Luncheon: Friday, Dec. 8
- D. High School Winter Formal Dance Sat., Dec 9 (*Academy Event-PSO Supported*)
- E. Elementary Classroom Holiday Parties: Thursday, Dec. 21

VIII. Board Initiated Business

- A. Next Meeting: February 2024

IX. Adjournment: 9:35am