



*Parent Service Organization*

**MINUTES**

**PSO GENERAL SESSION**

November 17, 2022 7:00pm

JAA-EDH Campus

I. Preliminary

A. Call to order:   7:04 PM  

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

1. Officers

- X   Tamara Ferrin, President
- X   Ronda McBride, Vice President of Secondary
- X   Ashley Sorgea, Vice President of Elementary
- X   Kristin Hoggan, Secretary
- X   Yvette Cragun, Treasurer
- Historian (*currently vacant*)

2. General Membership (*via sign in sheet*)

Nicole Smith, Rachel Keyser, Lacey Cope, Jenny Ashton, David Ashton, AnnMarie Harris, Amanda Wallis, Mihaela Gonzalez, Debra Cant, Brandy Porter.

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

A. General Session 09/01/22

Motion to approve   AnnMarie Harris  ; 2nd   Rachel Keyser  

Ayes:   16  

Nays:       

Abstain:       

III. Public Comment

A. Thought of the Day - Kristin Hoggan, PSO Board Secretary presented the thought of the evening.

IV. President's Report, Tamara Ferrin, President

Tamara Ferrin presented the PSO President's Report for the quarter. Highlights include:

- The PSO Staff Luncheon Committee provided two wonderful staff luncheons
- PSO supported a successful school picture day and book fair with more than 25 volunteers at those events.

- PSO had several volunteers supporting the Academy's Constitution Day, Grandparent's Day, and Veteran's Day. Many volunteers washed table cloths and helped in Food Services and both Libraries.
- PSO organized our Academy's participation in the Folsom Veterans Day parade with over 60 scholars and their families waving flags and walking the parade route to thank local veterans. Special thanks to the Baldivid family for the parade float.
- PSO hosted two successful Dining for Dollars events – we earned \$1,300 from Chipotle and ChickFilA.
- Ronda McBride, board VP of Secondary and our PSO Secondary Committee supported our wonderful counselors in the second annual College and Career Fair making goodie bags, prizes, and decorating the room. They also provided great support for the middle school social and HS dance in coordination with Scholar Government.
- We had a beautiful Muffins with Mom event, led by board VP of Elementary, Ashley Sorgea and the Elementary Events Committee. It was a fun morning!
- Classroom Harvest parties were supported by our Room Parents and Room Parent Coordinator, Amanda Wallis.
- We had our 2nd Annual Harvest Festival (led by Ashley Sorgea and the Harvest Festival Committee). We had over 1,200 attendees, 41 booths, countless volunteers, and we sold more than 14,000 tickets! We had pulled pork sandwiches, tacos, hot dogs, pizza, popcorn, cotton candy, carnival games, inflatable slides, face painting, and Elsa even made an appearance. The Harvest Festival allowed our teachers and campus groups to earn \$10,700 for their classroom needs.
- And a special thank you to Kristin Hoggan and the Fundraising Committee who ran an amazing read-a-thon fundraiser this year! We made \$55,000 on the fundraiser this year. So much work went into running this fundraiser for 1,200 scholars. Kristin Hoggan, board Secretary, thanked the Committee with special thanks and small tokens of our appreciation given to Lacey Cope, Rachel Keyser, Jenny Ashton, and Nicole Smith.

President Ferrin shared that the fundraiser is our primary source of revenue and it's how we fund all the amazing events and activities our volunteers are able to put on for our scholars, staff, and our wonderful teachers. We are also able to use the funds we raise to make grants to our Academy. Grants provide funds for activities, supplies and events that enhance and support the scholars' experiences. PSO grants are often curriculum-based, with long-term benefits for the scholars and our Academy. So far this year, the PSO board has made 11 grants totaling \$22,000. Grant highlights include:

- Varsity sports uniforms
- Yearbook cameras, laptops, and color printers
- Secondary Deme flags and supply kits
- Large room divider for classrooms and art showcases
- Elementary library books and crates
- 9-square in the air for High School
- Balls and recess equipment
- Classroom supplies for SpEd.

President Ferrin shared that all of this was accomplished in 78 days! Tamara thanked all parents for their participation and support and for raising their hands when PSO calls. We could not do it without all our wonderful volunteers. Tamara made a very special thank you to our wonderful

PSO board and shared it is her pleasure to work alongside these amazing women. They are on campus daily, diving into any need the Academy has.

President Ferrin closed with a thought. Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. Everyone in this room and all our volunteers have made a difference in the lives of our scholars, teachers, and staff. Thank you for your service.

V. Committee Introductions & Reports:

A. Tamara Ferrin, President

1. Room Parents - Class Parties are Tuesday, Dec. 20th
2. Garden - Rebecca Frye is moving. We're very sad to see Rebecca leave. She grew the garden from the ground up starting with outside grants. Kaylynn Olsen is taking over and has started having classes in the garden. She also has a botany degree.
3. Library - Lots of volunteers wrapping books and getting the library ready to move to the new building.

B. Ronda McBride, Vice-President of Secondary

1. Secondary Events - December 10th secondary dances.
2. Athletics Enrichment Committee - Managing Spirit Wear. All proceeds go to Athletics. Erin McCoy is the President of the AEC.
3. Photography Committee - Sign-up to take photos at upcoming events. Winter showcase Dec. 9th and athletic events.

C. Ashley Sorgea, Vice-President of Elementary

1. Elementary Events - Daddy Daughter Dance Feb. 10th. It will be a 1950's Sock Hop. December 6th will be the first planning meeting over Zoom.
2. Harvest Festival was a success!

D. Kristin Hoggan, Secretary

1. Fundraising Committee (Read-a-thon) - fundraiser was a success as shared in the President's Report.
2. Dining for Dollars will resume next year.
3. Staff Luncheons are going very well! Please volunteer if you can.
4. Media & Publicity Committee - special thanks to Jenny Ashton for all her beautiful artwork.

E. Yvette Cragun, Treasurer

1. Teacher Appreciation - February 27- March 3rd. Space Theme. Staff luncheon will be March 3rd. There will be a Hot Chocolate Bar in the staff lounge on December 14th.
2. Fine Arts Enrichment Committee - December 9th performance
3. Holiday Service Project - Sponsoring 33 local children in need for the holidays. Watch for the Parent Square announcements.

F. Historian (Tamara Ferrin presented in the absence of a Historian)

1. Community Building & Events - Parent Leadership Group - Genevieve Pellisie is working from “A Thomas Jefferson Education” and meeting every other Thursday morning in the garden.
2. Uniform Management - we continue to have uniform swaps at meetings and events.

VI. Upcoming Events

- A. November Staff Luncheon, Friday 11/18
- B. PSO Holiday Service Project
- C. Academy Entrepreneurial Fair, Friday 12/02
- D. December Staff Holiday Luncheon, Friday 12/09
- E. Secondary Dance, Saturday 12/10
- F. Class Holiday Parties, Tuesday 12/20
- G. January Staff Luncheon, Friday 01/13
- H. PSO General Meeting, Thursday 02/02
- I. February Staff Luncheon, Friday 02/03
- J. Daddy Daughter Dance, Friday 02/10
- K. Teacher Appreciation Week 02/27-03/03

VII. Miscellaneous

Mrs. Mihaela Gonzales offered to make tacos for a future event to help earn money for the Academy! Lacey Cope shared the first ever band concert is December 10th and she will take photos.

VIII. Board Initiated Business

- A. Next PSO General Meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2023

IX. Adjournment: \_\_\_ 7:52 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_