

PSO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025

Meeting Called to Order at 8:03am by Amy Mackenroth, Lower School PSO President

- I. Attendees
 - A. PSO Board Members
 1. Amy Mackenroth, Lower School PSO President
 2. Paulina Moreno, Upper School PSO President
 3. Gina Raab, Upper School PSO Vice President
 4. Nate Mackenroth, PSO Treasurer
 5. Nelly Macias, PSO Secretary
 - B. Great Hearts Irving Leadership
 1. Charles Brogan, Lower School Headmaster
 2. Jim McCormick, Head of Middle School
 3. Amber Dyer, Upper School Headmaster
 4. Keo Strull, Director of Academy Giving
 - C. Observers – No Observers were present
- II. Quorum (51% of Current Board Members) Achieved
- III. Discussion of Items from Agenda
 - A. Treasure's Report (Nate Mackenroth)
 1. Fall Uniform Sale was a "huge success," raised over \$3,000
 2. Spirit Night at Spring Creek BBQ raised \$2,800
 3. Spirit Night at Lamberti's raised \$1,124.73
 4. Parent financial donations are down for the monthly lower school luncheons. Maybe food donations are up in leu of monetary donations. PSO will ask Melissa Fritcher, lower school luncheon coordinator.
 - B. Konstella Directory Update (Amy Mackenroth)
 1. Konstella helped us obtain more snowflake donations, maybe \$10,000. PSO helped make up the difference in donations obtained and needed so that our teachers/ staff could receive a \$200 gift card (giftogram) again this year like the upper school teachers/ staff received last year.
 2. Konstella could perhaps be used to recruit Floresco volunteers. Amy, Keo and Paulina can explore.
 - C. Spirit Shirts (Gina Raab)
 1. PSO started selling at the lower school groundbreaking
 2. PSO sold \$600 worth/ 60 shirts so far
 3. PSO will hold a February sale before the next Spirit Night (2/27)

4. PSO will use Konstella to sell the shirts by size to be delivered to scholars (limited sizes)
5. PSO estimated that 1/3 of lower school would purchase spirit shirts and 1/4 of upper school

D. Misc./ Open Discussion

1. A lower school Room Parent Liaison Coffee will be held this semester (2/13 at 8am). PSO can provide coffee and bagels.
2. Mr. Brogan hopes to hold the Beautiful Book fair near Spring Break.
3. Mr. Brogan hopes to expand the library and highlight the Birthday Book Program.
4. Our annual gala, Floresco will be held on Saturday, April 26th at the Embassy Suites in Grapevine, where we held Floresco three years ago in 2022. Keo Strull needs more volunteers.
5. Upcoming Spirit Nights on 2/27 at Panda Express and TBD at Shake Shack.
6. Teacher Appreciation Week will be held May 5th-9th
7. Next Year Mr. Brogan hopes to have daily volunteers in the lunchroom (4/ day) and library (2/ day) and a volunteer Lower School Parent Volunteer Coordinator. Mr. Brogan would also like to have copy room and front desk volunteers. He would also like to add field trips, one per grade level. Next year we will have 30 lower school sections and 30 RPLs.
8. Mr. Brogan has hired 22 teachers/ staff and the Lower School is now fully staffed. (Amy Mackenroth has requested an updated birthday list of teachers/ staff.) Mr. Brogan's wife is now teaching 1st Grade.