



PSO Virtual Town Hall Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18th, 2025

Meeting on Zoom Called to Order at 6:04pm

- I. Attendees
 - A. PSO Board Members
 - 1. Amy Mackenroth, PSO Lower School President
 - 2. Gina Raab, PSO Upper School Vice President
 - 3. Nelly Macias, PSO Secretary
 - B. Great Hearts Irving Leadership
 - 1. Charles Brogan, Lower School Headmaster
 - 2. Jim McCormick, Middle School Head
 - 3. Amber Dyer, Upper School Headmaster
 - 4. Keo Strull, Director of Academy Giving
 - C. Observers: Approximately 12 Additional Parents (our Zoom Max was 19)
- II. Quorum (51% of Current Board Members) Achieved
- III. Discussion of Items from Agenda
 - A. Welcome and Introductions of PSO Board Members & GHI Leadership
 - B. Amy Mackenroth, PSO Lower School President:
 - 1. The Mission of PSO:
 - a) To support faculty
 - b) To build community
 - 2. Lower School Teacher Luncheon: on February 26th hosted by 3rd grade parents, you can donate financially or by bringing in food, check your inbox for more information/ Signup Genius
 - C. Gina Raab, PSO Upper School Vice President:
 - 1. Spirit Night: at Panda Express on February 27th from 3:30pm-10:30pm, Location: Story Road & 183 area, can pickup order through the app with code
 - 2. Spirit Night Shirts: available for purchase for \$10, can order via Konstella, can wear to school on Spirit Days
 - 3. Upper School Teacher Luncheon: this Thursday, February 20th hosted by 8th grade parents, check your inbox and/ or Konstella for more information
 - 4. Used Uniform Sale: volunteers are needed! details coming soon
 - D. Mr. Brogan, Lower School Headmaster:



1. Thank you parents for donating to our teacher luncheons which are nourishment for the body and soul.
 2. Lower School volunteer committee plans for next year open to parents and grandparents. i.e. Library Committee, Copy Room Committee, Lunch Room Committee, Year Book Committee, Volunteer Coordinator, Spirit & Social Committees (Coordinate Summer Meetups), Lost & Found Committee, Birthday Committee (Bring in a Birthday cake for staff once a month), Used Uniform Sale Committee
 3. Trying to minimize change this year. We have increased volunteering this year by inviting parents to volunteer on Celebration Days.
 4. New Lower School Building: 31 scholars per/ classroom; most likely we will have wave times for pickup; we will have a multipurpose room, lunchroom with a working kitchen, ½ a gym for indoor PE & recess if needed, kindergarten & 1st grade will have bathrooms connected to their classrooms, SPED & specials rooms will be next to each other so as not to disturb other classrooms/ homerooms; there will be five sections per grade level; K-2nd will be on the first floor, 3rd-5th will be on the second floor; we will need to hire six new Leads, six new ATs, additional SPED Teachers, an additional Dean, Business Clerk & Office Admin; we will have over 900 scholars next school year
 5. Grandparents Day: Thursday, March 6th
- E. Mr. McCormick, Head of Middle School:
1. Middle School BARD Competition was a lot of fun. Mr. Jack Weyrens, Assistant Head of Middle School coordinated the competition. Contestants did a good job!
 2. Spring Swing will be held on Saturday, March 1st
 3. Middle School leadership (Head, Assistant Head and Deans) try to be very visible, out and about, out of office and in hallways
- F. Dr. Dyer, Upper School Headmaster:
1. High School Service Society: Non Nobis Solum, *"Not for Ourselves Alone"* - Cicero
 - a. Leading Upper School dance refreshers
 - b. Tutoring Middle Schoolers, coordinated with Ms. Stacey Gamez, College Counselor
 2. Held College Preview Night with Ms. Cheryl Mayne, Director of College Counseling & Ms. Stacy Gamez, College Counselor

3. Preparing for PSAT & SAT, approximately 60 students are in prep classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school
 4. 9th Grade finished reading *The Great Gatsby* and had a Great Gatsby themed dance to celebrate
 5. 8th Grade had a pizza lunch and tour of the High School
 6. Hiring: Larger 10th & 11th grade classes in High School moving up to 11th and 12th grade
 7. Visitors: are visiting the High School including from the UK and a State Senator
 8. 8th Grade hosted a Teacher Luncheon this Thursday – Thank you.
 9. Seniors are traveling the D.C. & NYC this March/ early Spring Break
 10. 8th, 9th and 10th Graders (2 bus loads of scholars) going to Baylor Latin Day, Friday, March 7th, we have historically won the competition
 11. National Latin & Greek Exams: scholars are taking and depending on performance can lead to scholarships
- G. Keo Strull, Director of Academy Giving:
1. Floresco Gala: purpose is to raise funds for our school and build community, to be held on Saturday, April 26th, there will be a live and silent auction, live music from our Chamber Choir directed by Mr. Beadle, High School Music Teacher
 2. Sponsors Needed: contact Keo
 3. Volunteers Needed: for day of and with decoration preparation
 4. There is a Floresco Room for volunteers to work in, in the High School
 5. High School Drama Club is performing, *Bye, Bye Birdie* on March 21s-23rd, four performances, tickets are on sale online, check inbox/ newsletter to purchase
- H. Q&A:
1. Q. Will the new Lower School playground be shaded? A. Yes
 2. Q. Will there be Summer opportunities to volunteer with the Lower School move? A. We will have tours of the new building at some point over the Summer. We will take pics of progress and include with updates in newsletters.
- I. Meeting Adjourned by Amy Mackenroth at 6:53pm