

PSO Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, October 4th

I. Meeting called to order

II. Introductions

- A. Officers/Administration
- B. Introduction of guests
- C. Mr. Wang explained how ChiArts started

III. Officer Reports

- . President's' report
 1. Possibly doing Thanksgiving gift cards again this year
 2. Merchandise sales will be available near the box office to order via website
 3. Please let incoming 8th graders know about new CPS website and they can still contact the school directly if ChiArts isn't an option in their high school search.
- A. Board Report
 1. Brick and bench programs are doing well. Six new benches sold and many bricks. This money will help fund our new library.
- B. Volunteer Coordinator Report
 1. Our 6-tier shelving unit is up in 002 for dropping off supplies. Each shelf will be labeled for a conservatory or academics. Liaisons or other parent volunteers can go straight to this unit and drop off snacks, etc. instead of involving front office staff.
 2. "Tiny Taskers" initiative lead by Donna Tague and now officially kicked off. We are asking for parents and guardians to help staff and faculty with every-day, time-consuming tasks such as making copies, labeling, stuffing envelopes, decorating bulletin boards, etc. We need parents on Tuesdays from 9-11 am to start and hours will hopefully grow once more teachers use the program. To volunteer, please email tinytaskers@chiarts.
- C. New Family Connection
 1. 1. Look for communication that will connect each parent with your conservatory liaison(s)
 2. We are trying to work with administration so parents can meet their child's conservatory teachers
- D. Communications Officers Report
 1. We encourage everyone to read the PSO section in Friday Weekly Newsletter
 2. We changed the weekly newsletter coming from "Drew Baxter" to "Weekly Updates" to hopefully clear up confusion
 3. Please submit your "Ask the PSO" question to be included in the newsletter on a bi-monthly basis
 4. It was encouraged by administration and other parents to not check PowerSchool on a daily basis as teachers enter grades at different intervals so they suggested weekly or every other week is a good frequency.
- E. Social Chair Report
 1. Great turn out for the back to school party, thanks to all that came.
 2. Please volunteer to sponsor or help with ChiArti Gras and join us as tickets are currently on sale.
- F. Treasurer Report
 1. Drop box is up in the main office. Instructions are listed right next to it. Please use this for any monetary donations. Any cash donated will be used towards snacks and any checks or credit cards will be used for the annual fund. 241 donated last years and to date \$15,000 has been raised by 47 families.
 2. We are working on small grants for teachers to do extra things with our kids.

IV. Old Business

- A. Update on Your Gift, Your Way monthly giving
- B. Passport is new this year as it combining the old Passport and the Freshman Showcase. We would like all parents and students to promote this via social media and encourage anyone K-8 to

attend.

V. New Business

A. ChiArti Gras: Please see all the details below in the ChiArti Gras section.

VI. Next meeting

A. January 10th at 7 pm. Southside location is TBD.