

## **Virtual PSO Meeting #2- December 8, 2020 6-7:30 pm**

Total of 17 attendees by Google Meets or called in by phone.

In attendance:

Principal - Terri Milsap  
Executive Assistant - Ursula McGregory  
Clinical Counselor - Bryn Poulton  
Development Manager - Megan Sauve  
PSO Executive Committee and Parents

6:05 - Meeting was called to order

PSO Executive Committee Members - introductions of those in attendance.

Bryn Poulton (Clinical Counselor)

- Discussed her role at ChiArts. She is accessible to staff and students by email ([bpoulton@chiarts.org](mailto:bpoulton@chiarts.org)), and also by phone (630-635-6033). Referrals are accepted from any parent / caregiver, teacher or student themselves. She will meet with a student on Google Meets, and a session can last from 15 to 45 minutes. Meetings are confidential unless harm is involved, which legally must be reported. 2020 has been a year of loss in many ways, and practical suggestions were given as to how to cope with the losses and foster our students' mental health. One recommended online resource is [www.teenmentalhealth.org](http://www.teenmentalhealth.org). A copy of Ms Poulton's presentation can be requested by sending an email to [bpoulton@chiarts.org](mailto:bpoulton@chiarts.org).

Ms Milsap (Principal)

- Update given re: the schedule change. Overall the students are adjusting well. Encouraged to celebrate our students' accomplishments. There has been discussion re: CPS plan to return to school for K-8 grade. There is no plan yet for high school to return to in person classes, and if/when that occurs it will likely be a hybrid model.  
- See your student's College Board online account for their SAT / PSAT scores.  
- After returning from winter break, students will sign up for their fall classes.

Lori Simi

- The PSO has scheduled regular social meetings "PSO Chit Chats" for parents to connect virtually. The first Chit Chat was in November, and the next one is on January 27th when we will have an in home scavenger hunt. Details will be in the weekly newsletter, and posted on the Facebook and Instagram accounts.  
- PSO is in discussion with Prep Sportswear Apparel regarding ChiArts Merchandise, with individual orders placed online and then shipped to your home. Watch the newsletter for more information.

Megan Sauve

- Discussed how CPS funds academics at ChiArts, and the Development Team aims to raise 3.5 million dollars per year for the arts programming. A question was asked regarding the "Bricks and Benches" fundraiser where a bench or paver brick can be purchased and personalized for the courtyard. These will be available to purchase in the spring.

6:57 - Meeting was adjourned by Lori Simi. The next meeting will be held virtually on Thursday February 11th, 2020.

Minutes submitted by: Colette Crouse

