ChiArts PSO Meeting
1/18/2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

- In attendance:
  - PSO Executive Committee and ChiArts Parents
  - Executive Assistant to the Head of School and Principal- Ursula McGregory
  - Head of School and Principal- Teresa Milsap
  - Post Secondary Counselor- Kelsey Levert

- Kelsey Levert, ChiArts newly hired Post Secondary Counselor introduced herself and shared post secondary information.
  - Heather McCowen has been helping Ms. Levert get acclimated to all things post secondary. Kaitlyn Tobin has pitched in and is still working with some students.
  - Ms. Levert is currently meeting with Seniors and surveying Juniors.
  - Study hall is back starting January 19th on Wednesdays and Fridays.
  - There is an award letter webinar with Tuition Fit this Thursday at 6:30pm. Please email Ms. Levert with any questions at klevert@chiarts.org.

- Terri Milsap shared the Head of School and Principal report.
  - As a reminder, some of the Covid-19 protocols in place include all students and staff wearing either KN95 face masks or surgical face masks. If students are wearing cloth face masks, they must wear a surgical mask underneath.
  - ChiArts is requesting students to be tested for Covid-19 weekly. This may be done at school through surveillance testing or outside of school. It is not a requirement.
  - At the last bargaining meeting with the teacher’s union, the union agreed to provide synchronous teaching for students who have been quarantined, awaiting Covid-19 results, or are experiencing symptoms. ChiArts does not have the authority to provide hybrid learning. The directive must come from CPS.
  - We are in the final stages of hiring a Dean. A decision should be made this week.
  - The final exam schedule is out and has been communicated to parents and students.

- Janette Cortes-Duewel shared the Parent Representative to the Board report.
  - The last scheduled school board meeting was Monday, January 10th. Some parents expressed concern over the departure of Theatre department head, Ms. Calhoun.
  - A musical theatre parent group continues to meet about ways to improve the communication between parents and the school in terms of personnel issues.
  - ChiArts board meetings are open to the public. Board meeting dates are posted on the school’s website and can be accessed here. You may call the school to receive access to the virtual meetings.
Lori Simi shared the PSO President report.
  ○ The school board approved a separate PSO banking account that will allow the PSO to fundraise and collect money. The account will be under the umbrella of ChiArts.
  ○ In previous years, the PSO account was run by ChiArts’ development team which is now a part of the separate entity, the ChiArts Foundation.
  ○ The PSO plans to begin it’s regular functions as soon as the account is set up.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm by Lori Simi.
Nex PSO meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2022.