

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