

# **Peirce PTO**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.**

**Attendees:** Maia Skeete, Denise Leitner, Sara Smith, Rachel Pentz, Stephanie Crouch, Mr. DiAntonio

Teacher in attendance: Danielle Crilley

- **Welcome**
- **Principal's update**
  - Course selection for next school year is now opened through the 25th. Rising 7th and 8th graders are selecting for MS, rising 9th graders selecting for high school. The school also held course selection nights and has posted recorded sessions for parents. Course selection portal closes on the 25th. Anything after that will need to be done through a paper form.
  - This week is acts of kindness week- with messages during morning announcements and peace signs decorating the halls.
  - Spring sports - March 14th is the first practice day. Teams in the next 2 weeks will start having organizational meetings.
  - Held first meeting 2/15 for Drama Club - Try-outs this week and performances scheduled for May.
  - Mr. Fitsch is filling a new role of teacher on special assignment Wed-Thurs and every other Friday to support supervision and transition from 8th to 9th grade, as well as an extra hand at arrival and dismissal times.
  - 6th grade transition camp dates are set for July 7th and Aug 10th from 9-11am and 12-2pm. As of now, they are scheduled in 2 sessions per day.
  - Morning drop off is very busy. 7:30-7:45am is a faster drop off and students are allowed to be dropped off as early as 7:30. After 7:45am is when the rush comes. Once 8:05am hits, all students need to be checked in via the office and are marked absent in homeroom, so they need a note to be sure they are marked present for the day. Students missing or late to homeroom could trigger the call home, so be aware. Mr. DiAntonio is asking families to come a little earlier to help with on-time arrivals. The staff in the drop off zones do their best to move cars and busses along, but the volume creates a challenge.
  - Vacation requests - please give a week's notice for vacations. This would be anything more than 1 day out of school. Fill out the vacation request form and submit to the office a week in advance for approval.
- **Call for PTO Nominations**
  - Call for nominations will go out shortly- sent out by PTO President Maia.

- Current board members need to fill out the form for renomination and the public can nominate themselves or others for positions as well.
- Online submissions will close the Friday (4/15) before the April PTO meeting (4/19).
- At that meeting, anyone can be nominated “from the floor,” but they need to be present to accept the nomination.
- Elections WILL BE HELD during April 19th meeting. Nominees must be present in order to be elected.
- **Budget/Treasurer update**
  - Income is about \$4k short of what we budgeted. Only about 11% have paid PTO dues for the school year.
  - Need to give wording to Mr. DiAntonio for a robocall and text asking parents to submit dues and detail what they go toward.
  - PTO is also collecting for 8th grade picnic - those donations are about 56% to goal.
  - PTO did receive a credit from spirit wear sales from last year and is looking for another from earlier sale.
  - Yearbook sales continue. Those credits will come at end of the year.
  - PTO is working on being classified as a non-profit with PayPal for a reduction in fees. Maia and Denise are working on this.
  - Snack bar donations currently \$473 after one day of collecting. This is great. Will continue to solicit item and cash donations to keep the snack bar stocked through April.
- **Teacher Appreciation Snack Bar**
  - Eblast sent out to all parents to sign up or donate and posted to FB Page and group.
  - SUG is filling up for February. Hoping parents will continue to sign up through April.
  - First setup will occur the afternoon of Tuesday, February 22nd after school. Much of the PTO Board will be there to help.
  - Looking to add k-cups pods for the snack bar and possibly donate a Keurig for the snack bar area.
- **Hospitality:**
  - **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 5/6/22**
    - Will order from Dragonfly
    - Also providing gift cards for teachers that day - run by Jacquie
    - Volunteers have been recruited - coordinated by Rachel
    - This is also the day of the drama club play performance, just to keep in mind with planning.
- **Outdoor Courtyard Beautification Update**

- plants and mulching planned for the spring with the beautification committee. Maia coordinating with them.
  - Board will meet 2/22 to discuss proposal for other outdoor area to submit to Mr. DiAntonio for approval and to move forward.
- **Open Discussion**
  - We will need at least one rep from the PTO Board to present during the meeting for rising 6th grade parents on the evening of May 4th.
  - Will also likely need PTO Board representation or spiritwear sales for May 4th meeting and 6th grade camp dates. To be discussed later.
  - Need to order gym shirts for rising 6th graders - collecting sizes to be in by March 21st. Steph coordinating.
- **Adjourned at 7:25pm**
- **Next PTO meeting scheduled April 19th at 9:30 a.m. virtual**