

# WEareSCPA PTSO

## General Meeting

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**September 3, 2024 / 6:30 PM/In Person and Zoom**

- Welcome
  - Called to order by Kevin Whitman at 6:32
  - Great attendance. 21 in attendance.
- President's Update
  - No update, out ill.
- Updates
  - Here for Orientation Night. Informative and entertaining. Plus sidewalk chalking.
  - Hosted Coffee Chat this past Friday.
- Communication Update
  - Website: at a glance for the upcoming month.
    - Brigid Huey did an amazing job creating the site.
    - Will have an audition summary.
    - Can subscribe for update alerts.
  - Trying to improve communication this year. Outlined the types of communication you can expect. May be able to link some items to the main SCPA social Sites.
  - Volunteer opportunities will be on the website. Please always check the volunteer site on the website.
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
  - Will be on the website.
  - SignUp Genius open.
    - Looking for a garden club. Improving the grounds.
    - Soiree opportunities.
- Fundraising Opportunities
  - Soiree: Night out for adults in the SCPA community. Connect and build community.
    - At Pebble Creek Events Center.
    - Heavy appetizers and drinks.
    - Tickets available soon.
    - Launched as a new event in April.
    - This year is 11/16.
    - Lots of opportunities to help.
      - Raffle baskets
      - Donations
      - Decorating
      - Performers/Entertainment

- Really encourage ticket sales. Share in person, social media etc...
  - Made \$3000 2023-24. Goal of \$5000 for 2024-25
  - Looking at donating tickets. Also some may be handed out as prizes.
  - Early bird pricing and early tickets.
  - Split the Pot
  - School Party/Gathering Ideas as a raffle item i.e. Taylor Swift party at school...
  - Donation vehicles on our website. Can donate to PTSO or directly to the Soiree.
  - Will have sponsor levels as well. Will be promoted within the school community.
  - Had a game to meet new people if attendees wanted to participate.
- Fundraising
  - Kroger cards can link to SCPA PTSO as a designated charity.
    - One of our biggest income sources.
    - This is on the website.
    - Under ways to give.
  - Box Tops are also a link on the website. Save your receipts and scan.
- Principal Update
  - Thank you to PTSO for the start of year support.
  - Launched Yonder pouches today for grades 7 -12
    - Students need to come to school prepared.
    - Phones need to be in the pouches as they enter the building.
    - Process will get smoother as the year progresses.
    - Dismissal went smoothly and easily. VERY happy to get phones back.
  - Communication channels
    - Go to Principal Updates on the SCPA website if you are not receiving robocall, email or updates.
  - Adopt a Classroom
    - Grades 3-5
    - Had an intro last Spring full kick off this year.
  - State report card on 9/12
    - Initial data looks good and shows improvement.
    - Should be resting at 4-5 stars this year.
  - Spirit Coins with a value of \$1 they can turn into the Spirit Shop.
    - Can be given as drawings, from teachers and Mr. Owens
    - Funded by PTSO
  - Parent Teacher COnferences are on the calendar.
    - Can request a conference at any time.
    - Q1 is on 9/26
    - PTSO provides dinner on these nights.

- Still advocating for yellow buses to be more timely and efficient.
  - Working on behalf of students. 7-8 are running late. Tardies will be excused.
- Waiting for parents to have access thru Focus to pay for fees.
  - \$35 artistic fees
  - There is an artistic fee waiver forms are available thru the arts department.
- Off to a really good start.
- Benches for out back.
  - Have a builder
  - Looking to have student involvement.
    - Students to create a logo.
    - Suggested we have one logo for the school.
- Artistic Director Update
  - Maggie Perrino was unable to attend.
- Open Q&A
  - Grounds Crew
    - Level of landscaping looking for.
      - CPS has done the mulching and tree care.
      - Need for pavers on both sides coming into the parking lot by the gate.
      - Garden boxes on 12th street. We can use these boxes.
    - Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. As a Title One school maybe eligible.
  - Focus vs Canvas
    - Where do we see grades?
      - Focus is grades
      - Canvas is work
  - Yonder bags and no use of cell phones.
    - Clocks? Time?
      - Ask teacher for time check.
      - Not all rooms have clocks.
  - Received a DJ lead. (Looking for a volunteer.)
  - Drop off and Pick up safety procedures.
  - Get involved! Board positions will be opening for next year, plan now.

Kevi Whitman moved to adjourn at 7:27. Bridget Kennedy Seconded.

**MISSION:**

WEareSCPA provides support for our school and a voice for our community as a Parent Teacher Student Organization. We work to develop a deeper connection between school and home for our families by providing timely communications and social engagements

to welcome and encourage parental involvement while improving the overall educational environment of SCPA for students, teachers, and families through volunteer and financial support.