

WEareSCPA PTSO

General Meeting

October 1, 2024 / 6:30 PM/In Person and Zoom

- Welcome (Kevin Whitman)
 - Called to order at 6:33 pm.
- September Event Summary
 - Parent Teacher Conference Dinner (Bridget Kennedy)
 - Well communicated and attended.
- Vice President's Update (Bridget Kennedy)
 - 12th Street Crosswalk Presentation
 - Andy, parent of a current 1st Grader.
 - Looking for community support to petition the City Council to add a crosswalk on 12th Street from SCPA gates to Washington Park.
 - Addresses the issue of safety due to traffic and families not using crosswalk at Race and 12th or Elm and 12th.
 - Little visibility currently. With a crosswalk people would be able to see better and have a break in the traffic and parking.
 - Mr. Owens supports the idea.
 - Would benefit security drills as well as drop off and pick up.
 - PTSO wants to confirm there are no hurdles or concerns from administration for support. Mr. Owens confirmed there are none.
 - The Department of Transportation wants to see community support. Andy will provide letters of support.
 - Andy will also speak to the OTR community council.
 - Would also open opportunities for a crossing guard.
 - Looking for candy donations or PayPal donations for candy to be used at the Literacy Night event.
 - Mr. Owens will include in his Principals updates on Friday.
 - Should advertise Soiree at the event.

- Fundraising Opportunities (Kevin Whitman)
 - Upcoming Performances (Kevin Whitman)
 - Met with Maggie to discuss supporting artistic department fundraising.
 - Looking to engage the parents. Parents from each department would organize fundraisers.
 - PTSO would manage the funds.
 - Soiree (Brigid Huey)
 - Event is on 11/16.
 - All information on the website.
 - Currently selling tickets.
 - Great event and community building. Spread the word and encourage attendance.
 - Current big ask is for raffle item donations and gift cards.
 - Also looking for SCPA flavored items from the staff.
 - Entertainment is lined up. A parent alum and recent grads will be performing.
- Communications Updates (Melissa Jones)
 - Website Update (Brigid Huey)
 - Asking for website feedback.
 - Other items to add to include on the site
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
 - Soiree Committee
 - Grounds Crew
- Table Update (Joe Brennan)
 - SCPA on the tables and benches.
 - Have estimates to move forward.
- Principal Update (Mr. Owens)
 - Thank you to PTSO for the staff dinner.
 - Still getting communication on Middle School buses being late and/or missing pickups. Weekly communication with Transportations including individual parent concerns.
 - Look at impacts of missed instruction time due to late buses.
 - Please direct parent concerns to Mr. Owens.
 - PTSO President April Austin shared her experience with transportation.
 - Mr. Owens suggested PTSO invite Transportation to a meeting to hear and address parents' concerns.

- Mr. Owens would like parents to share their concerns with him via email.
- Working with the IT Department on concerns that returning parents are not receiving communications any more.
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- Thank SCPA partners supporting academic goals.
 - BearCat Buddies working with K-8 students.
 - Over the Rhine Tutoring for K-3 literacy support. Provide support and report back to teachers.
 - Xavier work study student tutor for Algebra I.
 - Primary Teacher providing extended learning opportunities before and after school.
- First representatives from Baldwin Wallace College visit. Counselors will be organizing college visits.
- Resource Counselor is starting tomorrow 10/2/24. \$10000 already available to support the neediest students and the pantry.
- Homecoming October 19 at 20th Century Oakley for \$40
- October is bully awareness month. Will be led by the resource officer. 10/16 is unity day, tee shirts available for purchase.
- Community Opportunity Flyers
- Artistic Director Update (Ms. Perrino)
 - Busy Calendar
 - First concert tonight
 - Be checking the school calendar for more information
 - Fall shows are all cast
 - Voted Best High School in Cincinnati Magazine
 - Art School Networks Conference in December to accept an award for outstanding arts school.
 - K-3 will see our performances as well as opportunities in the community. Ensemble Theater will bring them to a show for their holiday run. Children's Theater in the Spring.
 - Lots of opportunities in school for all grades
 - Broadway in Cincinnati is interested in becoming a community partner and giving our students advanced

opportunities. They do not have an established program and are looking at growing a program with us.

- Working on a performance for BeechAcre Parenting Center.
 - 2 students performing at Ohio Creative Performance awards. A state level program. Two Corbett winners.
 - 2 hours program with the Art Academy for Blink. (Open Stage)
 - Auditions and applications for next year are up. Only having January Auditions.
 - Has asked teachers for Soiree donations.
 - Has handouts for upcoming events.
 - Parents will be receiving an email with upcoming resources from CCM, Dr. Jason White's Arts Entrepreneurial Program and The Art Academy's teen programs.
- Open Q & A
 - Is there a plan to improve traffic flow for drop off?
 - Work in progress.
 - Why were students left at school during the storm?
 - Bus was erroneously let go early.
 - For bad weather students wait in the Corbett with teachers or staff.

Kevin Whitman moved to end the meeting at 7:31 pm. Joe Brennan 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.