

WEareSCPA PTSO

General Meeting

November 12, 2024 / 6:30 PM/In Person and Zoom

- Welcome (Kevin Whitman)
 - Called to order at 6:30.
- President's Update
 - Kevin will be sitting in for President responsibilities.
 - Tables: Materials have been purchased.
 - Jordan Tallay new Resource Coordinator Introduction
 - Connects students to the community.
 - Supporting students and their needs.
 - Students expressed a need for a feeling of community. Looking for parent volunteers to work on community building.
 - Would like to distribute a survey for parent and student experiences and what they need to be successful.
 - PTSO can share volunteer opportunities on our website and blog posts. Can support outreach for recruiting volunteers.
- October Event Summary
 - Literacy Night
 - April and Bridget
 - Candy and Costumes
 - Chili Cookoff
 - Servers and Judges
 - HomeComing
 - Cupcakes and cookies
 - Many Performances
- Vice President's Update (Bridget Kennedy)
 - Play equipment for the elementary kids was delivered to the school. This was a big variety of play items for the kids to use during recess, and I have already heard from the kiddos that they are a big hit. Vice Principal Jesse Draud extended lots of grateful thank you's to the PTSO.
- Fundraising Opportunities (Kevin Whitman)

- Soiree (Brigid Huey)
 - This Saturday night at Pebble Creek Country Club
 - Please come on out and enjoy.
 - Do have comp tickets to hand out.
 - Raffles: Gift Card grab game, Bengals Basket, UC Tickets, Theater Tickets, Area Baskets, Art School Parent Baskets i.e. photo packages, 2 Tickets to the Gala and much more.
 - Dr Hayes is willing to donate a vacation via a timeshare.
- Communications Updates (Melissa Jones)
 - Reaching out to departments for how PTSO can help.
 - Will provide flyers and magnets for the dinner.
 - Teacher tickets to the Soiree.
 - Last year we provided duffle bags for the Senior Class.
 - We will provide for Class of 2025.
 - Might change up Senior Lunch.
 - Amy volunteered to help.
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
 - Parent Teacher Conference Dinner on Thursday 11/14.
- Principal Update (Mr. Owens)
 - Two confirmed retirements for 2025
 - Did submit and share support of the crosswalk on 12th.
 - Support for families wanting to participate in Parent Teacher conferences and cannot attend on Thursday, conferences can happen on any date that works for parents and teachers.
 - Staff has been utilizing Title One funds to support our students.
 - Every month staff is able to request funds with a quote and a justification form to receive funds. Have had requests each month.
 - Extended hours for K, 1, 3 and 6, a Tier 2 interventions are examples.
 - Would like to request a Soiree push on Wednesday. Will be a creative writing major with a poem.
- Artistic Director Update (Ms. Perrino)
 - Jr High Drama: Marvel Shows and did an extra show in Washington Park and BeechAcres Parenting Center.
 - Peter and the StarCatcher in the Corbett Sold great

- Newsies outsold last year
- Chicago audition packets are available.
- K-3 are seeing Alice in Wonderland at the Ensemble Theater. All grades saw Peter and the StarCatchers. The 21st will be a sensory performance.
- Nutcracker Season is here!
- Outside Auditions in the second to last week in January Tues-Thurs. Need volunteers for the comfort station. Also need tour guides.
- Went to DC with Faculty Members to Arts School Network Conferences. Great ideas for arts curriculum. I.e. arts and social issues and how to create conversations. Different themes by year integrated arts, social engagement and history. Looking to launch next year. Awarded the Exemplary Arts School designation one of 14 schools. Talked about hosting the conference in the future.
- SCPA swept the Book by the Banks Poetry competition.
- Open Q & A

Kevin Whitman moved to end the meeting at 7:06 pm. Scot Howell seconded.