

# School for Creative and Performing Arts

## General Meeting

PTSO Meeting Agenda: March 10, 2026

### President Updates - Brigid Huey

1. February Recap:
  - a. Black History Month Celebration-provided a donation used for providing dinner
  - b. ACT Comfort Stations-Provided support items to the students during testing such as pencils, mints, fruit, etc.
2. March Events:
  - a. Girl Scouts were at Hamlet selling cookies before the show! Each troop had a child that goes to SCPA. It was well received.
  - b. April Events:
  - c. Math Night: This will be taking place in April-date TBD-for students in grades 3-6. Details coming soon!
  - d. Family Night update-Still hoping to secure The Place for this fun family event that is tentatively set for April 8th. More details coming soon!
  - e. April 16: Conferences- The cafeteria will be an area that parents will visit in between conferences with different tables set up for literacy, math, restorative practices, artistic processes and FOCUS help. Food will also be available. All items given away will be "while supplies last."

### VP Fundraising- Kevin Whitman

1. Kroger Rewards promo video: created for social media use. Coming soon!!
2. 2026 SCPA After Hours
  - o We will be returning to the Cincy Shakes Venue
  - o Leads for catering would be appreciated, contact Kevin Whitman
  - o Proposed date: Friday, 10/2/26-Brigid will check on the school's calendar

### Treasurer- Bridget Kennedy and Joe Brennan

1. \$526 Kroger Reward check, keep signing up
2. Spent money restocking the STAR store.
3. Paid for a portion of the meal for the Black History Month performance.

### Communications-Melissa Jones

1. May 12th Senior Luncheon
  - a. Booked for The Porch on May 12
  - b. LaRosa's is catering and looking into getting the Kona Ice Truck.
  - c. Looking to get sponsors and more donations for the Kona Ice Truck.
  - d. Bags for seniors were very popular and we all agree we continue with those.
  - e. Parents donated veggie tables last year- Kevin, Joe, and Kate Bauer Bell have mentioned helping.
  - f. Look for a sign-up genius to get parents to sign up for "day of" volunteers and donations.

## Volunteer Director-Shannon Stewart

1. Sign-up genius for senior luncheon to be created for help and donations
2. Sign-up genius for Math night
3. Sign-up genius for upcoming conference night

## LSDMC Representatives

1. We will need new Local School Decision Making Committee reps next year. Consider volunteering!!
2. 1 monthly meeting in the library in-person. Interviews are another responsibility for these reps. They helped with the Artistic Director position and are currently helping with the new principal selections
3. Reach out to Teresa Dinwiddie-Hermann if you have questions
4. The principal position was posted and interviews will begin soon

## Administration/Principal Updates

1. Principal Position Update-posted in the district on Monday.
2. Testing Schedule Update
  - a. Parents make sure students are coming on time with devices charged and eating breakfast for those tests.
  - b. They are directly related to our star rating and how our students are progressing at SCPA.
  - c. 7th,8th, and high school testing on **April 1st**(ELA) and **April 2nd**(ELA 2).
  - d. Grades 3-6 are testing **April 7th** and **8th** (all ELA testing)
  - e. **April 21-22** Science part 1 and part 5, American History and Government. Map testing grades 3-8 through algebra 1 the week of **April 27th**.
3. Master Schedule Update-Change in arrival time or dismissal time is happening next year. High school students need 1001 hours of school. This will change next year, as we are legally obligated to go to school for this many hours. We can't change elementary school hours. The tricky part is trying to work high school around elementary bells. More to come on this. This has to be solidified before the end of school, probably by the May meeting. They go 983 hours right now. Lunch being 45 minutes may change to 30 minutes. It's either going to add time to the beginning or the end of the day.

## Artistic Director

- 3rd Grade Artistic Skills Assessment (3/17/26)-transition from 3rd to 4th every year is a huge mile marker. All 3rd graders go to each discipline to sample them. Packets were given out to let parents know how that is happening and parents will also be informed on which discipline the student is demonstrating an aptitude
- C/A/D Major Auditions are **April 14-April 15**-changing your major or adding to your major or dropping a major for all internal students. Go to the Resources tab on the SCPA website, and choose change/add/drop menu if you want to do any of those things.
- Additional External Auditions (4/14 - 4/15). More auditions for outside students are taking place. We found that in January auditions(we accepted 100 of those 200 students) there were majors that still needed students. Drama had the most acceptances. Combining internal and external auditions to make things easier on teachers.
- Hamlet-senior high drama just closed. Fantastic production that brought a lot of the departments together. Media Arts played a big part in the show.
- Interviewing for Drama position 4-6, moving on to the next round of interviews which will be external. Ms. Pirchner is not up to date on her licensure, so we are hiring someone else. She was working as a long term sub.
- Corbett-Mayerson Awards 2026-internal awards with 11th graders
  - 29 students headed to Semi-finals
  - Semi-finals 3/31 & 4/2
  - Finals 4/17-external adjudicators to judge those students. There are 7 winners because of the 7 different artistic disciplines.
- 2026-2027 Mainstage Season
  - Hysterical Histories of the Trojan War, Elementary Drama- coming October 2026
  - Frozen the Musical(K-12)-coming in November 2026
  - Nutcracker Ballet-coming in December 2026
  - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe-Jr. High Drama coming in February 2027
  - The Odd Couple, Senior High Drama with both a female and male performance of the show-coming March 2027
  - The Giving Tree Ballet adaptation-coming April 2027
- Looking to get back into Cappies Awards with Frozen. Contracts will be signed by the performers and if double-casted, one of the actors would not be in the cappie show.

## Open Question/Answer

1. Elections for PTSO positions in 2026-2027 **NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED!! WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!!!**
  - a. Two year elections: **NEEDED!**
    - i. VP Fundraising and Development
    - ii. Co-Treasurer
    - iii. Communications Director
  - b. Remaining one year term-**NEEDED**
    - i. VP Administration
  - c. LSDMC Representatives- **2 NEEDED**

