

Divine Child High School
PSO (Parent Support Organization) Meeting
Monday September 11, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Bridget Hanson at 7pm. 32 Attendees and 2 staff.

Meeting started with Opening Prayer, special remembrance for 9/11.

Co-Presidents Bridget Hanson and Jenny Murzda shared their vision of the PSO starting with it's a team environment. Need to promote more involvement from parents.

Michelle Rudzinski moved to approve the meeting minutes from 5/8/23, seconded by Mary Jo Luke. All were in favor, none opposed.

Board Member Reports

Faculty Representative Mr. Ben Cronin shared school calendar updates:

September Highlights:

- Race to homecoming. Tangled Theme, Come Home to the Light
- Spirit week is the week leading up to homecoming with a different theme each day.
- Float building days.
- Parade on Friday at 6 pm around the neighborhood and process into the football stadium. The football game begins at 7 pm.
- Homecoming shirts specific to each level, worn on Friday.
- Homecoming dance ticket link coming out this week.
- Guest forms for homecoming will also be sent out this week and need to be completed and sent back to Mr. Cronin prior to the Homecoming Dance.
- Art themed Retreat next week
- No school 9/18

We were introduced to the new director of enrollment and admissions for DCES and DCHS, Meghan Simonie. She is looking at engaging student and parent DC ambassadors to help recruit students to DC. Looking at different activities such as setting up coffee dates during drop offs, answer questions regarding admission and enrollment at local schools.

Treasurer Report- Mary Jo Bushart-Luke

- The current bank account balance is \$9574.11.

Mary Jo explained the procedure for how to submit an expense reimbursement request by completing this online.

Mr. Cronin explained that part of the student registration fee that is collected is transferred to the PSO. We are awaiting this transfer from 2022. Mr. Cronin is not sure of the exact amount.

Mary Jo will ask if there is a budget that can be shared with the PSO to keep us on track.

Classroom Representatives were confirmed:
Freshman- Julie Laser, Crystal Gurriere
Sophomore-Courtney Dobry, Maria Jeter
Juniors- Julie Scalf, Denice Testani, and Denise Thomas
Seniors- Jill Rubarth, Debbie Armstrong, and Michelle Rudzinski

The function of the events committee was explained. This handles monthly events for teachers and staff. Some event ideas include coffee trucks, food trucks, teacher appreciation week (will be spread out throughout the month). Signup genius will be created for parents/committees to help in different areas every month. Shauntae Gillery expressed an interest in leading the committee.

Senior Hayride takes place on 10/29/23 in Ypsilanti. Chaperones will be needed. Mr. Cronin will coordinate with the Senior parents affiliated with the event.

Senior Lock-in is the party after graduation, all-night event, well-chaperoned. Props and materials are available according to Julie Scalf. Theme this year is The Greatest Showman. Jill Rubarth and Michelle Rudzinski are chairing the event. Meeting dates will be shared by Jill & Michelle.

Senior Sunrise shirts are ordered. Changed from last year. Senior Sunrise changed to the beginning of the year and Senior Sunset to be scheduled for the end of the year (new tradition happens at the end of the year as senior farewell).

Dance Chaperone Coordinator Charlotte Lencioni shared the need for chaperones for Homecoming on 9/30. She explained volunteers need background check and Protecting God's Children workshop needed. Mr. Cronin will send out reminders about the PGC workshop and background check information via Remind. It was shared that prom will be at the Henry Ford Museum on 4/13/24.

The PSO meeting is currently the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Jenny Murzda will create a survey with questions regarding parents' interest in the day and time of PSO meetings. Mr. Cronin will send out the survey via Remind.

There was a suggestion for the calendar updates, requesting to have more accessible ways other than the website, more real-time.
Suggestion to create a mother-son activity (Mom's Club) as well as a father-Daughter event (Dad's club)? Jill gave an example of a mom and Son brunch with picture-taking.
Sending email is encouraged to discuss, concerns, speakers, ideas about school.
In appreciation for attending the meeting, 4 Panera gift cards and Hungry Howie gift cards. were raffled off.

Closing Prayer was led by Jenny Murzda
Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Next meeting date Oct 9th.

