



PSO Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2024

Called to Order: 6:33 PM

- **Present:** Andrea Burgess (President), Kari Willms (VP), Reanne Maney (Treasurer), Stephanie Rossi (Secretary), Jessica Gamarro, Amy Gholston, Katey Tritt, Kristen Hawves, Leanne Wiechert, Bryan Hammond, Jackie Gerou, Lindsay Beaudin, Michelle Stemler, Crystal Gilbert, Amanda Kurt, Jennifer Morgan, Diana Coughlin, Shannon Richards, Odessa Wildenberg, Lauren Kaplan, Katie Niebuhr, Kris Kordecki, Amy Enright, Jared Kwiatkowski
- **Secretary's Report:** May report was not printed; it was reviewed verbally by Stephanie. A printed copy will be provided at the October meeting for review and approval. Meeting notes were printed for the meetings we had for Mr. Gahart's celebration. These meeting notes were reviewed and a motion for approval was completed by Richards and Hammond. There were also meeting notes printed and provided for the Executive Board's meeting to review the PSO By-Laws and Policies.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Reanne provided a printout of the PSO checking and savings to date. She went over a new recording system that she will be using to help better track where the PSO funds are being allocated. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was approved by Coughlin and Richards.
- **By-Laws and Policies:** The PSO by-laws have not been updated in more than 10 years, there was an executive meeting held in June 2024 to review and make updates where needed. An updated version of the PSO By-Laws and Policies was handed out at the September meeting. It was asked that everyone take their copy home to review and come to the October meeting with ideas and edits for review. To assist with comparing new vs. old by-laws emails of those in attendance were collected and a copy of the old by-laws will be sent out by Andrea. One point that was brought up for review is the PSO Board Nominations and Election timing. Another policy that will be also brought up to be reviewed is the Social Media policy. We will review this and more suggestions in October.

- **Central High School Float:** The Central Highschool Homecoming parade is Wednesday, October 2nd. This year's theme is "We've Got the Beat" Margie has suggested that we either get a bigger trailer or have two trailers to haul the students that would like to ride on the float. Per Amy E., we do have access to a bigger trailer with sides. Margie has asked for assistance from the PSO to help keep the kids corralled and stop them from jumping on and off of the float. It has also been suggested that we have Perry the Panther ride on the back of the truck pulling the float rather than on the actual float. This will provide more room and help alleviate any fears that the younger students may have of the mascot. Margie requested \$500 for float props and decorations. A motion for \$500 was approved by Morgan and Kordecki.
- **Paris Red Pages:** Jamie did get some entries for the Red Pages Cover contest. The entries over the years have been tapering off so Beth suggested possibly having the students do an art project for the cover and have voting on that. Andrea will follow up with Beth to get more details on her thoughts and ideas on the contest and how we will do it going forward.
- **Milkman- June Game Follow Up:** Jared was at the June Milkman game, and he said he and his family had a good time. Some feedback that was received was that there was more to do for the kids at the Kingfish game and a benefit of having it at the Kingfish is that it is closer. Some drawbacks of the Milkman game are that they did run out of food, the lines were much longer, and the parking was not as accessible. We will review this outing when the time gets closer to planning the actual event as to where we will have it.
- **Kindergartener Mixer Follow Up:** The feedback from the Kindergartener orientation was all positive! The personalization of it all was well received. The bus ride went smoothly, and everything was well put together. We came in under budget for this event at \$487.05. One piece of feedback that was given was that we may want to consider doing something like this every year for new families, not just ones entering Kindergarten. Possibly combine something with a Meet Your Teacher event so the new students have a familiar face to look for.
- **Panther Bucks/ Paw Store:** An overview of what the Paw Store and Panther Bucks was given for the new families. There are no real other updates currently, other than a request to possibly limit the number of snacks that the students can purchase or at least limit the amount that they are able to bring down to lunch is. A limit of 2 snacks was put out there as a suggestion. Crystal will need to restock the treats and toys, a budget of \$5,000 was requested for the year and she will request funds as needed in the future. This amount would not include the December holiday store. A motion for \$5,000 was approved by Kordecki and Coughlin.
- **Ice Cream Social:** An ice cream social had been mentioned in the spring of 2024 to possibly be an event to welcome Jared. It was agreed that this calendar month is very busy, and the Milkman game served as a welcome Jared. We may want to take this idea and combine it with a night to welcome new families to Paris. Possibly hold this event on the open house night in August when families come to meet the teachers and drop off supplies. Reanne will try to price out ice cream vendors and we will want to add this to the April 2025 agenda.

- **July Golf Outing Recap:** The golf outing went well. We had a total of 102 golfers this year. That is 30 more golfers than last year's outing. A total of \$6,372.72 was raised. We may want to look into going to another course, possibly Bristol Oaks. Kris will research and price out the options for next year's outing.
- **Panther Prowl and Prowl Assembly:** The Panther Prowl Assembly is this Friday at 2:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. The packet of information will be going home with students on Friday as well. All dates will be listed on a calendar provided in the packet. There will be a Prowl planning meeting held on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 PM in the library. More details will be discussed at this meeting. Fund placement will also be reviewed (ie: bump classroom libraries and updating the smart boards in some classrooms.)
- **Monthly Dinner Fundraisers:** This month we have two fundraisers planned. The first one will be this week on September 11th at 75th Street Inn during their hours of operation. The second one will be on Wednesday, September 25th during their hours off operation. A flier for the Thompson Farm night will go home with students soon.
- **Social Media Plan- October:** Any suggestions for posts and or content are welcomed. None were given at this time.
- **School Updates/ Comments:**
 - Jared extended his thanks for our patience for the first couple of weeks and also for the warm welcoming he has received while here at Paris.
 - We have changed vendors for the school photos. An email went out today informing families of this change. The new vendor allows online ordering and more flexibility with the packages that can be chosen. This will also allow for a price drop for this year's yearbook.
 - Paris is looking for a new band teacher, filling this position remains a priority. A big thank you to Mrs. Gerou for filling in during the interim.
 - There will be a board meeting next week on Wednesday. During this meeting there will be a presentation of the proposed referendum of possible school additions. All are encouraged to attend.
 - Amy E. inquired about the status of the new 3D printers that were approved last spring. Per Andrea there is an upcoming Paris School Foundation meeting where the allocation of funds for payment of the printers will be discussed. She will report back with the update.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:30 PM