

CSDB Parent Staff Organization Meeting  
December 8, 2022

**Present:** Kellie Moothart, Strider McGregor-Dorsey, Monique Hakes Riley, Becky Fulton (Treasurer), Jennifer Thompson, Tera Spangler, Diane Taylor (Secretary)

**Welcome,** introductions and discussion of the CSDB PSO organization including status of the finances remaining from previous years. A bank account, independent of CSDB, will be opened for the PSO with the PSO account balance transferred to the new account. *Which bank?*

Discussion began regarding expenditures typical of a PSO

- Staff mini-grants for projects that benefit students
  - Strider will provide a Google form used in another PSO for the group to consider
- Staff recognition

Discussion began regarding revenue stream ideas

- Art and sweets night- area to do artwork or look at gallery art, provide food, maybe \$5
  - Chocolate & art – sweets are donated – drop off donations throughout the day.
- Spring Festival – PSO could create stations for the festival
  - Older students could set up booths and prizes
  - Cakewalk would be fun

**Event ideas** to bring families, staff and the community together on campus and generate excitement

- Similar ideas to the Lighting Ceremony in Jan/Feb, March/April, May/June
- Egg Hunt (expand this event)
- 5K (expand this event to include parents in the run/walk – provide clarity on the flyer)
- Fall Festival with pumpkins
- Halloween Trunk or Treat after school when families can decorate their cars and attend
- Registration Day carnival or “Back to school Bash”
  - welcome back BBQ
  - reduce paperwork and lines by instituting digital forms
  - really important to meet teachers and dorm staff AT registration
  - tours with a scavenger hunt for kids during the tours
    - Ex: Print out dinosaurs and put around the tour pathway & have kids find them
- Homecoming - parents don't know if they can come to activities
- Food nights at the dorms – interaction with the staff & students to teach families about the dorms - Every few weeks – Dorm+ activity nights
- Parent Teacher Conferences at night – doing something for the teachers? Candy? Can parents make dinners and bring food for those nights.

*For the next meeting, consider your top 3 to focus on for this school year, and top 3 for Fall 2023*

### Communication to families:

Interim Superintendent Spangler explained the Microsoft Teams pathway that allows two-way communication between staff school devices and parent cell phones for texts. This method is being tested but hasn't rolled out 100% yet. She asked parents how they get communication now?

- Mass email through Infinite Campus
- Facebook
- One-way texts (please add subject line of the email to know the critical level of the message) Microsoft Teams, staff to parents and back, sounds great! Make sure consistency happens so the event flyer on the social media page is the same as on the Microsoft Teams text to parents.
- PSO – would be great to have a place where people could distribute information.
- Class Dojo last year, but not as much communication, this year, going up in grade level

### Other:

- Families have received flyers, for recent events, that weren't clear if families were welcome to attend
- Recruit parents for the PSO – idea- use a dinner to recruit people with ticket amount going toward the PSO membership fee. Also have a PSO table at every family event with flyers
- Is the PSOs open to the entire community? Or only parents and staff?
- Need a staff contact list electronically – maybe on the website with a drop down that has that information – if I can't reach the first person, who is the next person to contact?
  - Student Handbook – do you have that for contact information?

**Next meeting January 12, 4:00pm**