

MEETING OF THE WEST EDUCATION CAMPUS PSCO

March 16, 2017

1) Introductions

Attendees included Josh Hertzberg, Jessica Marcella, Cary Greene, Jeff Senne, Kathryn Roberts, Erica Mongelli, Nailah Williams, Megan Vroman, Kathleen Sears, Tekiah Brabham, and Lisa Jackson.

2) Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$20,117. Fundraising is healthy and could leave the PSCO with a surplus relative to budget in May. The PSCO is looking to make smart use of this surplus.

Recent outlays were nearly \$2,200, including nearly \$500 on computer lab supplies, \$500 on a teacher's lounge water cooler, and more than \$200 on Read Across America week costs. The PSCO also renewed West's domain name. In addition, the PSCO purchased 10 Dell Inspirons for around \$1,000 to replace outmoded Chromebooks.

Recent income comes to nearly \$4,300, including almost \$2,800 for the Read-a-Thon and \$1,500 on school directories.

3) Open Floor

- a. Chromebooks. The PSCO discussed the needed replacement of an additional 60 Chromebooks, which would cost approximately \$14,000. Much of this cost will be covered by the West school budget, however, the approximately 70 Chromebooks remain an asset that the PSCO could sell or donate. Ms. Vroman will determine how much funding to request from the PSCO toward purchase of the new Dell Inspirons.

The PSCO discussed three options for disposal of the Chromebooks: (i) sale on Ebay for approximately \$75-\$100 per Chromebook; (ii) sponsor purchase of Chromebooks for donation to families in need; or (iii) donation to families in need.

A committee will be formed to determine the best plan for disposing of the Chromebooks once the new Dell Inspirons are purchased. Please contact the PSCO (PSCO@westschool.org) to assist.

- b. Water Cooler. Ms. Brabham expressed appreciation for the new teacher's lounge water cooler. The PSCO discussed use of the Teacher's Fund budget for use of new water jugs. Ms. Brabham will look into various models for refilling the water cooler and will notify the PSCO on the various options.
- c. Aftercare Update. Discussion covered new spring orchestra, hiking, yoga, Karate, and flag football programs.

- d. Lead in Water. PSCO discussed community engagement relating to ongoing issues relative to recent positive tests for lead in two West sinks. Jeff Senne will be following up on next steps. Contact Jeff (jsenne@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved.

4) Recent Events

- a. Book Fair and Family Reading Night. PSCO discussed the recent book fair and family reading night. The events were a major success, well-organized, with good teacher involvement and significant fundraising.

5) Upcoming Events

- a. Claire's Gourmet. Order forms are due March 22. Delivery will be April 4. PSCO needs volunteers to assist with order deliveries. Contact Jessica Marcella (jdsmarcella@gmail.com) if you're available to assist.
- b. Spring Dance. PSCO discussed plans for the upcoming spring dance including scheduling and timing. There is already a teacher's committee in place, but PSCO is looking for additional volunteers to coordinate with the teacher's committee. Email the PSCO at (psco@westschool.org) to get involved.
- c. College Tours. PSCO discussed options for funding a Middle School college tour fund. West has allocated approximately \$5,000 and a Go Fund Me campaign has raised an additional \$1,500. The PSCO voted to allocate up to \$2,500 to support fundraising efforts, which could be used for matching or supplementing other fundraising efforts. Contact Nailah Williams (nawilliams@udc.edu) to support this effort.
- d. Teacher Appreciation Week. The PSCO discussed plans for teacher appreciation week and how to make best use of the \$650 budget, including massages, a happy hour and breakfast. Contact Erica Mongelli (ericamongelli@hotmail.com) and Kathryn Roberts (katmr2@gmail.com) to get involved.

6) Elections

PSCO officer elections are scheduled to begin in early April. The PSCO will be coordinating elections with New Parent Day on April 11 and would welcome new candidates for the PSCO board. All seats, including President, are up for election. Contact Josh Hertzberg (joshua.hertzberg@gmail.com) if you want to get involved in running the election.

April 26 will feature a New Parent Evening organized by Erica Mongelli. *New West parents are eligible to run for PSCO officer positions.*