

PSO Meeting – North Phoenix Preparatory

Date: August 9, 2023

Attendees: Corinne Jacobson, Headmaster
Darrell Horton, PSO President
Angie Nelson, Office Manager
Bruce Black, Dean of Student Leadership
Gina Mostow
Renee Aungst
Tracy Riffey
Jessica Nunez
Heloina Meinema
Helen Stricklen Herd
Rhonda Bombard
Lara Kullukian
Shea Duryea
Birdie Matern
Breanne Tedhams
Jen Delaney
Irene Guzman
Yoli & Mike Nichols
Maya Horton

Opening - Darrell Horton

- PSO Mission Statement
- The PSO functions as a Board. We **need** Board Members.
 - Open seats: Vice President, Community Chair, Giving Chair, Grade Liaisons, and more.

Finances

- PSO Balance is \$9,421. Budget Sheet to be distributed.
- Aa a reminder, we do not use the “F” word at NPX. Never say “Fundraising”. We are PRG, Passive Revenue Generating.

Since Last Meeting

- Back to School Orientation
 - Greet the Gladiator Table had 30ish parents stop by.
 - Explained volunteer opportunities and ways parents can become involved.
 - Teacher Orientation Lunch for faculty and staff. 60 – 70 attended
 - Welcome Back Coffee station for faculty/staff was a big hit.
- Samaritan PSO Newsletter – Will include all information regarding the NPX PSO, such as:

- What volunteer opportunities are available? *Volunteering is a necessity for our school to remain successful. Parent and Grandparents are encouraged to volunteer.*
- How do I become a volunteer? *Apply through our Raptor System. It's super easy and costs only \$5.*
- Upcoming events, PSO Meeting Minutes, and much more.
- Spirit Shop – new to NPX
 - Show your school spirit with apparel and/or merchandise. The turnaround time when using the Spirit Shop vendor vs, the campus vendor is significantly shorter.
- Teacher Amazon Wishlist 2023 Link – The easiest way to show teachers appreciation.

Upcoming Events

- August 9th - Tailgate in the Courtyard before the 7pm game.
- ECNA Rush – When students choose extracurricular activities. Parents will be made aware of their kiddos choices, so they may discuss what will work best for parents and kiddos.
- August 25th – Sky Zone Community Event – E Greenway Road
 - Community, MS and HS welcome
 - \$23 for 90min or \$25 for 2hours
 - MUST mention North Phoenix Prep. If 100 or more attend, NPX will get 40% of proceeds.
 - If 70% of our NPX teachers and staff attend, the PSO will give \$1,500 towards a Holiday Party. Must have photo proof!!
- September 9th – On campus, MS Social – TBD
- September 23rd – Parent Mixer: NPX & Archway Parents in the Archway MPR
 - *Embrace Unity*
- October 20th - Parent Trivia Night – NPX MPR
- October 27th - Pancake Breakfast – Headed by the “Pancake Queen” herself Yoli. SignUp Genius link will be posted.
 - We need mixers and griddles.
 - If I remember correctly, Mr. Black agreed that we purchase a couple griddles for the staff lounge, 😊 We will be adding a mixer to that request, as well.
 - Rumor has it that Mike, spouse of the Pancake Queen, will be donating a KitchenAid Mixer. Thank you, Mike.
- November 21st - Grandparents Day – TBD
- December 20th - Teacher Catered Luncheon.

Opportunities for Students

- Mentor Club – headed by Mrs. Hatch and Mr. Black
 - HS students guide 6 and 7 graders through the NPX experience. Similar to the Big Brother/Big Sister Program.
- Senate – headed by Mr. Black

- Organize and support events such as dances, HS socials, pep rallies, spirit events.
- Strives for 4 – 5 representatives from each grade through election/interview process and popular vote to serve the entire year.
- SSO – Headed by Dr. Mann and Angie Nelson
 - Teaches kiddos how to perform required community service hours on and off campus.
 - Works with the Senate. Organizes such things as Drives.
- Pantheon – Mrs. Lentz
 - MS Mini Senate / MS Leadership Team – building leadership skills. Duties include helping PTO with socials, planning, etc.
- Lanista: HS students mentoring MS Gladiator Team Leaders.

Open Floor

- How can parents partake in the PSO Meetings, without physically attending? Contact Darrell, PSO President, and he will do his best to provide a Zoom Link.
- Where do parents and volunteers park? In the visitors' spots or non-designated spots on far NW area of the parking lot on Archway side
- Joining the Elk Club, next door, will allow you to park there anytime. \$70 application fee, \$160/yr. Elk offers numerous programs and events for you and your kiddos.
- Need a safe hangout for your kiddos after school? Alice Cooper's Solid Rock offers free music, dance, art, karaoke, instrument lessons, and more. Ages 12 – 20, 2pm – 7:30pm, 13625 N. 32nd Street Phoenix 85032.
- Please follow the [NPX Prep PSO Instagram Page](#)
- Teacher Thematical Goal is "*Embrace Unity*". Bridge the gap between 5th grade to 6th grade transitions.
- Questions about specific teacher substitution volunteer hours? Contact Alison Stone
- Headmaster Chats will begin next week, starting with 6th Grade.
 - Gives you the opportunity to participate in the life of the school. What would you like to see? What suggestions do you have to positively impact our school, etc. This is not an opportunity to express grievances.
- **We need more "Father Figures" on campus. Please encourage Dads and Grandpas to get involved.**