

AWHS Parent Support Board Meeting Agenda

October 14, 2020 – 7 PM

Marie DiVito, President AWHS Parent Support Board (PSB)

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We come to you today asking for your guidance and wisdom as we begin this meeting. Help us engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of our school community.

Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we support the families, staff and faculty of Archbishop Williams.

And, continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the betterment of all, and for the service of humanity.

We ask these things in your name.

Amen

Welcome/Introductions

All new and existing families, especially families from Sacred Heart, St Joe's and local public-school communities. We hope that your students are doing well and are feeling welcomed to Archies.

Purpose of PSB

Provide open lines of communication between parents & school. Support the faculty in their goal of providing a well-rounded education to our students, by volunteering as needed during school-based events (Back to School BBQ, New Student Socials, Open Houses). Assist in fundraising efforts, both school and PSB based.

Budget & Fundraising

Two types of fundraising:

School based, including Calendar Drive, Days of Giving, Golf Tournament, Alumni Relations, Blue & Gold Gala – Anthony Chighisola, coordinator
(Achighisola@awhs.org)

PSB based, including annual Christmas Tree Sales, Annual PSB \$50 contribution, Stop & Shop A+ Program and direct requests for specific PSB coordinated events (Teacher Appreciation).

PSB Budget – Annual goal \$10,000 FY 2019-2020 \$9,900

Total amount raised through Christmas Tree Sales, Voluntary contributions & Teacher Appreciation Gift cards, A+ Program \$29,000

Total Expenses for BTS BBQ, Christmas Trees, Gift Cards, Toaster oven for staff \$19,100

This year we will not be selling Christmas Trees, so primary PSB fundraising will come from Annual contribution, Stop & Shop A+ program and direct requests.

Kellie Defelice, Co-Vice President PSB

School Community/School Safety

We are very impressed with how the students are adjusting to the new protocols during the pandemic. We need to continue these good practices, especially mask wearing & social distancing. We understand how challenging it is, but please continue to discourage group gatherings and parties at this time.

PSB Facebook Page (AWHS Parents Resource Page)

This is a great for parents to ask questions, share ideas and offer help on uniforms, books, school events, etc. All are welcome to join.

Brenda Courtois, Co-Vice President PSB

Volunteer Opportunities

The PSB utilized Sign-Up Genius for volunteering requests. This is a very useful tool to communicate school-based or PSB events where in-person volunteers or contributions are needed. Parent response has been outstanding! We truly appreciate all that have given their time and financial support for our initiatives!

Teacher Appreciation/Virtual Open House

Last Spring, in lieu of the annual Teacher Appreciation luncheon, the PSB requested donations to provide dinner gift cards for all of AWHS faculty, staff & administration. It was a great success and well received by all. In addition to the gift cards, much needed toaster ovens were purchased for the faculty lounge and administration office.

Open Houses will be held virtually this fall, on October 28 & November 12. Lawn signs are available from the Student Life office and Michaela Schuster in Admissions. (mschuster@awhs.org) All are encouraged to display a lawn sign.

Closing comments, Q&A with PSB & Dr. Michael Volonnino, Principal