

## Quest PSA Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2018

Present: Roxana Naughton, Karine Fiore, Dionne Penager, Christina Magerkurth, Ninita Choksey, Sapna Garg, Miel Johnson, Alina Pajtek, Anne Sebastian, Grishma Shah, Kimberly Thompson, Rachel Zahn, Claudia Asllani, Mica Cataletto, Karen Dickenson, Jackie Negus, Sharon Rockhill

Meeting called to order: 7:00pm

### Welcome and Introductions

Roxana welcomed all to the meeting.

### Secretary Report

Minutes from the September and October meetings were approved.

### Treasurer Report

An updated budget was presented. Please turn in your receipts.

### Past Events Report

-Pumpkin Fest (Ninita, Grishma, Roxana) The binder has been completed with all information for next year's chairs. The event had over 200 people attend and was well received. Some thoughts for next year: consider a different check-in process to determine attendance and payments, use middle schoolers as volunteers more as they were very helpful and dedicated, purchase fewer pumpkins. The mums were donated and the vendor will be contacted next year as well.

-Volunteer Chair – Batool is focused on recruiting for the book fair currently.

- Staff Appreciation team (Christy, Kim, Rachel, Betty) Monthly events continue with Rachel coordinating November and Kim coordinating December.

-Auction Coffee/Auction updates (Karen) Some auction slots still need volunteers, particularly the Quest Treasures and Newsletters volunteer positions. The newsletters position is one that can be done from home. There will be an auction Holiday Party on November 30<sup>th</sup> at Victoria's house. Donations for auction will be collected and babysitting will be provided at school. Invitations have gone out. Class project descriptions are due mid-November so please submit those as soon as possible.

### Upcoming events

-Meeting times – Evenings seem better attended so we will continue to alternate times.

-Book fair – Roxana invites any who can join her to come to the Barnes and Noble meeting on Friday. The book fair will largely run similarly to past years and will include student art, a Harmonizer performance, book reading and a poetry slam.

-The next big events will be in February for the State of the School and International Festival. Planning will largely occur for both events in 2019. It has been several years since Quest has had an International

Festival which celebrates all aspects of the diverse cultural community we have (food, music, dance, clothing). Please contact the committee if you would like to be involved or know a group that might wish to be involved. More information will be sent out after Winter Break.

#### Administrative Updates

Mrs. Negus – Thank you to all of the PSA volunteers for all of the work the committees do for the school.

-Quest had a Veteran's Day Assembly where four veterans were honored along with the band and choir performing. It was a moving event and very much enjoyed by the students and the honorees.

-Diwali celebrations were held in multiple grade levels.

-Scholastic Bowl A team captured second place in a recent competition.

-Nine of our Science Olympiad coaches spent a Saturday in training to learn about the various events and better help our students prepare for competition.

-Noetic Math Competition was held for the Lower School.

-Quest is constantly looking for opportunities for the lower school to compete and develop leadership skills, such as the squires program.

-The Kingdom Campaign is well underway. 100% of the Board of Trustees and Faculty and Staff have participated. Last year 40% of families participated and we hope to greatly exceed that this year. This money is used for field trips, consumables and other items directly impacting our students.

-Middle school Scene Night is Wednesday.

-The first basketball game is on Thursday.

-Museum efforts continue. The goal is to raise \$35,000 from organizations that would not otherwise give to Quest. To date, \$12,000 has been raised. Gary Mann has been instrumental in developing ideas of how the students can help build and run the museum. Anne Sebastian and Betty Jang have volunteered to be PSA Museum point people. The Village of Palatine has approved plans so far. The December 13<sup>th</sup> Zoning Board meeting is the next step with the goal of starting construction in January. If you have ideas or would like to help, please contact Anne or Betty.

#### Please Post Reviews on Niche and Help Advertise Quest Events Open to the Public

Please help increase Quest's online presence. Please write a review at [niche.com](https://www.niche.com), Great Schools, or Facebook.

If you belong to a closed Facebook or other social media group for your neighborhood, city, Moms/Dads club, and would be willing to post information about events hosted by Quest that are open to the public, please contact Amanda Davey. She is happy to forward you information to post and help spread the word about Quest.

The next PSA meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:20am.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.