



**PARENTS
ASSOCIATION**
Welcoming Families. Building Community.

Parents Association Open Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting of the Parents Association Executive Committee were approved via email.

Katherine Lucas, President, called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

In Attendance

Kelley Rogge, Tania Shand, Elaine del Cerro, Peter Barrett, Chris Bolger, Suzanne Burrows, Merel Young, Vee Solomon, Katherine Lucas, Shannon Powell McCarter, Kit Ballenger, Terry Riggins, Kathleen Crawford, Joneis Thomas, Whitney Rosenthal, Karon Harden, Emily Lawrence, and Alicia O'Brien

Welcome & President's Report

Katherine's welcome included a reminder that all parents in the community are members of the Parents Association.

The Parents Association raises funds through Family Fun Day, Book Fair, sale of logo wear, greenery sales, and corporate programs (i.e., Amazon, Primary, Plum Print, and Mabel's Labels).

The Parents Association gives back to the St. Patrick's community through organizing Room Parents, Parent Potlucks, and Grandparents & Special Friends Visiting Day. The Parents Association also supports Gifts for Good, School Pictures, Horizons Greater Washington, Parents Council of Washington, and Faculty and Staff appreciation events throughout the year. Additionally, the Parents Association hosts coffees, and an annual community-wide event this year is Family Skating Night at Georgetown's Washington Harbor.

The most significant benefaction of Parents Association is in the form of gifts and grants. Recent gift examples include 3D printers, handbells for the MacArthur Campus, and growing lights for the Lower School science lab. The grant program includes education innovation grants and summer travel and study grants.

The efforts of the Parents Association are supported by Development Office. The goal is that every parent participates in a way they will enjoy and remember.

Head of School Report

Peter Barrett provided a school opening report including Opening Chapels, Green & White Night, and a Haiti Partnership trip, which have all gone beautifully.

The construction report detailed the completion of the driveway (including landscaping) and the Design Corridor. Playground construction lost a month from the original schedule due to permit and weather delays. The Kindergarten Playground will be fully equipped the first week of November. The Nursery School Playground is expected to be complete the first week of December. The students have been enjoying outdoor play on the hillside east of the main

building as well as the Across-the-Street Playground.

The recent Haiti trip included 14 travelers (seven adults, seven students from Grades 7/8). The Haiti Partnership objectives include participation in sustainable projects and activities. Students are showing high interest in joining the Haiti trips. St. Patrick's finances faculty and staff on the Haiti trips, and students self-finance unless aid is needed, in which case St. Patrick's may provide assistance.

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 was the first Professional Day of the school year. These days are vital to the work of the faculty and staff. The day is divided into thirds with the following agenda:

- Action Plan-writing response to AIMS seeking reaccreditation
- A discussion investigating how professionals talk about race
- Unstructured time for teachers for collaboration and organization

The Board of Trustees will begin its annual Board Retreat over the weekend. As significant progress has been made with the current strategic plan, the Board will kick-off the next three-year planning period.

Closing Remarks

Additional conversations took place regarding Design Lab accessibility and the school's policy regarding inclusion of all students in outside events and activities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Rogge
Recording Secretary