



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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Parents Association Executive Committee Meeting
November 16, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Denise Prince, Parents Association President called the meeting to order at 8:16 am

In attendance

Denise Prince, Arianna Ugliano, Jalene Spain Thomas, Karolina Canning, Page DeZee, Laith Alnouri, Bridget Dadd, Betsy Fenzel, Julia Ghafouri, Margaret Pearson, Chris Bolger, Jessica Taylor White, Heather Ricks, Adelaide Barrett

Welcome & President's Report

- Fall events were very successful
 - Book Fair grossed over \$20,000 and the sneak peek Book Fair Pizza Night was successful, with 70 attendees
 - Family Fun Day was well attended and enjoyed by the Day School community.
 - Speaker Series events have been successful and well received.
- October Open Meeting Minutes presented for review approval. Jessica Taylor White moved to approve the minutes. Page DeZee seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Head of School Report

- Grade 6 Girls soccer team placed second in the conference
- Monday, November 27, is a professional development day for faculty and staff. Some will be working on campus, others off-site, with each staff member given the flexibility to do what they determine is needed.
- The Middle School is hosting speaker Max Stossel on Tuesday, November 28th at 6pm for a presentation and Q&A session, "Social Media and Your Kids", which will complement the work that counseling staff and the administration are doing with middle school students and families, particularly in Grade 8.
- Health Updates - COVID-19 The Day School hosted a booster clinic for faculty and staff in October. The Parent Portal has been updated with current guidelines for exposure to COVID-19.

Office of Communication & Marketing Report

- Karolina Canning provided an update on St. Patrick's communications and marketing strategy to all external and internal groups. The Communications team works in concert with admissions and advancement team leadership on communications channels.
- PA leaders suggested sharing the communications strategy and cadence with the full parent community at the annual Back-to-School night event so that parents will be able to learn about how to engage with St. Patrick's content.

Officer Reports

Sustainability

- The Wolfhound Family Hike on November 5th was very successful with 85 attendees.
- The Sustainability Cocktail Party in November was also very successful, with a large turnout with about half of the attendees families that are new to St. Patrick's this year. Parent Sustainability Team events remain a popular way for families to engage with the school.

Fundraising

- Grade 2 parents Paige Janes and Kristine Shih coordinated a Charleston Wrap gift wrap fundraiser, with 40% of sales going to St. Patrick's. The fundraiser raised over \$800.
- The greenery sale pickup will occur in early December, once the greenery has shipped from the vendor. The results of that fundraiser will be shared next month.

Horizons

- Gifts for Good will take place on December 9th. Logowear will set up a table to sell items this year,
- Volunteers are needed to support the bakery sale at the event. The much-loved baguettes will be for sale again.
- A reminder that Gifts for Good is for families and not a drop-off event.

Faculty and Staff Recognition

- Bridget Dadd, VP for Faculty & Staff Recognition, shared the design for the holiday gift for all faculty and staff, which is a custom notepad with a special St. Patrick's design that is also personalized the name of each member of the faculty and staff..
- There will be baked goods for the traditional "treat day" with parent volunteers signing up to provide baked goods via a Signup Genius. Parent volunteers will pack the items into individual cookie boxes like a cookie exchange. The treats will be bundled with the custom notepads.
- PA Executive Committee members will handwrite notes of thanks that will also be bundled with the gifts.

Treasurer

- Margaret Pearson, Treasurer, shared recent budget updates and reported that we seem to be on track with our budget.

VP At Large

- Laith Alnouri, VP at Large spoke about upcoming speakers.

- In November, there will be a speaker coming to talk about Social Awakening to parents.
- In January, Michelle Icard will speak to parents about how to help children overcome obstacles.
- Laith is going to create a survey to ask about feedback with regards to speakers and send this survey to the PA executive committee, Room parents, and Grade Reps.
- Family Bingo Night will occur at the end of January and planning will begin soon.

Equity

- Betsy Fenzel, VP for Equity, shared feedback about the EDI events at the school. She wonders if a panel of speakers could be an interesting idea- different speakers who speak on the same general topic.

Logowear

- Page DeZee, VP for Logowear, shared that the Middle School popup shop was a real success and that there will be a pop-up shop on Grandparents and Special Friends Day.
- Logowear will also be represented at Gifts for Good.

Upcoming Events

- Ideals Wine Party - Thursday Nov 16th at 6pm
- Father Andrew's Institution as 9th Rector of St. Patrick's Church - Saturday, November 18th at 4pm
- Grandparents and Special Friends Visiting Day - Tuesday November 21 at 8am
- Gifts for Good - Saturday December 9th at 11am

Denise Prince adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.