



# PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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## **Parents Association Executive Committee Meeting**

**December 7, 2023**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:** Betsy Fenzel, Paula Hopkins, Jalene Spain Thomas, Denise Prince, Chris Bolger, Laith al-Nouri Cope, Heather Ricks, Julia Ghafouri, Bridget Dadd, Margaret Pearson, Blair Staunton, Arianna Ugliano, Jessica Taylor White

Denise called the meeting to order at 8:19

### **Welcome and President's Report**

- Denise reminded the group about upcoming school events.
- She shared that Karolina Canning, Director of Communications, appreciated the PA's feedback about the day school's communications strategy in November. PA leaders had a robust discussion about attendance at speaker series events.
  - Many suggestions were offered, including potential emails from room parents, adjusting scheduling of speakers to times that are most likely to be convenient to the largest number of parents.
- Denise presented the November Meeting minutes. Julia Ghafouri moved to approve the minutes as read, Heather Ricks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Head of School Report**

- Jalene Spain Thomas reports that faculty and staff are celebrating 12 Days of Community, which began on Monday, December 4th, to celebrate the holiday season together as colleagues.
- An overview of a board retreat presentation about the history of the day school's physical plant, different locations, and growth throughout the years since our founding in 1956 with 6 nursery students, was given to PA leaders.

### **VP Reports**

- Fundraising: Greenery Sale was successful and netted \$1,533.00 in profits. Thanks to Chris Bolger and Adelaide Barrett for helping to organize the greenery in the cold.
- Logowear: The middle school has had great success with the logowear committee. Student designed items have been very popular.
- Gifts for Good: Taking place on December 9th, please attend and share in your networks
- Faculty and Staff Recognition: Bridget Dadd showed the personalized notepads that will be gifted to each faculty and staff member, along with a box of sweet treats. She asked each PA member to stay at the conclusion of the meeting to help write a personal note from the PA to accompany the gift.
- At Large: The Bingo Night event will take place on January 26th and will feature a candy bar and pizza. Please publicize to others to help drive attendance.

Denise Prince adjourned the meeting at 9:12 am