



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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Parents Association Executive Committee March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Kit Ballenger, President, called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM

In Attendance

Kit Ballenger, Chris Bolger, Stephanie Goldfine, Denise Prince, Johanna Howe, Tashia Sean-Jones, LaMeka Short, Jessica Taylor White, Peter Barrett, Karolina Canning, Laura Schifter

Welcome and President's Report

Kit thanked all in attendance for joining our in-person meeting in the Day School Conference Room. Kit expressed our excitement over the great turnout at a post-chapel coffee for Kindergarten parents. Over 50 parents attended our first coffee, with similar coffees scheduled for every Nursery and Lower School grade over the next few weeks. Thank you to Denise Prince and the Wolfhound Grade Reps for organizing these events!

Unfortunately, **Family Skating Morning** has been canceled due to warm weather forcing the skating rink to close early for the season. Chris Bolger shared that Claire Farver and he had been to a speaker series, "Parenting in the Modern World", by two leading mental health experts in our community, that they were excited to bring to St. Patrick's. Jessica Taylor White reminded the Executive Committee about our fundraising partnership with Poppy Flowers and shared that she planned to promote it in HoundsTruth around the Mother's Day holiday.

Head of School Report

Peter Barrett reported that our graduating Grade 8 class had excellent secondary school placement this year and that families and students were pleased with their results. He also announced that the school had begun to explore how a mask-optional policy might work at St. Patrick's, once DC Health no longer required universal masking in schools.

Communication and Marketing Department Report

Director of Communication and Marketing Karolina Canning was excited to join the Executive Committee to share how her department works to keep parents and the extended community informed about St. Patrick's. She shared innovative ways that her office had revamped HoundsTruth and improved the school website, hoping to make those platforms a one-stop-shop for communication and cut back on frequent emails. Karolina also discussed ways to use video more frequently moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Bolger
Director of Alumni and Parent Programs