



Katherine Lucas, President, called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m.

**In Attendance**

Lucia Cassidy, Hillary Chassin, Chris Bolger, Laura Schifter, Ellen Pinschmidt, Sam Mason, Karon Harden, Stephanie Goldfine, Emily Lawrence, Kit Ballenger, Katherine Lucas, Elaine del Cerro, Peter Barrett, Imani Edwards, Tashia Senn-Jones, Kelley Rogge

*Phoned in: Elizabeth Engel, Shannon Powell*

**Welcome and President's Report:**

Katherine Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes from the November Executive Committee Meeting of the Parents Association.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the November minutes.

**ACTION:** Motion approved.

**Parent Environmental Action Team**

Ellen Pinschmidt, Sam Mason, and Laura Schifter reported on behalf of the Parent Environmental Action Team. These initiatives have been wildly successful, showing a \$14,000.00 savings resulting from composting efforts, and the cafeteria is now 99% trash-free. All lights on campus will be switched to LED bulbs as older bulbs need replacing. The school has received the Bronze Award from the ECO-Schools USA, and the group is working towards Silver.

The goal of the Parent Committee is to amplify school efforts to the broader St. Patrick's community. All are welcome to join the monthly meetings, which are posted in the HoundsTruth. The Parent Committee is currently working on a tri-annual newsletter publication, the first edition to be shared in January.

There is enormous campus-wide enthusiasm and support for the great work of the Environmental Action Team.

**Head of School Report**

Peter reported that there are only 14 school days remaining until Christmas.

The Professional Day program on Monday was broken into two parts:

- 1.) Time preparing upcoming Reports, and
- 2.) Work on AIMS reaccreditation action plan, re-accreditation action plan

The Professional Day also had the faculty and staff participate in a lockdown drill, as it is standard procedure to carry out these drills without students present. The MacArthur Campus will soon have a drill which will include students.

In the preparation for the January/February teacher recruitment phase, the St. Patrick's webpage will include an *Employment* section, highlighting the numerous attractive benefits for prospective faculty and staff.

### **Officer Reports**

Imani Edwards recommended that this year the PA gift to Faculty and Staff be split with \$500 to Horizons Greater Washington and \$500 to the Haiti Partnership Program, as has been the tradition for a few years.

Katherine Lucas made a motion to approve a \$500 gift to Horizons and a \$500 gift to the Haiti Partnership Program as the PA gift to the Faculty and Staff for 2019.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the \$1000.00 PA gift.

**ACTION:** Motion approved.

This year, greenery donations to the school will be placed around the whole campus, rather than available for purchase to specific classrooms as in years past.

Kit Ballenger reported that Gifts for Good will have 48 organizations represented and are nearly out of table space. Many students are working outside of their classroom obligations to participate. Gifts for Good will be held on Saturday from 11-2.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Rogge  
Recording Secretary