

MINUTES

St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School
Parents Association Executive Committee Meeting- Open Meeting
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Parents Association President Tiane Doman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Kimberly Matthews, Shannon Powell McCarter, Katherine Lucas, Peter Barrett, Damishia King, Chris Bolger, Elizabeth Owens, Danielle Wade, Katherine Nichols, Kathleen Crawford, Tiane Doman, Karen Combs, Merel Young, Emily Lawrence, Hillary Chassin, Whitney Rosenthal, Elizabeth Engel, and Brent Diller

WELCOME & PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tiane Doman welcomes the current PA members and guest. A general description of the work of the PA, the faculty and staff grant and gift program, and the night's presentations is given for those individuals who are new to a PA meeting.

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS

Mandarin Made Easy - Danielle Wade

Danielle Wade requested funds in the spring of 2017 for Mandarin lessons to enrich the Grade 2 curriculum unit on China. Danielle took several classes between June and August, where she attended classes three days a week for individual lessons and completed homework assignments two days a week. During the China unit, she began introducing what she learned to her class by teaching the students four or five words in Mandarin. She integrated the language into the unit by working with the art teacher and students to make stamps of Mandarin characters. Towards the end of the unit, Danielle's class shared their new knowledge of Mandarin by performing skits in Mandarin for their parents and the other Grade 2 students. To reinforce/continue her learning, Danielle participated in a free Mandarin class at the public library.

A Spiritual Journey - Kankunda Klingenberg

Mrs. K requested funds to visit cathedrals in England to learn about the history of the Anglican church, to reinvigorate her religion curriculum, and to study the stained glass in each of these cathedrals. Stained glass was originally used to tell bible stories for those who couldn't read. Mrs. K's grandfather was one of the first Africans in Uganda to be ordained a priest. Mrs. K's love of stained glass started with the window that was in her grandfather's church. She took meeting attendees on a visual tour of her trip through photos. Mrs. K visited the Church of St. Mary the Great, first home of Cambridge University, where she attended every liturgy and evensong; Round Church, constructed in 1140; Ely Cathedral, constructed in 672 AD; Kings College, founded in 1441; and York Minster Cathedral, aka the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St. Peter in York. As a result of her PA grant, Mrs. K has introduced her Grade 2 religion students to the study of stained glass, with an emphasis on using it to tell stories. The students have been able to create their own stained glass art using tissue paper. Mrs. K hopes to

extend her stained glass unit to her Grade 5 students next year and schedule a field trip to the National Cathedral here in Washington, D.C.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT - PETER BARRETT

Peter Barrett updates the committee members and guest on some events that are taking place or have taken place this spring.

1. The AIMS reaccreditation visit is done. The visit was a cumulation of an 18-month self-study to compare our mission to our practices. The AIMS committee will produce their own report on St. Patrick's. Leadership will use the information recommended by the AIMS committee to implement programs and policies going forward. When the AIMS report is released, the administration will share the findings with the parent body.
2. Upcoming departures and appointment emails have begun, most recently reporting on Katie Solter's departure.
3. The Campaign for St. Patrick's at Sixty continues. News on campaign activities is coming in the next few weeks. We have raised almost \$3.5 million toward the \$4-million goal.
4. The permitting process for the Whitehaven Campus construction due to begin this summer is underway.
5. The Annual Fund campaign continues.
6. Work on the upcoming year's school calendar continues.
7. There have been three innovation grant requests and three travel and study grant requests that will be reviewed at the May PA Executive Committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tiane Doman motions to approve the minutes from the March 2018 Executive Committee Meeting. Shannon McCarter seconds.

MOTION: Motion to approve the March 2018 Executive Committee minutes.

ACTION: Motion approved.

ADJOURNED: 7:35 p.m.