



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Welcoming Families. Building Community.

Parents Association Executive Committee December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Kit Ballenger, President, called the ZOOM meeting to order at 9:33 AM

In Attendance

Kit Ballenger, Chris Bolger, Peter Barrett, Stephanie Goldfine, Annie Sabel, Lucia Cassidy, Emily Lawrence, Claire Farver, Hillary Chassin, Imani Edwards, Johanna Howe, LaMeka Short, Whitney Rosenthal, Tashia Jones

Welcome and President's Report

Kit thanked all in attendance for volunteering and participating via a ZOOM call. Kit shared appreciation for all the work being done by everyone in our St. Patrick's community. We are so fortunate and want to celebrate the work being done by all during this challenging year.

Head of School Report

We are celebrating students returning to campus today after Thanksgiving and our week of remote learning. St. Patrick's just completed our third round of COVID-19 testing with Capital Diagnostics and, of the 544 tested, there were no positive cases for students and faculty and staff. There was one positive case for a contract worker, and St. Patrick's is working with DC Health on the next appropriate steps.

St. Patrick's is fortunate to be able to offer on-campus teaching and learning. Mr. Barrett expresses immense gratitude for the partnership between the school and the St. Patrick's community that enables us to be onsite as a result of compliance with and support for the COVID protocols.

Holiday Online is now open, and we encourage all families to visit the website and support the St. Patrick's Holiday Online Auction.

One area of focus during the upcoming winter is our faculty and staff. Every day presents challenges for our faculty and staff, as they engage in onsite teaching and learning, and the PA wants to make sure we as a community express appreciation and support for them.

St. Patrick's has welcomed new students this winter and will add additional students in the new year. The St. Patrick's Wolfhound Welcome Committee will be reaching out to welcome them to the community.

Shout-out for Lucia Cassidy and Holiday Greenery this year for selling as much greenery as we did last year, including a gift of 22 wreaths for faculty and staff. Thank you to Chris Bolger and Sam Mason for packaging up all the greenery!

Claire Farver reports that we will be hosting an Interactive Family Night toward the end of January with a virtual magician, so keep an eye out for announcements to come.

Whitney Rosenthal reports Horizons will be donating \$1,000 for food packages for 20 families in need over the holidays. Thank you to Elaine del Cerro and Lyon Bakery for her instrumental support in getting these holiday meals distributed to these families. Whitney is pleased to report Horizons is having success in hosting virtual after-school tutoring.

The PA made a motion and approved a \$1,000 gift on behalf of our faculty and staff, with \$500 to Horizons and \$500 to our Haiti Fund this year.

We continue to be open for ideas of ways to express gratitude and appreciation to our faculty and staff. It matters! Please send any ideas or suggestions to Annie Sabel, Annie.AWS@gmail.com

Meeting Adjourns 10:22 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katharine Reishman
Recording Secretary