



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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**Parents Association Executive Committee
February 9, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Kit Ballenger, President, called the ZOOM meeting to order at 9:34 AM

In Attendance

Kit Ballenger, Chris Bolger, Peter Barrett, Stephanie Goldfine, Emily Lawrence, Claire Farver, Hillary Chassin, Imani Edwards, Johanna Howe, LaMeka Short, Whitney Rosenthal, Tashia Jones, Mia Bass, Rebecca Kim

Welcome and President's Report

Kit thanked all in attendance for volunteering and participating via a ZOOM call. Kit shared appreciation to Claire Farver for the successful magic show, where 193 members of the St. Patrick's attended via Zoom. What a magical night!

Several Parents Association terms are ending, so Kit invites suggestions of potential new Executive Committee members and inquiries of interest from the St. Patrick's community.

Head of School Report

Peter Barrett shared that interest among prospective families in attending St. Patrick's continues to grow year over year, but we experienced an especially large increase in enrollment applications over the previous year. Mr. Barrett congratulates the Admission Team of Jack Cantlay, Erica Thompson, and Lindsay Spector for conducting a successful and welcoming virtual admission cycle, and Amy Yount and Dan Spector for advocating wonderfully for our Grade 8 students as they apply to high schools.

Mr. Barrett extends continued appreciation and gratitude to St. Patrick's families and faculty and staff for continuing to maintain our COVID-19 policies. Our COVID-19 health team of advisors continue to work diligently toward the health and well-being of our school.

A portion of the St. Patrick's faculty and staff have already received their first dose of the vaccine, and we continue to monitor community COVID-19 results and faculty and staff vaccine percentages.

Annie Sabel shared that the PA continues to celebrate our amazing St. Patrick's faculty and staff and will send "Make and Bake Pizza Kits" home with every member later this month as a show of appreciation.

Head of School Search Committee

Trustees Mia Bass and Rebecca Kim introduced representatives from Spencer Stuart, the firm assisting the school with the Head of School search, to open a dialogue between the Search Committee and the Parents Association. The goal of this conversation was to help Spencer Stuart continue to deepen their understanding of St. Patrick's and the qualities that make our school so special. The Parents Association appreciated that Spencer Stuart and the Search Committee took time for a productive, respectful conversation in support of our beloved community.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katharine Reishman
Recording Secretary