



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Kit Ballenger, President, called the ZOOM meeting to order at 9:32 AM

In Attendance

Kit Ballenger, Chris Bolger, Peter Barrett, Stephanie Goldfine, Emily Lawrence, Claire Farver, Hillary Chassin, Imani Edwards, Johanna Howe, Whitney Rosenthal, Tashia Jones

Welcome and President's Report

Kit thanked all in attendance for volunteering and participating via a ZOOM call. Kit mentioned the success of the Auction and thanked all who volunteered in support of the event.

The PA is sponsoring a Faculty and Staff Appreciation event this month with a make-your-own-pizza kit, including salad, wine, dessert, and the makings of two pizzas, delivered by Ridgewells to the school for all faculty and staff members to pick up on a Friday afternoon. The Development Office will stage a social media contest of Sweet Sixteen pizza face-offs for those faculty and staff members who submit an entry; the prize will be a gift certificate for 2 Amy's.

PA Executive Committee member positions will open for next year. Please be sure to contact Kit Ballenger with suggestions or more information. The upcoming April meeting will be an open meeting, and we invite all members of the St. Patrick's community to attend.

Starting in April, the PA will organize hikes around the local St. Patrick's neighborhood, so please reach out to Kit Ballenger for more information on "PA in the Park."

Head of School Report

Peter Barrett thanked everyone who participated in the success of the St. Patrick's Auction, especially all those who volunteered to make it such an enjoyable event. We are so grateful for the resounding success of the Fund-A-Scholar IDEALS Variety Show & Auction, which was such a wonderful community-building event.

This far into the school year, Mr. Barrett would also like to make sure we demonstrate appreciation for our faculty and staff, who have made the year such a success during this challenging time.

Admission decisions have been posted, and Mr. Barrett is proud to share the success of our graduating Grade 8 class on their high school placements.

We continue to regularly test students and faculty and staff for COVID-19. Mr. Barrett continues to be grateful to the St. Patrick's community for their efforts to adhere to the COVID-19 safety protocols.

Following Spring Break, St. Patrick's will increase the Middle School on-campus presence to four days a week, with Wednesdays continuing to be remote. We are pleased to offer a more full-time schedule for the academic day in the Nursery School and Lower School, as well, with longer hours resulting in an increase in on-campus instruction. Special subjects will begin to transition to in-person learning in April. Currently, 82% of faculty and staff are vaccinated with at least one shot, and 30% are fully vaccinated.

The St. Patrick's Major Dates Calendar for the 2021-2022 year is now available online.

The PA will again support the Faculty & Staff Innovation Grant.

Stephanie Goldfine reported a successful Christmas Greens Fundraiser and the continued success of logo wear sales, leaving our budget in a healthy position.

Imani Edwards shared an update on the wonderful work by our affinity groups: White Parents Anti-Racist Group, Parents of Black Students Association, and Parents of Asian Students to promote their mission statement to advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion in our community. To learn more, please feel free to reach out to Imani.

Meeting Adjourned 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katharine Reishman
Recording Secretary