



# PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Welcoming Families. Building Community.

Parents Association Executive Committee

October 13, 2020

## **Meeting Minutes**

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

### **In Attendance**

Kit Ballenger, Chris Bolger, Sam Mason, Stephanie Goldfine, Lucia Cassidy, Emily Lawrence, Hillary Chassin, Katharine Reishman, Peter Barrett, Annie Sabel, Imani Edwards, Whitney Rosenthal, Johanna Howe, Tashia Senn-Jones, LaMeka Short

### **Welcome and President's Report:**

Kit thanked all in attendance for volunteering their time and energy to benefit the school community and for participating via a ZOOM call. Kit reported that Steph Mertens would be working with co-chairs Zachary Hooper and Laura Terry on a newly established virtual Book Fair. The Book Fair, which starts November 6, will occur in partnership with East City Books on Capitol Hill. We ask the St. Patrick's community to log in to the virtual event and attend Author Visits. The Book Fair will include fundraising for Horizons Greater Washington.

Sam Mason presented on the new Garden & Outdoor Learning Space, which has been wildly successful with the help of St. Patrick's volunteers and a partnership with Love & Carrots / DC Greens, which consulted with our volunteers. We planted over 36 plants and vegetables. A special thank you to Emily Lawrence for her support!

### **Head of School Report:**

Peter Barrett thanked all for being in attendance and shared St. Patrick's plan to continue to bring students onsite for on-campus learning. Grades 3-6 will join the lower grades onsite soon, adding about 250 students to the 200 Nursery School to Grade 2 students already onsite. Grade 6 students will attend on Monday/Tuesday and Grades 7 and 8 on Thursday/Friday, with Wednesday an all-virtual day.

All students and faculty and staff will be tested this week for COVID-19, with testing occurring on campus by appointment. All results are to be uploaded to Magnus Health app.

Extended Day will commence in November. St. Patrick's is continuing to look into adding after-school clubs and/or activities. St. Patrick's continues to monitor internal and external factors with respect to



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**Head of School Report, cont'd:**

COVID-19, including school-based protocols, metrics from DC Health, community spread and positivity rates, and new cases in the region.

Peter Barrett thanked everyone again for their participation on the Parents Association Executive Committee and left Zoom.

Kit thanked Joanna Howe for her hard work resulting in early success with St. Patrick's Logo Wear. Sales were very strong and produced generous support for the school.

Annie Sabel reported that the PA arranged for the Astro Doughnuts Food Truck to visit the school on an upcoming Professional Day to show appreciation for the faculty and staff onsite.

Imani Edwards shared an incident that occurred on the Middle School campus and expressed her satisfaction that St. Patrick's is teaching our students to be upstanders rather than bystanders. Through the Faculty and Staff Equity Committee, St. Patrick's will work towards a school policy that establishes thorough guidelines for a welcoming community.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katharine Reishman  
Recording Secretary