



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Welcoming Families. Building Community.

Parents Association Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Katherine Lucas, President, called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m.

In Attendance

Lucia Cassidy, Hillary Chassin, Elizabeth Engel, Shannon McCarter, Katherine Lucas, Tashia Senn-Jones, Kit Ballenger, Imani Edwards, Stephanie Goldfine, Elaine del Cerro, Chris Bolger, Peter Barrett, Kelley Rogge, Morgan Telesford, Stephanie Mertens, Karon Harden, Emily Lawrence

Welcome and President's Report:

Katherine Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2019 meeting of the Parents Association Executive Committee.

MOTION: Motion to approve the May minutes.

ACTION: Motion approved.

Katherine Lucas introduced the new members of the Development Office staff. Morgan Telesford is a St. Patrick's alumna, now working in the Development Office and with the Communication Team. Stephanie Mertens is the new Director of Special Events and will be working closely on Family Fun Day, Fall Book Fair, and the Auction to Benefit the Financial Aid Program.

The committee made roundtable introductions:

Tashia Senn-Jones, VP for Volunteers

Kit Ballenger, VP at Large

Imani Edwards, VP for Faculty and Staff Recognition

Stephanie Goldfine, Treasurer

Chris Bolger, Development Office Liaison

Elaine del Cerro, VP for Horizons Greater Washington

Karon Harden, VP for Equity

Kelley Rogge, Recording Secretary

Emily Lawrence, VP for Community Service

Lucia Cassidy, Assistant Treasurer

Hillary Chassin, VP for Communication

Elizabeth Engel, VP for Room Parents

Shannon Powell McCarter, VP for Parents Association Sales

Katherine Lucas, President

Hillary updated the committee on the work the of new Wolfhound Grade Representatives over the summer and into the school year.

Shannon reported the approximate profit for the logo wear pre-sale was \$1,680.00 and previewed some of the new logo wear items.

Stephanie Goldfine reported that the committee budget will be similar to the 2018-2019 school year. She will present the 2019-2020 budget at the November Executive Committee meeting.

Karon Harden made an addition to the calendar. The Community Conversation scheduled on October 24, 2019 at 6:30 PM will discuss talking about gender issues.

Head of School Report

Peter welcomed the committee and reported that the school opening has gone very well. This year St. Patrick's welcomes 87 new students, 44 new families. The Nursery School includes 36 new students, Lower School welcomes 33, and the Upper School has 18 new students. Peter reported that the first event, Opening Chapel, was very well attended.

Peter's construction report included the exciting completion of the Sports Deck and celebrated meeting the deadline. Peter noted the PA's contribution of \$1,609.78 for the Sports Deck equipment. Green and White Night will be held on the Sports Deck, giving parents the opportunity to enjoy the new space.

The Spector-White Primary Grades Playground is undergoing slope-stabilization work including retaining walls, stormwater-management, and landscaping. As this work on the playground is nearing completion, the East Lot parking area is undergoing repaving which will allow for additional parking in this popular parking lot.

Additionally, the Infant-Toddler Center (ITC) was opened to families beyond faculty and staff. By year's end, the ITC will have 21 students enrolled, four of them children of teachers/educators from outside the St. Patrick's community. The hope is to enlarge the ITC and continue this trend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Rogge
Recording Secretary