



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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Parents Association Open Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Katherine Lucas, President, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

In Attendance

Elizabeth Engel, Hillary Chassin, Emily Lawrence, Jennifer Fuisz, Megan Parker, Karon Hardon, Imani Edwards, Tashia Senn-Jones, Suzanne Burrows, Beth Schroeder, Jewell Samuel, Whitney Rosenthal, Kit Ballenger, Shannon McCarter, Elysha King, LaMeka Short, Chis Bolger, Vee Solomon, Vickie Innis, Keil Ifill, Katherine Lucas, Peter Barrett, and Kelley Rogge

Welcome and President's Report

Katherine Lucas welcomed the group and reviewed the mission of the Parents Association outlining the following: Room Parents, Wolfhound Grade Representatives, Family Fun Day, Book Fair, and Faculty and Staff Appreciation Events. The PA also raises funds through Logo Wear, Holiday Greenery sales, and the Amazon Associates program.

The proceeds from the PA events are used for Bingo Night and Family Skating (both events are open to all) and also for supporting speakers and parent education programs. Additionally, the PA provides funds for Faculty and Staff Travel and Study Grants, Educational Innovation Grants, and Gifts to the Day School. Recent examples of gifts include the hydroponic grow tower, a laser cutter for the Design Lab, and magnet wall for the Nursery School.

Vee Solomon, the St. Patrick's representative for the Parents Council of Washington, discussed the programs available through this resource. PCW is a collaboration of schools in DC providing parent education including panel discussions, speaker lectures, and documentary movie screenings. All St. Patrick's parents are invited to attend these events, and more information will be in upcoming school communications.

Katherine also reminded members that the Quicklinks section of the St. Patrick's website now includes access to videos and information from recent St. Patrick's presentations and information coffees.

Logo Wear and Greenery Update

Shannon McCarter reported having great success with the Under Armour logo wear presale and will be offering another presale coming soon, which will include with Holiday Hound t-shirt.

Greenery orders off to a good start, with online links available for orders. Greenery order forms will be available at Family Fun Day.

Family Fun Day Report

Family Fun Day Co-Chairs Jenny Fuisz and Megan Parker reported many items to look forward to at this year's Family Fun Day. The Chairs are introducing wristbands and coins in lieu of the traditional tickets for game play. Families can also expect to see layout changes to streamline traffic flow, including a corner of activities for younger children in the East Lot. In line with St. Patrick's mission for sustainability, the only prize-winning games will be the Estimation Game,

Lollipop Tree, and Tennis Can Game. The Family Fun Day proceeds go to the PA, and the funds raised from some of the food sales benefit the Grade 8 gift. The Chairs are still seeking additional volunteers for Shift 2 from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Head of School Report

Peter Barrett reported that Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place this Friday and Monday for Grades 1 to 8. Peter made note of a few parent education opportunities including the Positive Discipline series and the Writing and Learning Center Coffees, as well as an upcoming Gender Inclusivity speaker. Judy Barr's talk regarding Health Awareness and vaping is available under the Quicklinks "Livestream Feed" section of the website.

Peter also reported that today the Office of Enrollment Management hosts the first Nursery School tour of the year. The Admission team is also attending various school fairs in the area.

There have been two student overnight trips: the Grade 6 students journeyed to Echo Hill and the Grade 5 students had a successful trip to Shenandoah Valley. As the Upper School students move to a basketball unit in PE, they will begin utilizing the Sports Deck during the PE classes as well as their respective recess times.

Peter shared his gratitude to the community for their incredible support and great start to another exciting year at St. Patrick's.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Rogge
Recording Secretary