



## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Welcoming Families. Building Community.

Parents Association Open Meeting  
Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 8:30 AM  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

### **In Attendance**

Elizabeth Engel, Elaine del Cerro, Margot Johnson, Hillary Chassin, Whitney Rosenthal, Chris Bolger, Kit Ballenger, Katherine Lucas, Shannon McCarter, Emily Lawrence, Mia Bass, Karon Harden, Marie Sylla, Bridget Meehan, Ellen Pinschmidt, Laura Elekdag, Peter Barrett, Kim Matthews, Kelley Rogge, and Merel Young (via telephone)

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

Katherine welcomed the group and highlighted upcoming events including the Parents Sustainability Committee's first community event through the Rock Creek Conservancy on Saturday, April 27, from 10 AM- 12 PM.

### **Parents Association Summer Grant Recipient Report**

Anne Tyler, Middle School Music Teacher, Summer Grant Presentation

#### **"Preserving a Legacy"**

Objective: Archive the history of the Haiti Partnership Project thru research, formal documentation, and oral history. This historical journey included gathering archival photos and creating a photo journal, an oral history with Marcy Ference, and 30-plus interviews over the summer. Mrs. Tyler created a timeline outlining history of the school. The committee previewed selections of the oral history interviews and stories, including clips featuring Marni Robeson, Erica Thompson, and Marcy. Some of the school benefits of this work include nurturing relationship and teaching "community" to students. It will also result in an online archive.

### **Head of School Report**

Peter remarked on Anne Tyler's inspirational presentation regarding the work with Haiti and touted Anne's teaching talents.

Peter's construction update included that the Sports Deck progress is going well and should be available in September (weather permitting). The Nursery School Playground reopened with the bamboo planted for the "bamboo maze" and the installation of the rubberized surface. The playground will soon be renamed.

*Secondary School Placement Cycle complete. A detailed summary will be published in this week's HoundTruth.*

*Admission/Enrollment Cycle* is building on an excellent cycle. The new Wolfhounds Committee will kick off this spring. This PA has been working with the Admission Office and is restructuring the buddy family program into grade level team-based outreach. This team will welcome new families and foster community engagement post-enrollment.

*Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Appointments* are underway, with the first letter coming out soon. Peter reported that there is far less activity than normal and is pleased with the new appointments.

Hoops For Haiti was a big success, raising \$28,000. The Haiti Art Show raised \$6,000, which denotes a thriving interest in the Haiti Partnership.

Security initiatives are underway with the security doors now locked. The kiosk has not yet been introduced but will be coming soon.

### **President's Report**

Katherine spoke briefly about the new Wolfhounds Committee program. The committee will familiarize new families with the opportunities at St. Patrick's as well as foster social and community-building events. The committee has identified three or four families in each grade to work with the new program during its inaugural year.

Katherine outlined the new Parents Association Executive Committee member roles for 2019-2020:

Kit Ballenger as VP at Large

Karon Harden as VP for Equity

Emily Lawrence as VP for Community Service

The ballot announcing the new candidates for VP for Faculty and Staff Appreciation, VP for Volunteers, and Assistant Treasurer will be published in the HoundsTruth once those positions are finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelley Rogge  
Recording Secretary