



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Welcoming Families. Building Community.

Parents Association Executive Committee

September 14, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Denise Prince, Parents Association President, called the meeting to order at 8:21 am.

In Attendance

Denise Prince, Chris Bolger, Margaret Pearson, Johanna Howe, Diana Allen, Claire Farver, Maria Lisette Romero, Paula Hopkins, Laura Schifter, Jessica Taylor White, Morgan Telesford, Jalene Spain Thomas, Heather Ricks

Welcome and President's Report

Denise Prince, PA President, read the Parents Association mission statement to remind the Executive Committee of our purpose. She shared details about the upcoming volunteer fair and that the Wolfhound Grade Reps are off to a strong start. Denise engaged Erica Thomspson to help Grade Reps collaborate and think carefully about inclusivity at parent events. Grade Reps are beginning to host a series of events for parents, and each grade will host at least one event for all parents in the grade. Some grades will additionally host affinity group parent events (i.e. mom's night out or dad's night).

Head of School Report

Jalene Spain Thomas, Head of School, welcomed and thanked the committee for their service to St. Patrick's. She shared about the events she has attended to get to know parents and families and invited PA members to meet with her individually to get to know her or if there are thoughts and questions.

Service and Sustainability Report

Laura Schifter, VP for Service and Sustainability, shared about the history of the parent Environmental Action Team. The work has become integral to St. Patrick's. The 30 member committee has a few newer subcommittees - logowear resale, event planning, and garden volunteering. Laura shared the news that St. Patrick's has become the first school to win the National Wildlife Federation's Eco Schools USA Green Award, for its achievements in sustainability education. Upcoming dates of interest for the community - the first committee meeting of the year on 9/30 at 8:30 am, a garden cocktail party on 10/13 at 5 pm, and a community hike on 11/4 at 10am.

Logowear Report

Johanna Howe, VP for PA Sales, shared that lead times for custom items remain extended, due to supply chain issues. She solicited ideas for new St. Patrick's branded items that would be well received by the community. Ideas generated: stone wolfhound statues, hoodies, needlepoint key fobs, and Scout bags.

Chris Bolger, Director of Alumni and Parent Programs, shared that he placed an order of St. Patrick's branded Yeti cups and youth water bottles.

Announcements and Meeting Adjournment

Denise Prince, briefed the group on all upcoming events where PA volunteer support is needed, and all school events for PA leaders to attend. Chris Bolger introduced Morgan Telesford, Associate Director of Communications and Marketing, who was present to take group and individual pictures of the Executive Committee, which occurred after the meeting was adjourned.

Denise Prince adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Taylor White
Recording Secretary