

Parent Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Start 6:02 pm

End: 8:14pm

Via Zoom

Notification: This meeting was recorded.

Greetings and verse:

“Love is higher than opinion. If people love one another the most varied opinions can be reconciled - thus one of the most important tasks for humankind today and in the future is that we should learn to live together and understand one another. If this human fellowship is not achieved, all talk of development is empty.” — Rudolf Steiner

Niki: Sandwich/Comms Board on hold due to Buildings & Grounds Committee

Michele: Treasury Report - moving along in our approved budget
Lost & Found bins ordered request volunteers to put together
Discussed possibility of helping to offset costs of faculty to attend Gala (25th Celebration), maybe use Calendar money toward it or co-sponsor the event - Need more information to discuss later

Erica: Parent Education - Renewal Subscription & complimentary edition of Lilipoh to go home in the next 2 weeks
EC Tables in progress
Calendar is ordered, cost was \$929.20, ordered 85 - will donate 10 to the school, 59 pre ordered as of yesterday (11/03/2022)
Volunteers/Communication - tracking down where the volunteer sign up information is going and once found will pass that info on

Susannah: No Faculty/Staff Update

Heather: Book Club -"Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver
Jan 16, 2022 - 3pm - Location is TBD (3rd Sunday of the month)
Contact Heather with word/subject "Book Club" for location information
hsmmaury@gmail.com 757-839-5850 and
Look for notice in The Messenger

Reminders: 2 Hour Delay Wednesday, Jan 5, 2022
Basketball Registration Deadline Jan 4, 2022 - Coach??
Basketball **postponed this week** - and considering cancelling season
Parent Education Series Jan 10, 2022 5:30pm
EC Re-Enrollment Begins Jan 10, 2022
Book Club Jan 16, 2022 "Unsheltered" by Barbara Kingsolver

PA Reps: *Class Updates*
Willow is getting ready for bike block
Acorn is starting birthday celebrations
Oak & Magnolia have show and tell all week
Dogwood - Suns will begin finger knitting jump ropes, new student
Auggie joining class
1st - starting their 2nd math block on the 4 processes and a new
student, Mackenzie (sp) is joining the class
2nd - happy to see their friends after break
3rd - will start trip planning and math & measurement block
4th - starting to work on fractions and 2 students will be joining the
class, Landon(new) and Rohan(returning)
5th - starting decimals math block
6th - starting business math block
8th - deciding where to go on their trip
Pizza lunch - donor for each scholarship student to receive a piece of
pizza through May - approx \$225 - to 8th Grade

The Discussion: The PA is an open and welcome place for all parents of community - this is an unprecedented time for school - the parent body has a big role to play - we understand that there are many concerns and questions and many don't understand how we got to this place - The PA Moderator has a duty to go to Board of Trustee(BOT/Board) meetings as an Ex Officio (non voting) member of the Board to bear witness and serve as a conduit between the Board and the parent community - bc of what Niki has witnessed she felt the need to be a part of whistleblower action against the BOT - due to being a part of whistleblowers she declared a conflict of interest - and will leave it to a school wide parent/guardian vote to determine whether you feel she can remain on as a parent body mediator and a whistleblower or if we should put an interim moderator in during the litigation process - If it is determined that we need an Interim PA Moderator there will be a school wide vote to elect said Moderator.

Voting lasts 7-10 days for each vote

1 vote per adult in household (is your email up to date in BigSIS?)

Parent Association Bylaws: <https://richmondwaldorf.com/parents/>

- The PA Prepared a Form to collect questions that you want answered at the Town Hall - the Deadline to submit your questions is Jan 12, 2022 , the questions will be given to the School on Jan 13, 2022 to allow for Town Hall preparation.
- Nancy Cross noted that historically the Administration and Board have provided the opportunity for the community to ask questions in advance of Town Hall. However, in light of recent events the PA started the feedback gathering process earlier in order to provide a more timely channel for parents to express their views.
- Polly Cordle shared how interested parents can get the information directly from the whistleblower/litigation parent group via website and email:
 - Blog: <https://pcordle123.wixsite.com/rwsfamilyinfo/post/our-purpose>
 - Email: rwscommunityinfo@gmail.com

- Note: this information is from the perspective of the whistleblower/litigation parent community group - not from the school's perspective.
- The Parents Association (PA) is not suing the school. There is a group of parents taking legal action against the Board of Trustees (BOT) with the understanding that the BOT has a duty to operate according to their bylaws. The whistleblowers feel the BOT has violated that duty. Attorney agrees they have a case.
- The Change.org Petition is a different group of parents taking action - it is not in conjunction with legal suit/whistleblowers. It can be found [here](#) and the main point of contact for this effort is Barrabas Rowland:
barabbasr@hotmail.com
- Contact Info: Faculty Chair dpollard@richmondwaldorf.com
 Administration ncross@richmondwaldorf.com
 Board/Governance vlafland@richmondwaldorf.com
- Questions regarding 2nd Grade: dpollard@richmondwaldorf.com
- Questions regarding 8th Grade: rtröstli@richmondwaldorf.com

PA Leadership and Reps in Attendance

<i>Moderator</i> - Niki Randall	<i>Treasurer</i> - Michele Burt
<i>Acorn</i> - Rachel Scally, Anna Darnall	<i>2nd</i> - Elizabeth Cleveland
<i>Dogwood</i> - Heather Maury	<i>3rd</i> - Sara Thomas, Marianne Kelliher
<i>Magnolia</i> - Lauren Campbell	<i>4th</i> - Melissa Smallfield
<i>Oak</i> - Pete Markham	<i>5th</i> - Marci Jackson
<i>Willow</i> - Jessica Kent	<i>6th</i> - Maggie Reinke
<i>1st</i> - Ben Hayward	<i>8th</i> - Sommer Humphries
<i>Faculty Rep</i> - Sussanah Meyer	

Attendance Total: 76

Respectfully: Erica Childress, Secretary & Historian, childresseb@gmail.com