

Richmond Waldorf School
PA Meeting Minutes

February 14rd, 2015

The following are the meeting minutes for April of the 2014-2015 school year:

Attendance - Kim Washburn, Terry Wyllie, Roberto Trostli, Jennifer McCall, Emily Pereira, Noelle Watson, Irina Baranova, Megan Chase, Yadira Carrillo, Joel McCauley, Niki Randall, Cary White, Ophelia von Ludwig, Katie Adams Parrish

- Introduction by Kim Washburn & Welcome
- Introductions for a new parent was present.
- The March minutes were approved. No questions were asked.
- Proceeded to have class updates from each grade. The following is a brief description by each:
 - Early Childhood: The leprechauns visited for St. Patrick's Day and were very mischievous. The children were amazed and still talk about them if anything is out of place in the classroom. The themes in the classroom are about spring.
 - 1st Grade: They are in a language block, writing verses and parts of their play, "The Wife and Her Husband". They are knitting caps, making their recorder cases, and received black crayons!
 - 2nd Grade: Plants & Animals, performed their play. They are into their third math block with times and division remaining. They are excited for the possibility of a new student.
 - 3rd Grade: They are in a language block-nouns & verbs. Recently went on a field trip to the Frontier Museum in Stanton.
 - 4th Grade: Man & Animal block, working on fractions, getting ready for the False Cape field trip.
 - 5th Grade: Studying North American geography, picked a state and gave a report, also studying Greek Myths and Ancient culture block. 1st week in May they go to the Olympics. Learning their sports. For next year they will pick one language and an instrument to focus on.
 - 6th Grade: They have begun the study of the Middle Ages, the 1000 years from 500CE to 1500CE, sometimes referred to as The Dark Ages. They will also spend a couple of days looking at Islam and Muslim culture. They will end the year with the Crusades, Richard the Lionheart, and Robin Hood. They are also getting ready for the 6th grade play, "Hi Ho Robin Hood". On Monday, April 20th, they will attend the 6th Grade Medieval Games at Washington Waldorf in Bethesda, Maryland with Charlottesville WS. They will compete in the steeple chase, archery, jousting, and spear throwing.
 - 7th Grade: They are in Physics block, went on a glass blowers field trip and will make an ornament. They are also working on their play, "A Christmas Carol" and working on Morse code.

- Committee update:
 - Will be located on the Parents Corner in meeting agenda
- Accreditation process:
 - Working towards an evolving accreditation process but including SAIS and VAIS in addition to AWSNA. By continuing towards this process, it benefits the school by improving it's standing in the community, and ongoing self-study, and school growth.
 - SAIS and VAIS require one person that the board hires and only reports to the board. To basically have one person in charge.
 - This process could take a year and a half to complete.
- Nomination of PA officers:
 - Nominations were brought up to the present and Ophelia agreed to stay on as Treasurer for next year. PA moderator Kim Washburn will unfortunately step down but is willing to Co-Chair the position. Each grade representative will include the open positions in their reports.
- PA Budget Surplus:
 - There is a surplus amount to be used and the PA reps will put forth in their reports ideas for its use. Some of the ideas that were brought forth in the meeting were to use the funds to beautify and make the social hall more comfortable including the possibility of fans, air conditioning units, stage curtains for future plays, or a new PA system.
- Hearts:
 - Faculty appreciation: The PA is working on a group effort (in secret so the teachers aren't aware) to put something together for the teachers. Will solicit for help and decide on a time table to present.
 - The Powhatan Fiber festival will be on April 25th and Waldorf is looking for Ambassadors to help from 11am to 1pm, 1pm to 3pm, and 3pm to 5pm.
- May Faire:
 - This topic was headed by Roberto. He first wanted to recognize the work of Tracy Werner with the auction. She really stepped up in a short time and did a fantastic job.
 - The schedule of events was solicited for feedback on look, events, and clarity. A discussion took place in regards to some of the events, in that they would conflict with other events and would be removed. From the discussion, Roberto was to revise the schedule and solicit it at a later time for volunteer sign up.
 - This Saturday there will be an Open House.

This concluded the PA meeting notes for April 14th.