

Parent Association Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2021

Class Rep Duties: [Bylaws](#) can be found on the Parents Corner page. Email all parents, and teachers, in your class with the Minutes and any other pertinent information. **Be sure to CC or BCC the PA Secretary when sending the minutes:** Erica Childress childresseb@gmail.com.

Excerpt from the Bylaws regarding Class Rep Responsibilities:

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Community: How we can still be a strong/build community during this difficult time. Normally we do a lot of gatherings and festivals throughout the year. Start thinking of ideas to build community in your class. What are people's level of comfort: class vs. school wide events?

- May consider arranging outdoor activities such as going on a hike or meeting up at a park.
- The book club is a great way to get to know people.
- PA wants to plan a hike, possible October 11 at a place TBD.
- Possible Bryan Park Clean Up
- Is there a reschedule date for the Work Day?
- Class Projects
- Is the school cleanup day being rescheduled? Might be nice to break into class cohorts/projects
- some parents expressed interest in having a few EC only offerings during the year

How has the school year started off?

Parents would like clarification on a few topics.

Drop Off

Time - parents need to get to work; observation of some students being dropped off early

- no supervision - no temperature check

15 minutes is a big difference in getting to work on time

Clarification from Susannah Meyer - previous years

(pre-Covid) RWS did have early drop-off from 7:30-8a for an extra charge, and all students were in 1 room which moved daily

For Covid that moved to early drop-off at 7:45a for 2020-21 school year

Could there be a specific teacher each morning, and the kids play outside before school starts?

New Parents - unaware/confused of some drop-off policies

Don't pull away, remain in the line until it's your turn to pull forward

Do not enter the EC area/fence

Suggestion of signs and a "campus map" before school starts for following years

It gets easier and quicker as the year gets on

Some parents are not experiencing any difficulties

Remind App -

email vs. Remind for Covid cases/updates and After Care correspondence (cancellations) via Remind

Texts for short notices preferable

Some people are not getting any messages others are only getting select messages

Better to over communicate. Let people opt out at their discretion.

Remind looks Spammy

May need to request messages from LaToya

Covid/Sick Questions

What is the policy on kids being "sick"?

What is/Request a Standard Operating Procedure for testing and what type of test - some parents have been told to get a rapid while others instructed to get PCR.

Refer to the [Handbook](#) for RWS policy (Pg 34)

- If a child is not well enough to participate fully in the program, that child should be kept at home.
- If a child becomes ill while at school, a parent will be called to take the child home.
- Children must remain at home for at least 24 hours after a fever breaks or after vomiting and diarrhea related to a stomach virus.
 - W/o the use of fever reducers

RWS is following CDC guidelines

Would appreciate info from school on information regarding masks, supply chain issues w at-home tests & free covid tests

Covid Testing Resources:

Covid tests are free at Walgreens!

Pixel / LabCorp is free at-home testing if you have symptoms.

CVS was free for child but asked for insurance card

Carytown Patient First end of Aug free for PCR

Kidmed does rapid test drive through

Brought up during meeting: *The viral loads in the Delta infections were ~1000 times higher than those in the earlier 19A/19B strain infections on the day when viruses were firstly detected*

<https://virological.org/t/viral-infection-and-transmission-in-a-large-well-traced-outbreak-caused-by-the-delta-sars-cov-2-variant/724>

Niki Randall will be present these concerns to the core response meeting - Remind, Covid SOP, clarification

Dress Code -

Repeating pattern = ok

ex: lots of small sharks or hearts all over is ok

1 large image = not ok

ex: 1 big guitar across shirt is not ok

characters/logos/emblems/etc = not ok

exemption: RWS logo shirt

fingernail polish and makeup ok for grades 6-8

The Dress Code can be found in the [Family Handbook](#) on page 31 on the [Parents Corner](#)

Wondering why?

Check out the Parent Education Series starting this Monday, September 10 at 5:30pm

Basics of Waldorf Education - presenter Jenny Dilworth

Looking to get involved in other ways at the school? There is other committee work besides the PA that you can get involved in.

ex: buildings and grounds

Fill out this survey to let the school know what areas you'd be interested in helping out with:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWiVZOkc5nEHv_5EGVXIb_j15OcyB2SKdQfkImbkTDqedDtO/viewform

25th Anniversary

This year is RWS's 25th Anniversary! We are looking for ways to celebrate and give back to the community. Call for ideas! Some suggestions included:

- service project
- community free food garden
- drive to collect items to donate

Would anyone like to plan an event for El dia de los Muertos suggestion for placement may be under the awning near the front door for an altar

School Picnic - this Friday

Bring blanket and food

Explored thoughts surrounding event: pick up kids, go home, then come back is a lot - safety of whole school - want to keep school open - also want that community feeling

Is there any guidance? While eating on blanket no mask, but when leave blanket put on mask?

Some would rather see a Work Day w chaperone(s) for the kids instead Attend only if you feel comfortable.

End 7:36pm

Attendance:

Nicole Randall - Moderator
Michele Burt - Treasurer
Rachel Scally - Acorn
Anna Darnall - Acorn
Lauren Campbell - Magnolia
Pete Markham - Oak
Jessica Lauren Kent - Willow
Elizabeth Cleveland - 2nd Grade
Marianne Kelliher - 3rd Grade
Melissa Smallfield - 4th Grade
Marci Jackson - 5th Grade
Maggie Reinke - 6th Grade
Sommer Humphries - 8th Grade
Susannah - Faculty
Alyson Williams
Erin Kelley
Jonathan Kelley
Julie Tashner
Brionna Nomi
Rebekah Lito
Heidi Hess
Eric Saylor
Stella Jenkins
Andrew Jenkins

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ARTICLE VII: CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

7.1. Class Representatives. Each grade and early childhood class will have one class representative and one designated alternate for the Parents Association.

7.2. Responsibilities of Class Representative and Alternate. The role of a Class Representative is to represent their class in the Parents Association, and to serve as a conduit in sharing information between the PA and class parents regarding school-wide activities. Alternates assist the Class Representative as needed with attending meetings and sharing information.

Many parents are not aware of all the opportunities to participate in events that make a big difference in the life of the school, including things that often require a very small time commitment. The Class Representatives are the best way for the PA to disseminate information about and engage volunteers for school-wide events.

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