

RWS Parents Association
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023

"Receive the children in reverence, educate them in love, and send them forth in freedom."

-Rudolf Steiner

1. Class Updates

Willow – Mary - Class is doing well, Sue is offering simple parenting group sessions, Spring Birthdays beginning, lil kids running around

Acorn -

Dogwood – We have been welcoming spring into our classroom by planting some wildflower seeds. The children have been helping to water them and have been monitoring their growth. We are also including animal movements in our circle this month.

Magnolia -

Oak – Bicycling

1st Grade – Play – The White Snake, class meeting Monday, March 20th

2nd Grade – Carlton, moved into mathematics block, patterns and geometry, biographies of black history month, play in early April, "The Jumping Mouse"

3rd Grade – Rosa – Ms Pollard, finished math block, doing Hebrew stories, farm trip in April, building project for a parent, 3rd grade class play after trip

4th Grade – Pete – hardcore into play practice right now, costumes awesome

5th Grade – Melissa – continues transition to middle school, language discussion (Spanish or Russian), finished basketball season, going to soccer season, finished Math and moving into Geography, doing "Pentathlon" at Camp Hanover, (with Emerson, Washington and Charlottesville Waldorf Schools) 5-7th grade dance in Charlottesville

6th – dance this Friday, finishing up Math block, getting ready for Alice in Wonderland, everyone wants to play the leading role, so will decide this week, finished basketball and start soccer this week

7th - finished basketball starting soccer, Wizard of Oz, 5 week project to research an individual and write a 4-6 page essay about them. Learned how to make a bibliography, field trip soon to see Alice in Wonderland, cyber civics – dance and filming

2. Faculty/Staff Update - Tim Daniel – benefit concert this past weekend was fabulous, ~100 people in attendance, raised over \$2000 for the music program for instruments. Cristoph is in town and will be at RWS on Thursday for another master class. Interviewing candidates for 1st grade teacher position.

3. Update on the Board of Trustees

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Tim Daniel – Town Hall has been canceled, Board had its last meeting on February 21. March 29 is next, all are welcome to attend or be on zoom and the Auditor will give a presentation on financial statements for the 20-21 school year, strategic planning committee will help us with process to town hall/planning session – finance committee and administration gathering data from waldorf schools and local independent school with respect to faculty salaries and compensation to incorporate adjustments or increases beyond previous norms, Board Recruitment and Development is working hard to identify new prospective Board members. Welcome current parents, looking to identify at-large community members to bring expertise. (SELF – BOARD CONNECTOR) in tomorrow's Messenger with a statement from the Board and publish an electronic document like an annual report for what the school's plans are in reference to the facility via a vis enrollment growth. Any questions about this presentation. Get in touch with Ashley Long board chair, bot@richmondwaldorf.com.

4. Rachel Davis

Three really fun end of year spring events coming up, first is Friends and Family Day, then Mayfair, then Summer Soiree:

Friends & Family Day - March 30 - Parent Ambassadors [Volunteers](#)

Willow -Wednesday March 29 11:30

Thursday March 30 – 8:15 early childhood in gym, 8:45 down to the EC wing, end by 9:25 so EC can return to regular days. Looking for parent ambassadors that morning.

9:15 – Graders will meet for coffee/refreshments in gym, 9:30 grades will file into gym for assembly, will also be shared live via zoom, 10-10:45 in classrooms faculty has asked that the classroom visits are meant for guests, not parents

May Faire - Saturday, May 6 - [Volunteers](#)

Dancing around the May Pole at 10am, outdoors like holiday faire, or if raining indoors, preorder tickets, Jump Rope making machine, flower crown making, and tie dying (hoping to make a natural tie dye) Pizza, Gelato, and other snacks, looking for live music

Summer Soiree - Saturday, June 3 - [Link](#)

band playing, heavy hors d'oeuvres, biodynamic wine bar, Set location/time event for gifts, envelope game buy in, gift worth \$20 or more, all in hopes of raising more money. Two big raffles are a 4 hour sunset cruise, free ice cream for a year from charm school, night owl custom sculpture, There's a form set up to procure items – [Link](#)

5. Treasurer Update

→Recent Expenses

Coffee Social
C & C: wool

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→Upcoming Expected Expenses

Lunch Box,
front lobby refresh
Diversity Library
Coffee Social
Book Club
Work Day Drinks and Pizza
Refreshments for Town Hall

6. School Grants

→Decodable Books - Approved - \$375 +S/H (COMPLETED)

→Bike Program - Completed - \$745.03

→Lobby Refresh -

PA purchased Frames, and builder for shelving, Admin paid for new welcome table & work table. Also plans to purchase a rug and side table

→Diversity Library - progress update

Shelving, doors, lock, books, check out

Heather Maury met with Faculty College and they are on board, they suggested a door for the alcove, discussing a lock, also possible that Heather would come in once a week for a library day to facilitate in person check outs and procuring requested items, authors, titles, topics, etc.. Exploring options for low tech organization to include a card catalog and check out slip in the book, secured individual to build/install shelves, will work with parents to obtain donations of newer books, would like to get signage up before Friends & Family Day, and open the Library some time in April - so far everything is donated.

→Young Audiences of Virginia -

New name: Arts for Learning Virginia – the faculty was most interested in moonlight stories, which is performed by a group from Florida that toured locally in January, and we'd pay too much money to bring them back from Florida this year, Japanese drum performer is available to perform at May Faire on May 6. "We have him on hold right now" also asking about Matthew Thornton, PA is prepared to support the fee for the Japanese drum performer

→Childcare for Town Hall - Town Hall canceled

→Mural at End of Hallway - see proposal

old chalkboard broke when they took it down to put in the handicap ramps, proposal to pay from different pockets ie a vote (vote goes schoolwide once we hit \$1000 threshold, next month)

→Refrigerator for Teacher Workroom -

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Not sure if teacher workroom will still be there next year – can we request if people have old ones to use in The Messenger, approximately \$100-\$350 to buy new

7. English Tea Party Idea: Tea, finger foods, tea sandwiches, scones...

Volunteers, Budget, Date

8. \$50 Class Budget - has anyone made any plans?

Pete – did a gift card for katie's birthday from All About Me form

Carlton – talked about supplies/party, something by April

Dana – 6th grade did a gift card

The Reimbursement request form is located in our Google Classroom

9. Pre Friends & Family Day Grounds Clean Up

Need volunteers to help clean up the grounds on Sunday, March 26 for a few hours

10. Living Eco Inspired Workshop – proposed for May in place of Parent Education series, waiting on cost update

11. Bike Day - Need a Leader - Requested Glenn Amey

Proposed Dates: April 1, 4th, 29, May 13, 20 (can we use sign up genius)

12. Community Reminders

→Crafts & Conversations - Wednesdays in the Rainbow Room

→Kindness Rocks - start crafting rocks to help our rock garden grow!

→EC Playground Meetup on Thursdays at Park365 ♦ 1:15-3:00pm

→Spring Work Day ♦ April 15

13. Coffee Social

Feedback?

Upcoming: Wednesday, April 5 ♦ EC Classes

Friday, May 5 ♦ Turkish Coffee 6th Grade

Wednesday, June 7 ♦ Parents Association

14. Parent Association Leadership

Seeking Volunteers and Nominations for 2023-24 school year – Moderator/Co-Moderators, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian

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Co-Moderators: Heather Maury & Erica Childress – not planning to serve next year

Treasurer: Danny Friedman – planning to serve out 2 year term, so will return next year

Secretary: Elizabeth Cleveland – likely to serve again next year

Historian - open position

Upcoming Events

4th Grade Play ♦ 3/22 ♦ 8:30 am

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~~**State of the School Town Hall** ♦ 3/21 ♦ 6:00 pm ♦ Gym~~ CANCELED

Book Club: Killers of the Flower Moon ♦ 3/25 ♦ 3:00 pm ♦ Brambly Park

Spruce Up Day ♦ 3/26

BOT Meeting ♦ 3/29 ♦ 5:30 pm ♦ Teacher Workroom

Friends & Family Day: Willow Class ♦ 3/29 ♦ 8:15 am

Friends & Family Day ♦ 3/30 ♦ 8:15/9:15 am

No School: Parent Teacher Conferences ♦ 3/31

No School: Parent Teacher Conferences ♦ 4/3

PA Meeting ♦ 4/4 ♦ 5:30 pm

Coffee Social ♦ 4/5 ♦ 8:15 am ♦ Lobby

2nd Grade Play ♦ 4/5-7 ♦ 8:30 am, 5:30 pm

Work Day ♦ 4/15 ♦ 5:30 pm

Next PA Meeting is April 4, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Zoom Info: [Link](#) ♦ Meeting ID: 893 5562 4391 ♦ Passcode: 503340