

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2017 / 6-8pm / Waldorf High School

Attendees: Janine Pearson (Co-Chair), Nirinjan Khalsa (Co-Chair), Vanessa Kaczmarek (PS), Cynthia Shore (8), Sahaj Khalsa (3), Anna Vanderlann (11), Grietje Laga (7, 10), Jacqueline Wooden (K), Adrianna Newell (2), Christina Ruben (3), Akasha Grace (6), Jill Gerichter (6), Thania Ramirez (9, 12), Deborah Weisner (7)

Meeting begins at 6:05 p.m.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Parent council chairs, Nirinjan and Janine have a meeting with Jeffrey Baker later in the month to discuss possible faculty or admin to attend the monthly PC meetings and be the point of contact for the school due to Kay Hoffman's retirement. They will report back at the February meeting.
- b) Annual Fund- report from Pat Lord. Parent body did reach 100% in 100 days with the help of a couple of "angel donors" making donations on behalf of families who could not contribute. Goal is \$94,320, we collected \$43K. There is still work to be done.
- c) Fund raisers to support Waldorf School / Pat Lord is asking for feedback from the PC on a couple of new fundraising ideas. Parents interested in contributing time and efforts contact Pat Lord
- d) IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISERS
 1. Family bowling in Pojoaque, raise money, and bring community together
 2. Feature singer, song writer Tiffany Christopher BBQ at the cowgirl or another venue- Goal to raise \$5,000
 3. Dinner evening out, half of proceeds from restaurant supports SFWS. Discussion to use this idea as fundraisers specifically for the PC
 4. Golf Tournament
- e) Basket Auction Results; total in tickets \$276; 60/40 split with SFWS; total for PC is \$165. This was a new initiative, there was discussion of whether to continue or not given that it was challenging to get donations from the parent body. Lots of work for little reward. Perhaps starting earlier, having each class or group of classes take on a basket. It was the first year and might do better over the years.
- f) PC Bank Balance; PC treasurer Vanessa reports \$430.60.
- g) Holiday Faire Update; the main goal of the Faire is outreach to bring in new families to SFWS, was successful brought more income than last four years- \$12,000 profit, doubled year over year.
 1. Why's to bigger profit at Holiday Faire;
 2. accepted sales on credit card and accepted personal checks
 3. Cynthia Shore worked to find mostly SFWS owned businesses to underwrite certain activities
 4. more advertising
 5. took cash, credit, checks and tickets at the various activities (instead of just tickets)
 6. Feedback from people; sad about the disappearance of the gnome activity,
 7. Will meet with Dameron to debrief and wrap up Holiday Faire; Details TBA

PC BUSINESS

1. PC handbook is passed out to PC members who did not attend Nov. meeting.
2. First Grade Delegate- no response to request- only six children in first grade
3. PC Financial Protocols- discuss and vote
Nirinjan passed out a draft of the SFWS Parent Council Funding Policy, modeled from other Waldorf Schools. PC Funds are to be supported for parent council agenda to be used responsibly and be voted upon by the parent council members. Discussion on who constitutes voting majority of the PC
VOTE: Parent council votes on two ideas regarding voting PC members
 - 1.) 40% of active PC members at any given meeting has the right to vote. (active members consist of PC members attending at least 50% of all meetings)
 - 2.) 75% of the PC body in attendance have the authority to vote

PC votes on #2, 75% of the PC members present at the meeting where the voting for funding approval takes place will count as approval of the funding request. PC understands and agrees that this system can be modified as it evolves to better support voting capabilities and efficiency within the PC agenda. PC members are required to fill out funding request form and submit to Treasurer and Chairs, then the request is presented to PC body at the next scheduled meeting to be voted on. It was suggested to create a deadline for funding request forms.

Nirinjan will make modifications to the Funding Policy, present to the SFWS business office for approval and then to the PC via e-mail for a vote.

REPORTS ON PC TASKS

1. Black and White Swap - Anna reports. Very few donations, and very few use from parents and students. PC Member shares in the past Trudy Moon would shop at thrift stores to bulk up inventory.
2. Coffee Mornings - PC Member reports. Winter has slowed coffee mornings down. Talk of taking break during winter months, stop around Holidays and then regroup in spring, or just offer once a month until weather warms up. It was mentioned that if it is not consistent then people would stop coming. Thania, who is the lead, agreed to keep it going through the winter and said one day there might be 1-2 people but then the next week there is 10+.
3. Community Days - Sahaj and Akasha report. Tent rocks was successful, hosting 10 families. Will finalize plan for the rest of the year, and post in SFWS calendar. Details TBA.
4. Retention and Enrollment Committee- Grietje reports.
TRANSITIONS WEEK (January 30th through February 3rd) will be offered as a new initiative for retention at the SFWS. The intention is to keep parents excited and looking forward ahead to the next grade by offering discussions from the teachers and students discussing development aspects and curriculum that the grade ahead will offer. Grietje will develop detailed list for volunteering, as well as detailed invitation for PC members to share and invite their specific grades class. Details will be shared in the next e-blast and will also be sent out by each delegate to their class.
5. Grade curriculum pamphlets sent out with enrollment contracts - Janine reports. Since Kay's retirement, need to find another qualified person to help create and support this project. Unfortunately this will not happen for this years mailing of contracts.

6. Parent Education Evenings - Nirinjan reports.
Media Parent Education Evening was a small turnout. Excited for Sports Parent Evening. SFWS sports committee and Nirinjan has put together a panel of coaches, teachers, and students to share about the positive aspect athletics has on our children, their families and our community. Discussion on how often to host parent education meetings, what time of day, and how to get parents to come.
7. SCRIP discussion postponed to February meeting due to time constraints in this meeting.

PC NEWS

- 1.) Sarah Wollheim grade 10 representative, has stepped down from Parent Council as well as Retention and Enrollment Committee. She has helped create the Ambassador Program as well as the Transition Program.
- 2.) Roberto Aponte grade 2 has also stepped down from Parent Council. Courtney Asprodites has been nominated and has accepted request.
- 3.) Jill Gerichter, 6th grade Parent Council representative has stepped down from the SFWS Governance Committee.

DELEGATE NEWS

- 1.) Rummage sale fundraiser for 12th grade will be held on March 18th and will feature art of the grades to create a platform, collection of works.

Meeting ends at 8:16