

September Parent Association Meeting Notes

8:30-8:40 Welcome- Introductions and Sharing

Come get involved with the PA! Leadership Opportunities are still available—and job sharing is encouraged. There are a lot of great ideas/ energy for each of these positions—let's make it happen, BWWS!

PA Chair- Jen Diamond

Communications Chair- 1) note taker, shares with class PA reps. -Stephanie Vuolo

2) decorates the bulletin board- Melissa Lytle

PA Treasurer- manages the budget, reports to PA as needed, supports process of implementing PA "dues." *Still open*

Parent Education Chair- supports creating parent study, sharing of parent ed. events or gatherings - supports and creates rhythm of Waldorf Parent education events, education in line with community building. Create committee to flesh out, tie into greater PA initiatives diversity/ community. Build the theory/ practice and how to implement it. *Still open*

Warming the School Chair- helping to recruit people to bring flowers, food to all school events, could also support the bulletin board creations, and new family outreach. - *Still open*

Elevating Conversations of Diversity and Inclusion- attend committee meetings and report back to PA, *Still open*

Volunteer Coordinators- Kim Gonzalez and Sandra Hinsley

8:40-8:45 – Opportunities to contribute skills to the workings of the Parent Association (see above) We are grateful to have all parents who are interested and able come to the PA meetings. If you are a PA rep for your class please come as often as possible or send someone in your stead!

8:45-8:50 - *All School Community Service opportunity on November 4th!*

- One of the aspects of the school community that is important to families is creating a culture of service in our broader community. We will be connecting with Green Seattle and having an all community Day of Service on November 4 at Cheasty Green Space. This is a city supported service day that has a structure for many people built in and allows for children of all ages to easily participate.- We will be sending out more specific information to follow.

8:50-8:55 Crosswalk Safety-

We received a Seattle Dept. of Transportation Grant allowing the school to purchase an individual safety vest for each teacher escorting children through the 10th Ave E Intersection during the day. The funds will be used for replacing the crossing flags and other safety measures to improve the crossing area.

Volunteers Are Needed- to act as Crossing Guards for drop off/ pick up. Sign up with Ella

~could older students do some of this? As service to the school?

~ could each grade adopt a month and try to fill the slots?

~can we organize Sign Up Genius to Allow for more volunteers

8:55-9:10 – Meeting and working with the Board- *what issues would you like to share with or be informed of; please share with your PA Rep or contact Jen Diamond.*

9:10-9:15 Michelmas Update?!- We need long logs for sawing if anyone has any. Classes are doing a great job coordinating volunteer efforts.

9:15-9:25 Administrative Report: Dr. Ghosh- Accreditation Self Study
Education Support- Mary Welsch, new space, resource library?

Notes from Dr Ghosh update:

We have a great teaching faculty! We are here to help you. Self-study well on its way the whole school is working on it. There is a community aspect and will be another parent survey. We are working on the draft document you are welcome to see it. We are doing two accreditations at the same time. Working hard on that goal is the draft of that document by the end of June. In the Fall (2018) team will come for first meeting. This takes lots of hard work, but mostly involves self-reflection. Are we doing what we say we are doing? Education support now has a separate room for tutoring help. Room designed to be of support in multiple dimensions. Support came from parent funding. Doing a better job of retaining kids-- doing some assessments in 2nd & 5th grades to meet the kids if they have gaps. In October maybe Mary can provide a write about the space and knowing how it is being used. Active ed support teachers group.

9:25-9:30 Elevating Conversations of Diversity Committee- Faculty, Admin and Parents
Next Meeting Date Fridays @ 3:10-4:15 meet at school.
Accreditation- Diversity Statement
Resource Library- *Families are eager to contribute to this!!! Is there a wish list of titles faculty would like to receive?*
Martin Luther King Day Rally and March!
(one place to work on is having our scheduling be mindful of cultural celebrations ie no meetings on Jewish New Year, Ramadan, etc)

Everyone is invited to Coffee with Dr. Ghosh on Monday September 25 at 8:30am

Working on...

Childcare for parent evenings and all school events.
Parent Education Opportunities- Why Waldorf High School,
Family journeys with Waldorf- How do we Waldorf?
New Family Orientation/Neighborhood Welcome Dinners
Share more information about Waldorf Science Curriculum

Have you noticed? The updates on the website and valuable information being added? Give feedback to Carrie in the office if you have suggestions, etc.

22 Myths of Waldorf Education- A great article to check out!!!

<http://ssagarin.blogspot.com/2008/12/playing-steiner-says-twenty-two-myths.html?m=1>