

Parent Association Meeting November 8th,

8:15-8:20 arrivals

8:25-8:30 coffee and get settled

8:30-8:35 Introductions and Email List of PA Reps: **Who is the 4th Grade PA rep?**- please contact Jen Diamond

PA Leadership

PA Chair- Jen Diamond

Communications Chair -Stephanie Vuolo

Bulletin Board Coordinator - Melissa Lang Lytle and Rizza Rawcliffe

******PA Treasurer**- manages the budget, reports to PA as needed, supports process of implementing PA “dues.”

Parent Education Chair- Shelly Gerson

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

Volunteer Coordinators-Kim Gonzalez and Sandra Hinsley-

Opening Discussion: No Notes from our evening PA meeting from a few weeks

PA Association has no budget. We don't need a lot of money- generate fundraising through events. All parents at our school are welcome to participate. Seeking a treasurer to help support the process to determine funding needs. David to include in the weekly- treasurer for PA needed speak with Jen Diamond.

8:35-8:45 *Red Tent Fundraiser Planning*- (Melissa Lang Lytle melissalanglytle@gmail.com) - choose the date, what needs to be done?

Melissa working on an event to support the PA Association. Melissa is a Non-working Doula- supporting the “mother/ women” work. Creating a space those who choose to share a birth story or part of their birth story. Space to talk, heal, connect! Issue is space- ideal would be in Skinner on a Saturday evening from 4-7. Potluck with suggested donation. Enclosed space- science room. January right after winter break- perhaps January 20th? suggested donation \$20- not obligatory but all money would go to the PA. Being conscious of not asking people for money all the time. Seeking to build community- small & intimate.

8:45-9:15 *Parent Ed Events Set Up* (Shelly Gerson sgerson@blairhalladvisors.com)

Topics, Time and Place

Getting people enthusiastic about Waldorf in the messages. One issue we have is where the school is located, most people don't live near the school so is that prohibitive to people attending events. September 2019: 100 years of Waldorf and 2018 our school is 20 years old

Dr. Ghosh: Mia Fioravante has wanted to do this but doesn't have the bandwidth so Shelly doesn't have to reinvent the wheel.

Increasing attendance by tying the event to Drop Off.

Larry Nicholas: as a new parent hasn't been contacted besides Dr. Ghosh or David Bergler—reaching out to new parents who are hungry for information and community.

Tricia Burley has kindly offered to reach out to new families to connect with them and make sure they are included regarding grandparents and special friends day.

Noel: suggesting synergistic marketing having a place to connect post drop off.

Jen Diamond: The point of the conversation is how are we going to move forward in our community to educate them about what is Waldorf and creating a stronger community.

- 1) Creating coffee events with educational component with someone within or outside of BWWS community.
- 2) Every Friday we have the Sky Room from 8:15-10 and we can do crafting or whatever we want
- 3) Having coffee in the Portico – we need someone to own the event.

Larry Nicholas: Hosting an Event of Dads in Waldorf

Dr. Ghosh: Tracy Bennett Head of Seattle Waldorf School if we would be involved in showing a film Angst. Could someone prescreen it? Sponsor events where people buy tickets and generate some income for our school.

Jen: Raising the question about how does Waldorf Support boys, especially involving discipline. Referring to the movie the Mask We are In.

Can we get some dates on the calendar?
Starting Tuesdays monthly coffee with Dr. Ghosh
Engaging PA reps/ Class parents

Dr. Ghosh: Keep the energy flowing!

9:15- 9:25 Administration Update- Dr. Ghosh, Elevating Conversations of Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report, Etc.

Dr. Ghosh: We have a new board chair John Heely and Liz Swift (vice president), Jon Gonzalez (treasurer) and Doug Erickson (secretary)

Elevating Conversations of Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report—seeking consultant to speak to the parent body- and do an assessment to see where we are to move our diversity initiatives forward. Diversity Committee meets Fridays at 3:30 – everyone welcome to attend—!

Initiative to connect with Lowell Elementary School. Skye Chamberlain in touch with them- and we are building a garden at their school. The 6th Grade class will be playing together with their children. Intention is how to grow that initiative more school- wide. 20% of Lowell School is homeless. We are taking the initiative from Lowell. They have specific requests on how we interact with them- and that is the impulse on how to best partner with them. Grade 2 is doing their coat/ sweater drive is going to Mary's Place is where the predominant number of families that attend Lowell live.

9:25-9:35 Fridays in the Sky Room 8:15-10:00am Stitch and Enrich! Starting THIS Friday:

Opportunity to have some spontaneous community (jen@diamondfamily.org)

The Parent Associate is asking for help to prepare food for the upcoming Special Grandparents, Family and Friends day at the Harvest Assembly next week Friday November 17th. We love to welcome our special family and friends with a lovely table filled with delicious food and drinks. Could you please pass this request along to your class with the sign up link for food and drinks. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090D4FABAF29AA8-grandparents

9:35-9:45 Topics for next Meeting, Questions, Acknowledgements, Feedback

next Monday Event at Seattle Waldorf School: Empowered response to Homelessness.
Conversation among agencies serving the homeless community

Crossing Guards Still in Need!

Noel: Fire Doors need to be Kept Shut.

Katie: Re: fire safety. I have consulted directly with the Fire Department and I believe that all concerns that were brought up by parents have been addressed to the satisfaction of the fire department. Fire doors have been re-signed (although there were no issues with our previous signs) and magnetic lock doors have been replaced with push bar doors with buzzers (although there were no concerns about the fire doors from the fire department either).