

Parents' Association General Meeting
January 25, 2019
Mark Day School Flex Room

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Executive Board Members Present:

Ashley Ransom, Ethan Kaplan, Ethan Dornhelm, Nurite Regev, Laura Shapiro, Jennifer Zalayet, Rachel Street, Maureen Wilson-Hwang, Bibi Moore

- I. Welcome by Ashley Ransom
- II. Spring Fundraiser – Mark Day School Live Theme
 - a. Introduction of Event Chair - Maeve Mosher
 - b. Venue – Terrapin Crossroads
 - c. Attire – Dressing up is encouraged
 - d. How to donate?
 - i. Options include: corporate and individual sponsorships and/or social events/parties
- III. Passport Day - May 2019
 - a. Countries - S Korea and Japan
 - b. Volunteers - day of the event volunteers needed
- IV. Chat with Joe Harvey
 - a. Pilot Assessment of Students' SEL and Metacognitive Skills
 - i. School Administration Team involved: Dave Hickman, Bonnie Nishihara, Gaelle Gordon and Fernanda Pernambuco
 - ii. Pilot is part of the 2014 Strategic Plan
 - iii. 1st Goal is student assessment
 - iv. What is SEL? It's the process to understand and manage emotions
 1. Curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, community mindset, growth mindset, self-understanding and direction.
 2. Research shows that SEL is worth teaching
 3. These skills can be taught and learned
 4. Teacher observations are still valuable
 5. Additionally, seeking data to better assess student growth to shape teaching practices
 6. Opportunity - CAIS Assessment Think Tank
 7. Mark Day School chose Panorama Education
 - a. Worked with PE for the last 1.5 years
 - b. Survey #1: Students
 - c. Survey #2: Teachers

- d. Timing of surveys: Fall and Spring
- e. Should we trust the data?
- f. Do children understand the questions?
- v. Big Picture
 - 1. Our goal is for reliable and valid data
 - 2. Access and analysis of the data
 - 3. Action based on the analysis
 - 4. Growth Mindset – do we understand what we are seeing in the data and are we willing to update our beliefs.
 - 5. Shape our teaching to reach our students
- vi. 80 to 99th Percentile of CAIS schools in 11 of the 16 categories
- vii. Mark Day School results showed an upswing in most areas and improving in others
 - 1. We want to do better regardless
- viii. Results to be used to better align and advocate
- ix. Perhaps communicate information to children, but we are not there yet
- x. The results are to be used as a teaching tool with the ability to show growth and weaknesses.
- xi. Survey goal is not for our affirmation, but for our growth
- xii. SEL work is everywhere and builds by grade level

V. Questions and Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 10:06 a.m.