

W+H PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Date | time May 5, 2022 7:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Kerry O'Neill

In Attendance

Approximately 25 participants between family and W+H staff

Meeting minutes from previous meeting were approved – 1st motion made by Shakti Jha and 2nd motion made by Kevin Kornecki.

Updates from W+H Administration Team

Dr. Corinna Crafton (Associate Head of School for Curriculum and Instruction) shared that the DEIB committee just received the results of the AIM survey that was complete in March. There is a subcommittee meeting on May 16th and a full committee meeting on May 22nd.

She also suggested that all parents be on the lookout for division specific end of year events. One exciting event to note is the return of the Shakespeare festival in the Middle School. Students from all three divisions will be performing (6th grade sonnets; 7th grade monologues; 8th grade play). Parents asked why they couldn't attend given it was an outside event and Corinna said she would follow-up with Ms. Rose.

Bob Bowman (Upper School Division Head) announced it was the end of the first week of AP exams and all classes for seniors were done. He highlighted a Cooking with History program that was funded by the WHPA where students design a meal and a cookbook based on what they learn. The US concert was last week and was spectacular.

Karl Miran (Athletics Director) thanked everyone for coming out to the Ram Run last week. It was a great community event followed by several varsity games. Spring athletics are back to normal and the teams are doing well with the Boys tennis team recently beating some powerhouses and Girl's golf defending their title. MS Softball has a minimum number of players but building a good team. Track & Field just competed at an international event in Philadelphia in front of 30-40k people.

The next big event will be the W+H Golf Outing on May 19th which will be the first one in 20 years. Ram Recognition night is also coming up on June 1st.

Bill Jenkins (Assistant Head for Institutional Advancement) thanked the WHPA for the great partnership, a successful Gala and for celebrating the faculty and staff all week.

Gerard Gonnella (Director of Admission) thanked all the parents that supported and attended the New Parent Reception tonight. He encouraged to return their enrollment contracts if they have not done so already . If you know anyone that maybe interested in attending WHPA lease, bring them in yourself and set up a tour with admission. Information sessions are coming up for all divisions this month.

Treasury Report

Monalatha Sampathkumar shared that the WHPA Spring Gala brough in approximately \$20k in revenue. The April books are not yet finalized. The WHPA will be funding a lot of year end activities for all divisions utilizing funds raised throughout he year. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Spring Events

International Family Fun Night, the books fair and the Spring were all successful and fun events and gave the school a sense of some return to normal. Thank you to everyone for their support. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please reach out to provide feedback via email at parents@whoschool.org.

Mini Grant Update

Kevin Kornecki provided an update on the Mini Grant program. The program is funded by the WHPA and is opportunity for faculty to request support for programs, event and training not currently covered by the school's operating budget. Kevin shared that this year the WHPA has funded between \$10-\$12k requests.

WHPA Executive Slate

Kevin Kornecki shred that the WHPA is looking at the leadership team for next year. The slate will be emailed in May for input and the new officers will be installed in June. If you have any interest or questions, please contact parents@whschool.org. We are currently in need of an Assistant Treasurer and Upper School Volunteer Coordinator. A request for class parents will go out in June and those will be finalized over the summer.

Division WHPA Update

LS – JohnEric sent an email with key dates for the Lower School. Book Fair sales were strong which has offered an opportunity to LS and MS teachers to get new books for their classrooms. Class parents are planning EOY parties for their grades.

MS – Spring Concert and Art Show will be held next week. .

US – Reminder to pay for the upcoming Jr and Sr prom if you have not done so already. Senior Portraits are being done for students who still want them to do it. Lawn Signs for seniors have been ordered.

Calendar of Events

The WHPA invites all parents to attend a thank you luncheon June 2nd at 12pm. You will receive an invitation and ask that you RSVP to get a headcount.

Next Meeting

June 2nd at 12pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm with first motion made by Shakti Jha and seconded by Anita Nair.