



# THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

## Parent Association Meeting Minutes October 7th 2022

### Welcome

- A. Hunt-Davies - Welcome to all parents! There are 4 people on Google Meet and approximately 25 people in attendance in the Project Room.

### Event Updates

- Book Fair, Cindy: Thanks to everyone who supported the school! The Book Fair brought in approximately \$10,500 in sales, which resulted in \$2500 for the school. We received 210 book donations for our classrooms and the library.
- Middle school Car Wash - raised \$1053 for the school trip to Boston. MS will be taking a second field trip to Chincoteague Island in the spring and will need to do another fundraiser.
- Parent Night out on Friday 14th October at MacMurphy's Irish Pub in Ridgewood - RSVP required, \$10pp contribution. Consider taking an Uber! Event starts at 8 and ends at 10pm but you are welcome to get there early and stay late; the bar is open until 2 AM.
- Community Service Update - Becky and Marla
  - Used Toy Drive collection 10/3-10/14 - going very well! We accept toys, books, craft things, primarily for Head Start and families in the Bronx. Items do not need to be in their original packaging, but they must be clean. LE, UE and MS students will be packing donations on October 19-20; we will also need parent volunteers.
  - Coin collection 10/28-11/9 - for Hurricane Ian Relief, more details to come.
- The Staff Luncheon - Kim Cristo (Date changed to Thursday, November 10); Specials teachers/staff snacks on Wednesday, November 9. Sign up will be through SignUp Genius, the theme is Latin. Volunteers needed to bring food, utensils, set up and clean up. You are not required to stay for the duration of the event, but if you do you can enjoy the food!
- Pumpkin Picking at Secor Farms, Crissy - October 24th, arrive at 10, hayride starts at 1030. Grownups and kids need tickets, \$12/each. Flyers going out to families with QR

code. Tickets MUST be purchased by 10/21. We already have 14 signed up, there is no limit for this event.

- PIE - Kara and Kasia - Parent Information Exchange provides opportunities for parents to deepen their understanding of Montessori and Village School values. 1 - 2 events/year. Proposed date is 11/4 following the PA meeting. This event will most likely be streaming and/or recorded. Panel of teachers to answer questions. The second event is Wednesday 12/7 in the evening, "The Silent Journey" a walk through the Montessori progression from toddler - MS.

### **Support Needed**

- Spring Gala - Cindy - Saturday 3/25 - "Around the World" theme. Volunteers needed in every capacity, especially with soliciting donations from local business, large corporations, VS families and family friends. We would like to be able to auction off services, unique experiences, cooking/ baking classes, alcohol sampling, travel-related prizes, etc. Please donate points and/or tickets, music events, lessons, personal training sessions, tour of your workplace, etc. These requests will be going out through room parents soon. Gala format is silent and live auction, the biggest school fundraiser of the year. In previous years we were able to raise ¼ of the Annual Fund in one night. The Views in Mt Fuji is our tentative location. Tickets will cost approximately \$150/person; maximum occupancy is 200, you are welcome to invite guests who are not from VS. As soon as contracts are signed, save the dates will go out to all parents. Class parents will be involved with making student projects to auction off at the event, which turns into a "death match" but is "seriously so fun" and "competitive in a Montessori way." Crissy suggested Color Me Mine. If you know of any corporations that would like to run ads in our ad journal and/or have a donation program, please get in touch with Cindy. The journal alone often contributes 15-20% of our fundraising for the evening.

### **Other Updates**

- Laura - If you haven't already, please sign the media release form. To do so, open the parent portal and check yes or no. Thanks for all of your support. Of the 240 enrolled students, 100 don't have the form signed yet.
- Becky - class photos, please sign up for sibling photos or make ups. Room parents may be called upon to facilitate photo day with minimal disruption to the classroom. Halloween and VDay treats are back this year, room parents will hear from their teachers about what to bring. Enrichment survey will be sent out next week. Some of the same and new classes will be offered this winter.
- Ski Club at Camp Gaw and/or MT Peter - Camp Gaw does not have lessons available, but if there is a parent who would like to help facilitate going to the mountain as a group, please reach out to Becky. Ski Lessons are available at MT Peter, this might also be a better location for older students. We will also look into a Snow Tubing event for the school. Also looking for a parent volunteer for the entrepreneur course for UE and MS;

all materials and curriculum are provided, we just need a volunteer. Crissy will take a look.

- If you have one child in enrichment, you can always leave the other in aftercare (for a fee) so you only have to do one pick up. For music lessons, if your lesson is not immediately following pick up, you can utilize aftercare for a fee. UE and MS students have to do their homework in aftercare before they can play.
- Spirit Store Chair - Yoogin Noh - Deb volunteered as co-chair. Smaller and larger sizes will be available to order soon. May be looking at a different vendor and/or additional items. Tie-dye event? Lots of requests for zip-ups this year.
- Primary Greeter/Dismitter Help Needed, especially for midday support. We need a few more alternates, please sign up! 3 people/day, we won't need you every day. We don't have any support for the lunch time dismissal, which is 12:00 - 12:10. 4 people to support dismissal from 3- 3:10 would be great - it only takes 5-10 minutes. The teachers will hold your child while you are supporting the other children.
- Please do not use the pickup line before 3:10 if you do not have a primary student.
- If you feel you need to get out of your car to help your kids at drop off, PLEASE PARK instead. The car line gets clogged in the mornings because parents/caregivers get out of their cars. Drop-off is 8:25-8:35 for LE, UE, MS. Doors re-open at 8:55 for Primary and Toddler. If you arrive in between, please park and walk your child to the door. If you have multiple children, parking might be the better option. Please pull all the way up at drop off and pick up!

#### **Following the Village School Online**

- Facebook & Instagram
- Web Page and Calendar

#### **Other Updates**

- Amazon Smile - support the VS!
- Wednesday Walk starting 10/22 - 9:10 start time at the Waldwick pool parking lot. Check VS FB page for weather updates.