



# THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

## **Parent Association Meeting Minutes December 9th 2022**

### **Welcome**

- Adrian - Welcome to all parents - it's the last PA meeting of 2022!
  - Thanks to Adrian for the coffee and pastries.

### **Event Updates**

- Thank you Kim and all who supported the Staff Appreciation Lunch. Amazing job! The teachers were so appreciative and the food was fantastic.
- Thanks to all who supported the Thanksgiving feast.
- Last day of the 2022 school year is Friday 12/16. First Day of the new school year is Tuesday 1/3/2023.
- PIE - date TBD, probably February/March. The next teacher panel will focus on K, LE, UE, MS. Conflict resolution will be addressed. Parents are required to read and sign a document about conflict resolution at the beginning of the year. Students go over this in classroom community meetings as well.
- Classroom observation signups are available. Please find the link in the WW.
- Gala tickets are on sale - it's MARCH 25! Great food and a three hour open bar. Buy your tickets before January 5 to be automatically entered into the drawing on Jan 6 for a week-long stay at Westin St. John - it lines up with our spring break! Additional raffle entries can be purchased with your ticket to increase your chances. Drawing will be live at the January PA meeting. If you win but you can't make it, the prize is transferable - but the date is NOT transferable. Please see the WW for additional information about the Gala, including how to advertise in the ad journal and make donations for the auction. Don't be afraid to ask your town's chamber of commerce. Please add whomever you contact to the master contact list so we do not have duplicates. \$50 of the ticket is considered a donation - perhaps we can get a corporate match?
- PA for 2023 - 2024. We need to start looking for a president and chairs! If you are a chair or have been in charge of an event, please create a document so that your successor has information about where to start and how to proceed. Kara - perhaps an independent email should go out on this shortly after 2023 enrollment? Adrian swears "it's not a massive time constraint." Becky - perhaps we could indicate on the role description which roles are better for working parents?
- Lunch Order forms Back on Monday 12th - they went home on Wednesday with kids and they are also in the WW. Healthy Lunch on Monday and Tuesday may or may not continue depending on whether the cafe is willing to provide transportation. The school does not make any money off of Healthy lunch; we do take a percentage from the other

days. Long term goal is to have a chef at school! Lois - have we thought about Market Basket? Yes, but we're trying to go with an "organic" option. Becky - should we ask other schools nearby to join in? Getting reusable boxes back and forth is a problem.

- Winter Concert - Thursday 15th 7:00 to 8:00pm. Open to everyone! Jr chorus, Sr chorus, Jr orchestra, Sr orchestra, percussion ensemble, guitars to perform.
  
- Updates from Laura
  - Thank you to Kim and all the parents who helped the day before the luncheon and at the luncheon.
  - Thank you to those who helped with the Thankful Feast - Eunice and DJ were very appreciative. We did a debrief as a staff about what worked and what didn't - Diana noted that some parents wish they knew what to bring in a little earlier. Lois - maybe room parents can help with that next year? Problem is the perishable items cannot be brought in too early. Marla - perhaps the allergy table situation could be improved. Maybe the kids with allergies can go up to the buffet?
  - Thank you to Kasia and Kara for helping to organize the Montessori Journey on 12/7. It was really well received by parents.
  - The new database is being merged with the old; re-enrollment will be January 9th. The delay is in an effort to clear out all the bugs before the big day. If/when the directory goes down in the transition period, class lists will be sent out.
  - There is a lot of sickness going around - if your child has any symptoms, please test and wear masks.
  - Thank you to those who have donated to the annual fund. Dec 20 our water filtration system is being installed! Lois - perhaps we can make a sign to indicate donations received? The participation rate is just as important as the amount received.
  - Technology - Kevin from the coding place has been teaching, as Tina needs to dedicate her time to merging the databases.
  
- Updates from Becky
  - Music enrollment is done for the second semester, enrichment is nearly done. Feedback has been good, participation is good, planning to do a survey with the students. You will receive confirmation next week of what classes you are in.
  - Gift cards are in, you will be able to pick them up in the office next week. We raised almost \$800 for the school through the sale of gift cards.
  - Loveable labels are great for hats, gloves, etc.
  - Please think about participating in helping to organize fundraising events. Perhaps next year we could do a holiday shop? We would need a chair to be in charge of this throughout the year instead of hiring a company (they provide junky items and take a large portion of the profits).
  - Health office - could use pants donations - we need sweatpants, leggings, etc. All sizes needed!

### **Support Needed**

- Gala:
  - Support needed for solicitations for donations and ad purchases for the gala ([More info click link](#))
  - Own a business? Work for a company? Consider seeing if your business would like to take out an ad in our Gala Ad Journal. (<https://www.thevillageschool.net/supporting-the-school/2023-gala-ad-journal>)

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

- Facebook & Instagram
- Web Page and Calendar

### **Other Updates**

- Support the school with Amazon Smile
- Wednesday Walk
- Next PA Meeting Friday 6th January - We will be moving to a Tuesday and Friday rotation
- Any other business
  - Blues Busters - Lois - maybe can we skip Humdingers? Can we get a private room somewhere? NYSC? Any ideas, please talk to Crissy and Georgia.