

**Episcopal Collegiate School
Parents' Auxiliary Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2024**

Nikki Parnell, President, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Mary-Margaret Marks, Secretary, presented the April 12, 2024 meeting minutes for approval. One change was presented: Leslie Bright gave details about Middle School Madness. Liza Wright moved to approve the amended minutes, and Angie Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Dr. Jamie Griffin, Head of School, gave a "state of the school" reflection.

- Opened the school year with 834 students.
- Great Summer for Episcopal Collegiate Students: Summer at the E with record attendance, Maintenance projects completed, Europe & Chile Trip, Retention Strong (97%).
- LEARNS Act Update: 2nd year of program with every K & 1st grader eligible, \$6800 voucher, continue to evaluate the process given our independent school status.
- Looking Ahead: PSL Flag Football new addition to our athletic program & Michael Carter will now serve as the Middle School Athletic Director.
- Strategic Initiative Updates: Entrepreneur program is beginning with 36 students & Arts program is also begun.
- Princeton Review was offered over the summer with a 3-to-5-point increase seen on average.
- Fall Magazine will include the school's annual report.
- Annual Fund Ask.

Nikki Parnell gave opening remarks.

- Return to the Council System
- Auction Year
- An ask of all to get involved!

Amber Bagley, Vice President, reviewed the Parents' Auxiliary Financial Statement.

Catherine Radtke, Director of Learning and Assistant Head of Lower School, shared the calendar of Parent Education Webinars and In-Person Talks.

Stacey Martin, Emily Tennyson, and Catherine Young, Watermelon Supper Co-Chairs, gave details about this year's Watermelon Supper that will be held Friday, August 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Anna Dickinson, Auction Chair, shared the theme of the 2025 Episcopal Collegiate Auction: The French "E." The event will be held Saturday, February 22, 2025.

Elizabeth Daniel, Wildcat Roundup Co-Chair, shared that Wildcat Roundup, the Lower School Fall Festival, will be held October 8, 2024 (Wednesday before Fall Break) from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The committee needs volunteers.

Juli Brandenberger, MS/US Used Uniform Chair, reported that over 200 families shopped at the Used Uniform Back to School Sale, and the school made \$11,761. Thirteen bags of khakis were donated to Our House. Budget for the committee is \$16,000.

Laura Schakenberg, Concessions Co-Chair, reported that all fall concessions shifts were currently full. Expectation of families participating in a fall sport is 2 shifts per season. PSL Volleyball is to be added.

Bess Grobmyer, Spirit Committee Chair, and Susan Harbour, Athletic Council Chair, gave an update on spirit events planned for Fall Athletics. Benefit game against Hazen tonight at 7pm. Pep Club is up and going with Ms. London as the supervisor. Middle School Tailgate will be Friday, September 20, at the "Battle of the Cantrell Cup" versus Baptist Prep. Dinner and games will be provided for all Middle School students.

Nikki Parnell thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Margaret Marks*