



St. John's Academy

Shawnigan Lake
PCEG

June Parent Group Meeting Minutes **June 13th, 2023**

Head of School

1. DP Update

- 80 standards – we need to improve on 4
- science labs
- kiln in art room
- secure location for testing
- lab data counter
- *all anticipated and to be remedied over the summer
- When we need to present that data is our only question back!
- Mid August

2) Site Development Update

- three stages still to move through with CVRD
 - mid June – first meeting with the CVRD board with the revised plan
 - September is when we will have a public meeting and will want parents letters or show in person
- rail trail, dorms, etc differing opinions
- Parent letters could help
- planning in a parent update night
- the third and last meeting is to rezone the property from residential to school
- Shawnigan basin society – connecting with the Environmental Systems Class at our school – creating a better connection with their prerogatives

3) School Calendar

- Site Development Meeting possibly on the welcome BBQ night (Sept. 19) or the first parent meeting of the year
- Travel money set aside to support various trip for the kids. School deciding how to split that money.

- Idea of Spirit Week – with varying levels of experiences available for kids so that all can take part.
- MUN, diving, Vargus Island etc are for a small amount of kids that benefit vs. the school funding a trip that benefits many kids
- standardized trips that happen every year regardless of if there is a specific teacher here.
- Fundraising question for the board for future trips, especially ones like Quebec that are very expensive – can the parents be a support to organize their efforts

Next year – Fundraising event – Can we pencil anything in from the Parent Group – Will find a date in Sept or Oct next year

- December 9th, 2023 – Winter Bazarre – Julia Keller would like to coordinate entrepreneurial kids
- Late April/Early May Plant Sale and maybe an art auction

4) Budget

- Enrollment in boarding program around 75 kids – we will balance
 - starting with 61 kids in the boarding program next year
- Staff is 75/80% of our costs
 - to stay competitive we have to maintain that
- Enrollement are really great culture fit/academic kids
- We have lost approximately twenty kids a year to other places
- Budget will be posted on the website

5) Staffing

- Teachers who are leaving Ashley, Sparling, Holland, Kredland (facilities), Pepper
- Staff coming Julie Chen English (only added position); Maite Design; Michael Broadhead Science (coming from Singapor); Amy Birch MYP Math/Science; Tim Koi Boarding Parent – two english classes; Jared Noble boarding director of academics – Science Tech person/teacher; Vickie Agget Boarding Parent
- Only outstanding hire – Kredland (Facilities)

6) Soccer Academy

- local and boarding interest in the program
 - hoping to get approx. 17 for this year

Parent Group

1. **AGM** – all positions were uncontested
 - a. Heidi Hunton Chair
 - b. Catherine Rigg Vice-Chair
 - c. Stacey Butlin – Treasurer
 - d. Emily Robertson-Heggs - Secretary

2) Used Uniform Sale

Successful first sale

Next sale to be at the Welcome BBQ on Sept. 12

3) Parent Priorities for 2023-24

Suggestions:

- Salad Bar – Daily? Can it not be a daily item?
- Costs cited as the biggest issue,
- Waterfront Usage to be expanded?
 - life saving needed or first aid?
 - Bradley, Serena and Rob are all certified

Food and want for a salad bar echoed by all parents in attendance as well as outdoor time/classes/opportunities at our waterfront.

Next Meeting Sept. 19, 2023