

EWSPA September Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
6:00 pm Beaverbrook Living Room

ATTENDANCE:

Julie Berard, Brock Dunn, Kim Foster, Lori-Jean Foster, Alisha Glaser, Tracey Goolsby, Christina Grech, Elizabeth Hariprasad, Michelle Helmin, Pat Meguid, Grace Niland, Amy Paul, Grace Petrara, Carol Ross, Debbie Savino, Jennifer Shimanski

Julie called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

BUDGET:

Grace N reported we are in good shape. Class of 2016 had a small surplus that will be returned to the school. Wellness Fund was almost untouched last year. Expenses have all been processed and budget is current to date. Student fee of \$75 per student has been requested to the Business Office.

Grace P asked about the purpose of the Wellness Fund. Grace N explained it's purpose was to fund projects like Tai Chi classes, Sexual Assault Speaker, etc. There is no longer a Wellness Chair, and the EWSPA Board now votes to spend the funds.

Grace N has expense forms if you need reimbursements.

OLD BUSINESS:

Book Fair - Tracey reported that there was some misinformation about potential fundraising at Blue Back B&N and reality is that earnings would be comparable to Canton and not higher. The decision has been made to not have a Book Fair due to B&N policies preventing us from making significant earnings. Grace P asked if there would be a fundraiser in its place. Julie said we would spend this year discussing a new fundraising idea since we are in good financial status and will use the current balance for a visiting author. Julie called for a vote, Amy made the motion and Debbie seconded it. The vote to spend the money on a visiting author passed.

EWSPA FAQ Web Page – Tracey reviewed the purpose of this project and asked for some assistance with the MS section. Julie will work with Michelle to select which questions to use, and they will be linked to specific answers online for all to access.

NEW BUSINESS:

Binders & Communication – The PA will create ongoing binders to forward along to subsequent committee members that include a description of the job, schedule of events, etc. Grace P asked if everyone could see the general descriptions of jobs to know about future positions. Alisha explained the monthly communication cycle. A

master list of positions, names and emails was requested and it was discussed that only Julie's email would be listed online.

Walker's Walks Wednesdays – Beginning tomorrow at 8:30 AM a group will meet at the Phelps Building to walk the woods for exercise and conversation. This will continue every Wednesday through the end of October, weather permitting. Afternoon options were requested as well.

Positions Needed – US Chair (liaison between class representative and teacher class advisors to plan 2 annual parties). Grace P agreed to take on the position. Julie passed along volunteer sign up forms from Opening Days to Grace P. The group updated Grace P's volunteer spreadsheet.

Welcome Reception – September 29 Julie would like to host a one-hour welcome reception for Meera and Amy in the Living Room from 6-7 PM. Harvest Café will cater with light appetizers, wine and dessert. All parents and staff will be invited. The group liked the idea and so Julie will send an evite ASAP.

Newsletter – Julie would like to start an EWSPA newsletter beginning Parents Weekend in the folder with a December one next, and then monthly. Will include Fun Facts, volunteer opportunities, ways boarding families can contribute, calendar of events, photos, etc. Please email Julie content ideas.

School Spirit – Julie proposed an idea to start a committee to acknowledge games and competitions/performances for the girls with pom poms, treats, etc. It would be announced before and after in Chapel. Brock suggested doing this **before hand** to wish the girls good luck. Tracey suggested a "Spirit Box." Brock pointed out how large a commitment this would be and asked us to consider the undertaking. There was concern about leaving girls out and the issue was tabled for now.

Parent Events at Parent's Weekend – Julie suggested an evening event for parents and a social event for girls. Brock explained how many events would be going on that weekend with the Ribbon Cutting for the Centennial Center, and asked that we discuss our program with administration before adding anything new. Julie segued into ideas for off-campus social ideas throughout the year for parents (maybe at a brewery). The idea was well received. Julie also suggested a parents' Suns & Dials competition in the Spring that could include international parents as well (scavenger hunt, bowling, etc.)

Grandparents Day – Julie would like EWSPA to host a coffee that morning. Michelle mentioned meeting with Meera & Amy and a local group to invite local residents to act as surrogate grandparents this day.

Wellness – Brock asked that we host a nutrition/healthy eating speaker to come in and speak with the girls. Specifically looking for an athlete v a dietician to discuss fueling your body. Amy brought up the Sexual Assault speaker and opening it up to younger grades and not just seniors.

Julie reviewed the **Important Dates**.

The College Counseling Office asked us to Co-Host the College Financial Planning Workshop on October 13 in the library, which is open to the entire school and possibly the public. An external speaker will be presenting (Barnam Financial).

October 14 is Meera's Investiture (note date change) at 4:00 PM.

OTHER:

Tracey suggested a training session workshop on how to use Veracross and Bleachers.

Julie adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.