

EWSPA meeting minutes September 30, 2020

7:00 pm via Zoom

(Submitted by Shari Nastri)

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Beth S, Patricia K, Kristin W, Karen G, Shari N, Libby R, Kelly O, Molly N, Jennifer L, Alexis D, Marcie S, Jennifer A

Guest Speakers: Meera V, Michelle H, Sandra Q, Nishette I

Many parents and students participated as well

PRESIDENT:

Beth S. welcomes all to our first EWSPA meeting of the 2020/2021 academic year. The goal of the EWSPA is to improve engagement between parents and the administration. Beth announces a new program for this year, Window into Walkers, in which faculty and students will be invited to participate in meetings to highlight activities and events the students are involved in on campus.

Beth introduces our very own Ms. Vis who encourages all parents to engage in open communication. The relationship between parents and the administration is even more important during the pandemic.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Patricia K. emphasizes that partnership is key.

SECRETARY:

Shari N. explains that due to Covid 19 and the disruption in our regular meeting procedure, the EWSPA Board will start fresh this year. There are no outstanding minutes to be approved. The current slate of Board members have been accepted by the Executive Board. All EWSPA meetings will be open to all parents via zoom and will be recorded.

TREASURER:

Jen L. our new treasurer will be updated Beth S. our outgoing treasurer and an updated budget will be forthcoming. All reimbursement requests should be given to Jen.

WINDOWS INTO WALKERS:

Tonight's speakers:

1. Nishette I. introduces herself as liaison between EWS and the EWSPA. She updates us on the first few weeks of school including how the students were welcomed on campus in the age of Covid. The EWSPA provided care packages for international students in quarantine after arrival on campus.
2. Michelle H. gave a wonderful slideshow presentation of opening days.

3. Sandra Q., junior project program director gave an overview of the program and introduced 3 students who gave a summary of their projects and gave parents a window into the program their daughters all participate in.

Beth S, President, introduces all committee chairs on the call:

ALL SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Co-chairs Molly N. & Shayna L.

Upcoming events include Halloween and Parents Weekend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Jen A.

ATHLETIC AND ARTS COMMITTEE:

Karen G.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Survey will be going out to all parents encouraging participation in EWSPA committees including ways to engage for long distance parents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

NEXT MEETING: Our next meeting will be held October 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm via zoom. Window into Walkers topic will be clubs on campus.