

WOODWARD FAMILY ASSOCIATION

January 15, 2019

AGENDA

In attendance: Linda Guaragna-Herlihy, Pam Everhart, Jodi Bouma, Renee DuChaine-Farkes (HOS), Charissa Pemper, Nancy McGuire, Paula Touliopoulos, Debbie LaColla

- Welcome and introductions
- Head of School Updates
 - Wolves – play currently running at The Lyric Stage in Boston
 - 9 girls in the show and only 1 act that ends 2/3
 - Shows quite a bit about girls / personalities / “drama”
 - Ms. Renee highly recommends it and is going to be going with faculty members as a professional development opportunity
 - QPD was here last week doing a 2-day mother / daughter self-defense class
 - Excellent feedback, was well attended, and was very well received
 - Girls are saying that they would like it to be required for all students
 - Reinforced everyone to use their voice – scream loud if ever approached
 - Girls Leap – program that discusses leadership, confidence, self-defense that Pam Everhart is familiar with and can build a connection
 - Discussion about school trips
 - Need to be purposeful
 - Want a capstone for each grade level
 - HOBY – 5 girls have been selected and the parents / school are splitting the cost
 - Crisis response – QPD came to the school during a professional development day
 - Reviewed lock down and active events
 - Will have a drill at the school in the next week or two
 - Re-enrollment contract will be going out at the end of the month
 - Can WFA dues be included in this?
 - Perhaps as an optional fee
 - Admissions are increasing

- Lots of girls visiting
- Enrolled 3 girls since September
- Saturday 1/26 – open house which will be run a bit different
 - Will have a middle and upper school panel as well as parent panel
 - If interested in participating, get in touch with Carol Andrews
- Head of School teas
 - Just had 9th grade and going to 11th grade next week
 - Free flowing conversation that Ms. Renee doesn't want to direct too much but does have some standard discussion questions
 - 9th grade – really want a team building activity for all 9th graders
 - Looking at possibly going to a Farm School for the current class – need to see if it can be worked out with families
 - Suggestion to bring back mid-day
 - Need to look at Health Education (sex education, harassment, domestic violence, gender and sexual identity)
- Building and grounds
 - Committee has been activated to discuss renovations to the new wing
 - Board is expected to approve the contract at their meeting next week
 - Renovations to the current building should be finished before the new building is started
 - Unfair that some teachers are still in classrooms that don't have adequate space or heat
 - Thinking about reconfiguring the building so spaces are being utilized appropriately and all spaces have purpose
- Conversation about how to get good news out to the family community
 - Perhaps sending a weekly newsletter?
 - Sports updates, upcoming schedules, positive things about the school
- Class Liaison Updates
 - Nancy McGuire, Charissa Pemper, Magdala Bordes-Joseph – Middle School
 - Sinead Walsh -9th

- Pam Everhart and Paula Touliopoulos - 10th
- Jodi Bouma and Clair Lespasio - 11th
- Linda Guaragna-Herlihy Grade 12
 - Trip to DC for students in American History / Government
 - College decisions are coming out – exciting and stressful
- Subcommittee updates
 - Ties and Tiaras – February 9th – Anne Yount, Jodie Bouma, Anna Amelia Leal
 - Invitation going out to all girls tomorrow
 - Need to have RSVPs in the next week because if we don't have a high enough number, we will need to cancel and we don't want that to happen
 - Deadline is January 22nd to RSVP
 - Mother / Daughter Brunch– Carissa Pemper, Nancy McGuire
 - Pictures are available via a link but need to be printed out and frames purchased. Can someone take this on?
 - Nancy reached out to Jaime to find out cost
 - Need to clarify date – late April? Nancy will check availability for 4/27 or 4/28
 - Field Day- Date TBD - Debbie LaColla
 - Teacher Appreciation Day - May 7th - Patti and Jim Cedrone
 - Sleep In- April 12th – Nancy McGuire, Jody Bouma, Kristin Penza
- Scholarships – 2 \$500 scholarships for seniors
 - May look at how to get the WFA involved in selection of the recipients
- Review of WFA Financials
 - Currently have \$3794.80 in our account
- Any agenda items for our next meeting?
 - Patti and Debbie attending the January Board meeting
- Future meetings, please put them in your calendars now 😊
 - **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR FEBRUARY**
 - Monday, February 11th 8:00-9:30AM

- Wednesday, March 13th 6:30-8:00PM
- Tuesday, April 9th 8:00-9:30AM
- Monday, May 6th 6:30-8:00PM