

The APFA (Applewild Parents and Families Association) meeting minutes

Date: 1/18/2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Zoom

Attendance/Introductions:

Leadership committee -

Toby Bartlett, President

Giulia King, Vice President

Ani Jigarjian, Volunteer Coordinator

Maria Millikin, Secretary

Adam Saball, Treasurer

Leo Hiertz, Director of Advancement and APFA Liaison

We had 15 parties on Zoom, which is great! Thanks all for showing up and being involved. We truly appreciate it and need your help.

We started off with an introduction from Amy Jolly, Head of School. She said there is a lot of exciting stuff going on and she's been very busy with the board and faculty/staff. Re-enrollment is underway, construction of the new dorm building is underway and there is more news to come! She wants us all to continue to focus on ways in which we can build on our TOGETHER theme, our mutual respect with one another as a community and focus on the kids. Let's keep at top of mind, what we can all do to support Applewild moving forward.

Other Special events & Projects:

Toby recognized the amazing Holiday Teacher Appreciation gifts that were provided and prepared by the APFA. Everyone was thrilled to get their personalized mug, hot chocolate, handwritten holiday card and an Applewild ice scraper for their vehicle.

Next up is Teacher Appreciation Week -May 6-10th

Does anyone have any good ideas?? Please email the apfa@applewild.org

We will hold a Parent Mixer on Saturday April 20th – Please SAVE THE DATE, we hope you can make it!

Grandparents and special guests day is on May 17th

Other ideas we discussed: coffee night/meet ups, outdoor hike by class or all, speaker on topics of interest, game night by class, service project, clothing drive, volunteering, book club

Please reach out to the APFA with any other ideas

Future APFA meeting dates to keep in mind:

Third meeting – March 17th

Fourth meeting – May 23rd

Greg Miller, Director of Admissions, is looking to attract and onboard new families prior to the start of school next fall and asks for all of our help in doing so. Word of mouth is huge and please share and repost on social media when you can.

Leo Hiertz, Director of Advancement, spoke about the exciting things coming such as the Playground and the thoughtful approach to the building of this new experience for our student. He discussed the Annual Fud and hoped to have lots of participation this year. His goal this year is to reach 100% parent participation!

Treasurers report, Adam Saball – we have around \$7,300 in our APFA account after the holiday gifts for the teachers.

Questions/comments:

We opened it up to questions and comments and had some nice discussions. We're looking forward to improving together, so please continue to get involved. We appreciate all the efforts.

More ideas/questions: APFA@applewild.org

Adjournment time 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by

Maria Millikin, Secretary