

The Parents' Association General Meeting

June 10, 2019



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Agenda

- Welcome
- PA's Year in Review/Looking Ahead – PA Co-Presidents
- Schools' Year in Review/Looking Ahead – Charlie Abelmann/Carla Ellis
- Year-end Reports by PA Councils and DEI Committee
- Solicit feedback about what PA should focus on in the next 1-3 years
- Thank outgoing board members and introduce incoming members
- Q&A/Open Session
- Adjourn

PA's Year in Review/Looking Ahead

PA Activities

- New Families Welcome Program
- Organize Room Parents
- Spirit wear & Spirit Council
- Gift Policy
- Picture Days
- PA Speaker Series (3 this year)
- Working with Faculty chairs on communication template for parents
- Host Restaurant week gatherings
- 50th Rites of May
- Farewell Fete
- Graduation Receptions
- Used Book Buyback
- CoLABorator
- Council Activities

Parent-Organized Events supported by the PA

- Affinity Groups and the Gratitude Project
- Teacher Grants (all Divisions)
- Connections
- Senior Class Gift
- LabArts
- Parent Health and Wellness
- Organized reception for retiring ESH Principal, Carla Young
- Book Swap
- Holiday Book Fair and Bazaar

PA's Year in Review/Looking Ahead

Welcoming new families

- ESH Cookies and Lemonade
- ESH to Historic Campus student orientation
- Assigning Mentor Families
- Summer welcome parties
- Orientations and back to school events in the Fall



Schools' Year in Review/Looking Ahead

Spirit Council

- All-Schools Jackson Field Dedication and Soccer field
- Purchased Flags and “Breakthrough”
- Supported coaches and teams with Sr. Nights and concessions when requested

Spirit Wear:

- Bought inventory to sell at events/lobbies
- Organized online sale at holidays



PA's Year in Review/Looking Ahead

Gift Policy

- PA representatives met with Faculty reps and administrators to revise the gift policy
- New policy was taken to All-Schools Council, revised slightly, and approved.
- New policy coming in the fall that will allow families to express their thanks to faculty and staff.



PA's Year in Review/Looking Ahead

Affinity Groups

Black Family Forum

2nd annual Back-to-School picnic; Parent/faculty mixer at Sophy Hotel; Black history month celebration and potluck; booth at Rites of May

Desi Culture Crowd

Hosted Diwali Dance: Bollywood vs. Bhangra); community bake sale for Inter-Faith Youth Core; Rangoli, an interactive art installation at LabArts; Desi Cartwalla booth at Rites of May).

NEW - Jewish Affinity Group

Hosted 2 Shabbat potluck dinners and booth at Rites of May

Latin American Spanish Organizations (LASO)

Breakfast at ESH; a churros event in Judd and Rites of May

Muslim Families & Friends

EID Potluck and Ramadan ramp-up for MS and HS students/with support of Learning and Counseling; booth at Rites of May

Asian-Pacific American Heritage

Mr. Gunty shared his telescope and knowledge of the lunar phases during the autumn Moon Festival. The Moon Festival Potluck on September 28th. The Lunar New Year Potluck on February 7th and a booth at Rites of May.

The Gratitude Project

Gratitude station w/journal in Uhigh (80 entries) and LabArts; Booth at Rites of May (40 than you cards, 25 gratitude rocks); creative collaboration with MS faculty, Andrea Vode and her MS Gratitude Club; sponsored two consecutive Thankful Thursdays, each with 5 stations: 1@ ESH, 1@ LS, 2@MS and 1@HS; gratitude videography at June 7 Farewell Fete.) Will continue into next year.

PA'S Year in Review/Looking Ahead

50th Rites of May

- Over 1,500 people
- Spectacular Parade & May Pole Dance
- Record # of booths
 - 10 countries
 - 7 affinity groups
 - 7 school clubs
- Delicious ethnic food
- Largest # of student volunteers
- Almost Entirely Outside
- Lots of fun inflatables
- Check out pictures at parents@ucls.uchicago.edu



Schools' Year in Review/Looking Ahead

**Charlie Abelman, Director of Schools,
Carla Ellis, Assistant Director of Schools**

PA Councils and DEI Committee

Year-end Reports by PA Councils and DEI Committee

ESH Council

Amelia Klein, Jelani Frazier, Christie Tate, Meggan Friedman,
Michael Norwood, Samantha Morales

- New parent orientation
- Coffee and Bagels the first three days of school and the three final days of school
- Volunteer Fair and Room Parent Kickoff
- Three Back-to-School nights
- Picture Day
- Quarterly parent-to-parent conversations with learning and counseling
- Fan Day
- Walk to School Day
- Halloween Costume Swap
- Teacher appreciation lunch
- Popsicle Day
- Cookies and Lemonade (for newly admitted families)
- Monthly spirit wear sales



Year-end Reports by PA Councils and DEI Committee

Lower School Council

Melissa McMahill, Abundio Rodriguez, Jill Cross, Catherine Rosenberg

- Walk to School Day
- Ice skating party (canceled due to weather)
- 3rd grade field day
- 4th grade World Cup Soccer Tournament
- 5th grade pool party and yearbook
- Blaine lobby decorating
- Quarterly box top collection and box tops club gatherings
- Teacher appreciation luncheon
- Lower School bike ride to the lake before Rites of May
- Last day of school popsicle and picnic party



Year-end Reports by PA Councils and DEI Committee

Middle School Council

Angela Cobb, Heather Tamburo, Susan Farmer, Monica Hughson

- Monthly Parent-to-Parent discussions with programming aimed at parent interests (e.g., health and wellness, transitions)
- Monthly “At The Table” Discussions focused on social emotional development in collaboration with Sylvia Aschliman, Middle School Counselor
- Special evening program focused on sexual development and healthy relationships
- Back-to-school programming
- Mentor family program
- Teacher innovation grants
- Fall and spring Giant Gym Nights
- Fall and spring Fan Days in partnership with the Student Council
- 6th grade transition night reception
- 8th grade graduation support, including:
 - Partnering with the 8th Grade Student Council to host an 8th grade event
 - Serving as graduation ushers
 - Hosting a post-rehearsal book signing luncheon
 - Hosting a graduation reception
 - Managing personalized book orders and wrapping for each student

Year-end Reports by PA Councils and DEI Committee

High School Council

Angie Holleb, Zainab Baig, Farah Noor Cheema, Kevin Tan

- 9th grade parent-student orientation followed by parent Q & A.
- First Day of school. “Class of 2022” scarves-assemble and distributed to 9th grade advisories.
- Parent Night
- Spirit Week & Homecoming
- PSAT and ACT snacks and water for Sophomores and Juniors
- SEL workshops
- Senior Pizza Party
- End of Quarter Hot Chocolate & Doughnuts Stress reliever
- Held “walk in sessions” for parents
- Worked with search committee for candidate for HS Principal.
- Teacher appreciation breakfast
- Prom Grants
- Promoted and supported LabArts.
- Organized volunteers for HS Graduation reception.



Year-end Reports by PA Councils and DEI Committee

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee

- September 2018: Setting [agenda](#) for the 2018-19 school year and introduced Priyanka Rupani to the community.
- November 2018: Workshop on talking with children about sexuality and consent facilitated by Micah Bernstein of the Illinois Caucus of Adolescent Health.
- February 2019: Book discussion with Natalie Moore, author of *The South Side*, titled Lessons for Lab.
- Co-sponsored, with the PA Speaker Series, Carol Anderson's talk on how parent communities can embrace diversity and principles of inclusion.
- March 2019: Conversation on disability justice with Michele Friedner, CHDV professor and Lab parent, and Brittney Dorton, President of UChicago's Organization of Students with Disabilities.
- May 2019: Annual data meeting looking at Lab's DEI data with Charlie Abelman, Priyanka Rupani, Irene Reed, and Brent LaRowe.

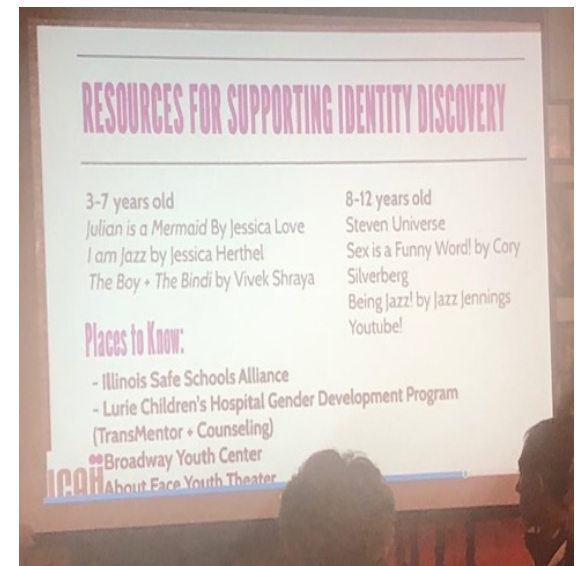


Image: ICAH Presentation, Let's Talk!

Solicit feedback about what PA should focus on in the next 1-3 years

- Use sticky notes to write ideas.
- Please note 2019-2020 priority or within 3-5 years
- Please put name on sticky if comfortable.

Three General Areas – can go outside of them:

1. Health and Wellness
2. Strengthening Community/Community Engagement
3. Improving Communication

Thank outgoing board members and introduce incoming members

Our thanks to the outgoing Board Members

- ESH Council: Amelia Klein, Jelani Frasier, Christie Tate and Michael Norwood
- Lower School Council: Melissa McMahill, Abundio Rodriguez
- Middle School Council: Monica Hughson, Angela Cobb, Heather Tamburo
- High School Council: Angie Holleb, Zainab Baig
- Treasurer: Saima Sufi
- Secretary: Archana Dharanipragada
- Communications: Ann Grissom

Welcome to the incoming Board Members

- Co-Presidents: Lauren Polite and Barbara Kern
- Co-Presidents Elect: Angela Cobb and Lena Jessen
- ESH Council: Shara Kamal, Lauren Levine, Carol Park, Matina Marks (1 year)
- Lower School Council: Cheryl Rudbeck, Ramya Shah
- Middle School Council: Monika Bahroos, Cathy Lee, Sara Skelly (1 year)
- HS Council: Cindy Marchessault, Chris McGowan
- Treasurer-elect: Abundio Rodriguez
- Secretary-Elect: Zainab Baig
- Co-Communications Coordinators Elect: Samreen Imami, Melissa McMahill

Your 2019-2020 PA Board

- **Co-Presidents:** Lauren Polite and Barbara Kern
- **Co-Presidents Elect:** Angela Cobb and Lena Jessen
- **Treasurer:** Rupert Vaughan
- **Treasurer-elect:** Abundio Rodriguez
- **Secretary:** Mariana Ingersoll
- **Secretary-Elect:** Zainab Baig
- **Communications Coordinator:** Patty Jones
- **Co-Communications Coordinators Elect:** Samreen Imami, Melissa McMahill
- **ESH Council:** Meggan Friedman, Samantha Morales, Shara Kamal, Lauren Levine, Carol Park, Matina Marks
- **Lower School Council:** Jill Cross, Catherine Rosenberg, Cheryl Rudbeck, Ramya Shah
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Q&A and Adjournment

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

Our First PA Meeting in late
September will lay-out initiatives
around Health and Wellness