

BVRPA

NOTES

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 8:30am via Zoom

ATTENDANCE: Shaune-Marie Berg, Monique Appleton, Kathy Pattison, Joanne Melikian-Cate, Barrie Silk, Chris Daly, Danielle Meagher, Debbie Berger, Diane Gwin, Emily Born, Grace Muwina, Jean Dies, Jessica Scherer, Keisha Burgess, Michelle Feinberg, Rebecca Forkner, Rosaleah Brown, Nia Pujols, Rebecca Scott, Shannon Falkson, Raymonde Alcindor, Katie Shore

WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS

- Katie Shore, BVR Director of Community Engagement
 - Katie works primarily with parents and alumni, does an amazing job with all the BVR PA work behind the scenes; keeps us connected to BVR message, policy, etc.
- BVR PA Leadership Team List, Committee Chairs, & Grade Reps
 - PIN is now a member of the EC. Danielle is our PIN rep and also on the PIN Board. Update: BVR is member school, and the purpose is to connect/inform parents/caregivers from different independent school communities. First meeting is 10/6, still on Zoom at lunchtime. At each meeting there is a speaker/ topic, and the theme this year is helping communities inside and outside school. First meeting will focus on how to help people feel welcome in new communities.
- Role of the PA
 - Fostering sense of community, and particularly trying to get this back after COVID. Forum for asking questions, with grade reps as first touch point. We work in line with school's goals and work cooperatively in partnership with school. We serve as representatives of the school; strive to be consistent and positive in our roles as reps of BVR. We are positive, community-building members. If parent comes to you with issue/concern, work with co-chairs and Katie to get info/resolution.
- Contact List - Cell phone numbers were added in the chat. If you were not at the meeting, please send your number to Shaune, Monique and Katie. These will be added to the leadership team contact list.

PA COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

- Welcome Team: Danielle Meagher + Rosaleah Brown
 - Busy summer! Started last spring pairing new parents/caregivers with welcome team members for questions and connection. Welcome Team members attended official spring and fall events to welcome new families. Also held four Zoom sessions in July to provide parent-to-parent connection for answering questions. Now, work is winding down, but Team continuing to provide connection. This year

will host in-person new family coffee socials (everyone invited!) to meet new parents/caregivers. These are on October 7th and November 15th (see calendar below). Intended to provide more in-person, informal connection. Will send email to remind the committee about attending MS and US events this Thursday. Great start to the year!

- Co-chairs: Thanks so much to this team! They've done a lot of work over the summer, and this has been a really successful effort!
- Swag Team: Barrie Silk
 - This is a fun committee!
 - The Swag Team comes to many events and sells great BVR gear. They sell a combo of old and new products, and have a great list of volunteers. They will be showcasing some items at the MS/US welcome events on Thursday.
- Events Team: Monica Cost (update provided by co-chairs and Katie)
 - Committee plans a mix of social and topical events in partnership with others. This year focusing on and highlighting social connection. MS/US Receptions are tomorrow, 3 BVR/*lit* meetings. Also doing Health and Wellness meetings, TASTE, and two events with Kim Samson. We've planned a good range of events. Volunteer wise, will need folks for registration and to help people navigate through campus. Will need event volunteers for Thursday receptions.
 - TASTE has been moved to before Spring break, so will start planning this earlier this year. Looking for co-chair for this committee in next few months to help be lead person for TASTE. If you know of anyone, let us know! Katie does a LOT for this, so there is lots of support.
- BVR/*lit* Team: Shannon Falkson
 - Committee had a quick meeting last night. First book club scheduled for 9/27 at 6:00. There will be food, wine, and discussion. Great RSVP list (at least 29 people, the most ever). Authors are joining over Zoom to the in-person meeting at school. There is a meeting in each term, and the committee is being thoughtful about books they're choosing.
- Teacher Appreciation Team: Tricia Thomson + Jean Dies
 - Excited for this year! Committee works really closely with Katie to bridge the gap between parent/caregivers and teachers at a time where they've really needed it and the parent/caregiver community really wants to show appreciation. Successful year last year with potlucks, Kudo board, and big focus on teacher appreciation week the first week in May. This included potlucks, swag, raffles, giveaways, etc.

and will do again this year. Co-chairs would love to have someone to shadow them this year since Tricia will be leaving next year due to graduation.

2022-2023 PA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

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- Thursday, October 13 (8:15am): Location: Rogers Room
 - *Note: this meeting is open to all parents/caregivers. Stay tuned for additional details.*
- Wednesday, November 30 (8:15am): Location: Rogers Room
- *No meeting in December*
- Thursday, January 19 (8:15am): Location: Rogers Room
- Tuesday, February 7 (6pm): Location: TBD / *Phonathon for TASTE*
- Thursday, March 2 (8:15am): Location: Rogers Room
- Wednesday, April 12 (8:15am): Location: Rogers Room
- Thursday, May 18 (8:15am): Location: Rogers Room

2022-2023 PA COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

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- Thursday, September 15 (6pm): MS and US Fall Reception
- Tuesday, September 27 (6 - 8pm): *BVR/it*
- Friday, October 7 (8:15am): New Family Coffee Social
- Tuesday, October 18 (6 - 8pm): PA Community Event with Kim Samson
- Wednesday, November 2 (6 - 8pm): *BVR/it*
- Tuesday, November 15 (8:15am): New Family Coffee Social
- Tuesday, December 6 (6 - 8pm): Partnership event with Dept. of Counseling, Health & Wellness
 - *(Snow date: December 14)*
- Saturday, March 4 (6:30pm - 8:30pm): TASTE: A Social Event for Parents & Caregivers
- Tuesday, April 4 (6pm): *BVR/it*
- Thursday, April 27 (6 - 8pm): Partnership event with Dept. of Counseling, Health & Wellness
- Thursday, May 11 (6pm): PA Community Event with Kim Samson
- Monday, May 15 (Time TBD): Learn about the PA – Volunteer Info Session

GRADE REP—EXPERIENCE SHARING

- Intended to do this in person, but since meeting over Zoom, will figure out another way to connect grade reps to share experiences/ideas from prior year and facilitate connections.

QUESTIONS + FEEDBACK + INPUT

- Options for folks that can't come to in-person EC meetings? Yes! Zoom or call in will be an option for these meetings. Meetings are a mix of Wednesday/Thursdays, some evenings to help with a variety of schedules.
- October 13th EC meeting and spring Get to Know the PA event open to entire community.
- Co-Chairs really encourage feedback/input/ideas on ways to make meetings enriching and engaging. If you have other experience from schools, committees, etc. please share! We want the PA to ever-evolve. Please chime in with suggestions!