

Parent Association Meeting #1
9/26/17

1) The meeting started with the introduction of Parent Association(PA) Executive Board members for this school year: Esther Olvera- President , Jocelyn Ferrer,- Vice-President, Genny Garbutt, and Laura Hunt-King, secretary. In addition, Mr. Matthew Stark, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs and 6 parents were present.

-We discussed the role and function of the Association and the importance of parent participation.

-Esther introduced the first two upcoming events in October; the Hispanic Luncheon on 10/5/17 and a Bingo/ Potluck Dinner event on 10/27/17. The luncheon will take place during all three lunch periods on 10/5/17 whereby families will be asked to contribute dishes, water,etc., and plates will cost \$5. The Potluck will be an event to foster community. However, a survey will be administered to determine adequate interest

-Questions arose regarding how the funds are used that are raised from PA functions. Discussed that the funds typically go back to the school, primarily student activities or student ventures. Esther also shared with the group that funds may be used for special requests. Mr. Torres, , a teacher at LaSalle has approached her to see if funds could potentially be used to assist in sending a student overseas this summer as part as an educational trip.

2) Mr. Stark introduced his role at LaSalle and encouraged regular communication with parents. He discussed the school's expectations of students and ways to support our students

-Discussion and suggestions on additional and better modes of communication between home and school were tackled ---- addressing emails in a particular fashion, as well as text telephone chains are ideas.

3)New business/Announcements

-Upcoming LaSalle Academy(LSA) Town Hall Meeting- Dr. Cathy Guerriero, President LSA To be held Thursday 10/12/17. At present scheduled for 5-6:30pm, however to improve turnout, given the working schedule of parents,potentially may be changed to a later hour. Once confirmed, the PA may do call reminders.

The meeting will give parents an opportunity to ask questions, bring any concerns, etc. Good way to start the year.

-LSA to undergo Middle States evaluation. A type of evaluation done every 7 years to see how well the school is doing.

-LSA Open House -Anthony Chin, Admissions Director. Scheduled for 10/21/17. Encouraged to let family/friends know in case they have children who are interested in attending LSA

4) Other----- Suggestions, Comments

-Parent thought it would useful for LSA to put together a Q/A sheet or mini handbook that would sound something like commonly asked questions by new families. (examples include--Does my son receive a school ID and when?, School supply list; Is there a nurse on campus? How is a sick child handled? Clarification on obtaining service hours, etc.; and many more) A new parent that was present at the meeting kept a running log of questions she had and was kind enough to provide it to us) We thank her for this input.

-Community Service at LSA. New parents had general, important questions about how , when where, how much,etc

Next Meeting ----Tuesday 10/17/17 at 2nd Avenue Annex building
Ms. Rosalie Cernaro, College Counselor will discuss the College Application Process
Refreshments will be served.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Hunt-King