

## The APFA (Applewild Parents and Families Association) meeting minutes

Date: 11/2/23

Time: 6:00pm

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

We're asking for **Teacher Appreciation ideas** - what can we do for them to make them feel appreciated without necessarily asking parents for more donations? We're thinking of something heartfelt, such as a photo of the whole community, maybe from Mountain Day, frame it and have the students sign it. We also want to ask parents to help children write special notes of gratitude. You should be hearing from your room parents with more on this as we approach the Thanksgiving break.

Ani Jigarjian, Volunteer Coordinator, reported that all our Room Parents are assigned up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are looking for volunteers to help with grades 6-9. Please reach out to Ani or the APFA if interested. These roles are so important to our community building goal, as you serve as liaison between teachers and parents! Thank you.

Other Special events & Projects:

Harvest Fair was a huge community building success! We raised several thousand dollars, which we can use to build more fun and connections for kids, teachers and families.

Bingo Night planned for November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – please sign up soon, we have lots of prizes to give out and a special \$500 value birthday party at Launch as the grand prize!

We will hold a Parent Mixer – date and details TBD

Grandparents and special guests day is on May 17<sup>th</sup> this year

We want everyone's ideas to BUILD COMMUNITY and STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS **TOGETHER!**

Please reach out to the APFA with any other ideas... lets get creative!

Future APFA meeting dates to keep in mind:

Second meeting – January 18<sup>th</sup>

Third meeting – March 17<sup>th</sup>

Fourth meeting – May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our new Director of Admissions, Greg Miller, was present and spoke to the following:

- Open House coming up on Saturday 11/18. Please help us promote this on social media and word of mouth. Share our posts and help spread the word.
- Please see Greg, Leo, Amy or any of the APFA leadership if you are interested in getting involved and helping at these events or others to grow our community.

Director of Advancement, Leo Hiertz, spoke about the Annual Fund, the Playground campaign and the first Phone-a-thon on Giving Tuesday (11/28). We hope to have lots of participation this year. His goal this year is to reach 100% parent participation! Please volunteer to help!

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](mailto:APFA@applewild.org)

Adjournment time 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted by

Maria Millikin, Secretary