

Sunrise School of Miami

Parent Association Meeting
Monday, September 21, 6:30

14 Attendees:

Martha Siaba, Barbara Jimenez, Lauren Beiley, Sara Yanes, Sandra LaFleur, Ross Toyne, Derek Arias, Marisela Saenz, Danaee Perez Doty, Liseth Araya, Oliver Harmann, Gary Arthurs, Chares Bleiker, Aurora Morillo.

Items Discussed:

-ELECTION VOTES - folks voted on nominees; it was also clarified who based on due payment could vote; it was also clear not enough parents attended to finalize the vote; current board members will work to get final votes from parents via email or in person at drop-off or pick-up

-First order of business will be for the elected officers to meet with the administration to understand what the top priorities are for the school

-ByLaws - were passed around for all to view

-Budget - budget sheet was passed around for all to review

-History of PASSOM - was explained this is the group's 2nd year and goal to support the School in whatever it deems of critical importance; members also help out with festivals and fundraising

-Aurora asked about AWSNA and if it has a **parent network**

-MICHAELMAS - this is the first festival of the year; we discussed how to best get parents to participate and sign up for food; also about encouraging folks to bring their own plates to be more ecologically friendly; some new parents asked that an explanation of festivals be sent out; Marisela assured this is standard and it is in the handbook

-PA Web Site - Liseth suggested creating a web site for parents for folks to access information about the school; Gary said this could be possible through the School's current site

-COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS - how to do this best? We discussed emails while efficient and quick are sometimes not enough; Gary is donating and installing a bulletin board for the school; room parents will also be used for communicating with other parents; Gary also informed us the calendar on the sunrise website is current and always updated

-PROPOSED FUNDRAISERS - people came with great ideas; while no singular idea was agreed upon yet, ones proposed include: Equal Exchange, Online Green Catalogue (Liseth), Wreaths (Ross), Breakfast Cart (Sandra), Popsicle/Popcorn Fridays, Reusable Bags (Lauren), another Campfire, Yard Sale (Chuck), One Cause (Gary), Grants esp. Pew Charitable Trust (Gary), Silent Auction (Aurora)

-NEW WAYS TO SPREAD WORD OF SCHOOL - Bumper Sticker (Ross), AWSNA Pamphlets (Gary), Guest Speakers (Marisela)