

## **EPS PA General Meeting September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### **PA President**

Claudia Bayer, current PA President, welcomed a large group of parents at the first PA General Meeting of the year. Claudia described the mission of the PA is to promote community, hospitality and school volunteerism. She introduced her PA Executive committee consisting of:

- PA President (Claudia Bayer) oversees the PA Exec Committee, supports parent communication to the school and represents parents on the Board of Trustees.
- EPS Liaison to the PA (Vickie Baldwin and Brittany Williams)
- Hospitality Committee (Shairose Gulamani, Xixi Shakes and Cindy Goetzman) who are responsible for the parent ambassador program, the new family picnics and the Fall Harvest/Winter Celebration.
- Appreciation Committee (Jenni Heuberger, Ellen Schneider, Dorian Bell and Caroline Yeh) who organize 3 staff/faculty appreciation days throughout the year.
- Volunteer Coordinators (Katharine Pike, Stephanie Brown) recruit volunteers for PA supported events and provide training and support for the parent class reps.
- Lead Sports Booster (Cindy Goetzman) provides support for Athletic Director Kim Eng in organizing parent support for each sports team.
- Treasurer (Dee Sadahiro) manages our budget and reimbursements.
- Secretary (Patti Sauntry) takes notes and publishes them at all PA Exec and PA General meeting as well as ensures that notes are taken at grade level meetings and distributed to parents.
- Past President/ Past Volunteer Coordinator and (Heather Burkey) acts in an advisory role to the current PA Executive Committee

Volunteering at EPS – there are many ways as a parent to volunteer at EPS. You can volunteer to serve on the PA Executive Committee, as a parent class rep, at PA Events or as a sports booster. There are also opportunities to volunteer for tech academic teams, theatre productions, athletics and clubs.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Fall Harvest – Friday, Sept 20th at 6pm -Parents Only
- US Back to School Night - Wednesday, Oct 2th at 6pm -Parents Only
- 7th/8th Grade Parent Night – Thursday, Oct 3rd at 6:30pm
- 5th/6th Grade Parent Series (3 nights) – Oct 3rd, 15th & 29th at 7pm
- 9th Grade Parent Meeting – Wednesday, Sept 25th at 7pm (advisor presentations)
- 9th Grade Parent Meeting – Tuesday, Oct 22nd at 8am (grade level coffee)
- 10th Grade Parent Meeting – Thursday, Oct 24th at 8am (grade level coffee)
- 11th Grade Parent Meeting – Tuesday, Oct 29th at 8am (grade level coffee)
- 12th Grade Parent Meeting – Thursday, Oct 31st at 8am (grade level coffee)

- Specific Events (Tech Academic Teams, Athletics, Theatre Productions, Clubs) – Please Consult the EPS Calendar or the Friday EPS Weekly News

### **EPS Carpool Map**

The carpool map is back by popular demand. It will be located on the EPS website and will be password protected. All families have been opted in to be on the map. If your family does not want to be included you can opt out by emailing [contactupdate@eastsideprep.org](mailto:contactupdate@eastsideprep.org) or logging into the SFO and completing the Opt Out form. The carpool map will be made live in about 2 weeks. For any questions please contact Vickie Baldwin ([vbaldwin@eastsideprep.org](mailto:vbaldwin@eastsideprep.org))

### **Bart Gummere – Associate Head of School for College Counseling and Alumni Relations**

Mr. Gummere spoke with excitement about his new role at the school. He is in the process of developing an Alumni Professional Network, which is something that alumni have expressed interest in having. There are over 300 graduates of EPS and about half of them have embarked on their careers. Graduates are also interested in sharing their college experiences with current Upper School students so this will be explored as a resource for current students to participate in.

### **Dr. John Stegeman – Head of Upper School**

Dr. Stegeman is excited to begin the school year and get to know the upper school students. He and his family received a warm welcome this summer after arriving in July. One of the things Dr. Stegeman will be focusing on is building relationships with current students. He spoke of developing trust with the students and the faculty as being most important. He anticipates some changes in the middle band schedule and is working with grade level coordinators on this. He is also working with the seniors about what their vision of a student government is. The students have expressed a desire for a less hierarchical form of government with more student participation.

### **Paul Hagen – Director of Student Well Being**

Mr. Hagen is excited about his new role. Mr. Hagen says his role is to build genuine connections with students and that when kids are known at school they naturally do better. There are some new resources for students this year including a new school nurse and the continuation of the counseling program.

### **Dr. Kelly Moore – Scholar in Residence**

Dr. Moore spoke of her upcoming Parent and Caregiver talks that will be available to the entire parent community. The dates are as follows:

- Fall: November 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:15AM and 6:30PM
- Winter: January 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM and January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:15AM
- Spring: April 21, 6:30PM and April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:15AM

In addition to these sessions there is also the Parent CARE Groups that will meet about a dozen times throughout the year. These are smaller groups of about 20 parents. You can find the sign up for these sessions through the EPS Friday email.

**Dr. Terry Macaluso – Head of School**

Dr. Macaluso spoke briefly about how the faculty and staff at EPS are focused on community wellness and with building confidence in their students.

Meeting adjourned 8:45AM

**ADDITIONAL NOTE on the CHECK-IN process for all parents:**

All parents, when on campus for any event or meeting, must check in and out at the front desk of TALI Hall and a name tag worn. In the event that you have more than one meeting, you must check out of one meeting and re-check-in for the next. This is so we can provide safety personnel information on who is on campus and who they were meeting with in the event of a school evacuation or lockdown. Thank you for your help in ensuring the safety of our entire community!