

PA General Meeting

May 10th, 2022

Katharine Pike – PA President

Katharine opened the meeting welcoming some parents in person and about 40 online attendees. She said she was happy to have some in person events again including the recent spring celebration in late March that was very well attended.

Katharine thanked all the athletics team parents for volunteering their time and supporting athletics at EPS. The Faculty/Staff Appreciation team was hard at work recently with their last event of the year. Katharine also thanked all the parents who supported this event.

Class reps were hard at work all this year with virtual and in-person events. Thanks to all they have done for the last couple of years!

Upcoming events:

US Prom – this weekend
Senior Retreat
Middle School Tech City Bowl
Continuation
Graduation

There will be some Executive PA changes for next year as some long-standing members are now moving on after staying on during the pandemic. Katharine thanked them all for their hard work on the committee over the last few years.

Vickie Baldwin presented the new slate of executive members who include:

President – Katharine Pike
Secretary – Kristin Boeckmann
Class Rep Coordinator – Roomi Sharma and Danielle Dixon
Hospitality Team – Bengu Bostanci, Ruchi Bhutani and Dorian Bell
Faculty Staff Appreciation Team – Diane Melling, Sukriti Singhal and Tani Bhutani
Athletics Coordinator – Leela Rao
Past PA President – Claudia Bayer
Arts Coordinator - Tami Cheung

This new slate of candidates was voted in by parents who voted online and also who were present at the meeting today.

Mehrane Mokdad – EPS Board of Directors

Mehrane, who chairs the EPS Head Search Committee, presented an update today. The process is well under way and the committee is making great progress. She thanked all the committee members for all their hard work and time. The committee is completing the first phase, which was the input gathering phase. Mehrane thanked all the parents who participated in the surveys and gave feedback.

The search committee has the core competencies finalized and the next phase of the process will begin.

A parent asked if the survey results would be shared with the EPS community? This was summarized in an email recently that was sent to parents.

Terry Macaluso – Head of school

Terry presented the Alice Strong Award for outstanding service to the EPS community to Dorian Bell, Joumana Hoballah and Diane Melling. They are all members of the Faculty/Staff Appreciation committee who did an outstanding job this year.

Questions?

A parent asked if there could be a time when grades are not reported on the weekend? This will give students a chance to relax a little about school over the weekend. Terry thinks this is an interesting idea and will discuss with the leadership team.

A parent asked if there was a La Quinta update? There was a City of Kirkland Townhall meeting last night. There was a random choice of speakers that included a few from our community. Nothing new came out of this meeting and there was no good answer to putting this type of facility next to a school from the city or county. EPS wants the city to raise the level of the barrier for residency. There is a resolution voted on by the City Council but it is not an ordinance yet. The school would like to see this become an ordinance that is more enforceable.

A parent asked if there has been an impact on future enrollment? There hasn't been an impact in this year's enrollment and EPS has worked to make sure all incoming parents are aware of all issues facing the school. Could it happen in the future? Perhaps, time will tell. But EPS will continue to work towards getting the City to take steps to ensure our safety concerns are met and encourage the city to codify those steps. EPS will not be a passive neighbor with the organization that runs the facility and will have regular meetings with them.

A parent asked if EPS students will get involved in any way with the residents (community service projects?) Yes, perhaps, but nothing has been determined and we will need to see what support is needed and what the school feels comfortable providing.

Terry thanked the PA Exec and all volunteers for all their hard work this past year.

Katharine thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17AM

