

St. Peter's School Parents Association: February 25, 2016
"Your Parents Association Meeting"
Meeting Minutes

1. There was a fashion show of SPS merchandise, modeled by Saint Peter's students.
Courtney Morsberger stated that another online store for school merchandise will be open from March 8 until Spring break. Samples will be in the development office.
2. Rafhia Foster gave an admissions update. Enrollment goals are already up with an increase in applications from last year. There was a successful event for accepted students and their families. There will be a dance party in March for all families including those who are newly enrolled.
3. Auction update from Ann-Louise Markham and Courtney Morsberger
 - Auction will take place on April 8. Tickets will be available in the lobby on March 4. Tickets are \$75 prior to March 18/ \$100 after March 18. Invitations will be mailed within the week.
 - Auction website will launch week of Feb. 29. Through the site, you will be able to purchase tickets, ads, sponsorships, etc.
 - There is a push/need for more sponsors and auction items. Please reach out to local business for donations or make suggestions so SPS representatives can make the ask (a list of already-contributing business can be made available).
 - New options for supporting auction via tribute ads. Tribute ads can be whatever you would like: text, logos, images. Designer can mock up samples for ideas. The deadline for tribute ads will be before spring break
4. Round table conversation with Rafhia, Daisy, Jennie and all attending. Open as to topic. Ask questions, make suggestions, tell us what you would like more of (or less of) at St. Peter's.
 - a. First question was: Can the school bring in someone to talk about the Internet safety and social media usage for students?
Discussion points:
 - How do we talk to our children about this subject without alienating or scaring them? For lower school students: how do you manage computer/online setting so children can't get to certain sites?
 - What age is appropriate for cell phones? Is there an SPS cell phone policy?
 - b. Second question was about about security at school
Discussion points:
 - What are the school's practices regarding safety? SPS has full emergency preparedness program for teachers and someone has come to the school to check on facility readiness. The basement connection project will increase safety by

allowing greater access and an additional exit/escape route.

- Can the school pay more attention to times when front door is unlocked/propped open? The door should always be locked after 8:20am. More fobs are available (\$25 each) if you have other people who need them for drop off/pick up.

c. Third question was about the directory

Discussion points:

- How do parents access the directory through the parent portal?

- Can search and sort options be upgraded? Can the directory have a class search functionality?

- What is the policy on how information in the directory can be used?

d. Other Discussion Items

- Is it of interest to families to have more all school get-togethers?

- Can we have more notice about events and projects so that working and traveling parents can adjust their schedules? Maybe all year's significant class dates could be shared on curriculum nights.

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Access meeting minutes here: <http://st-peters-school.org/parents/association/>

Future P.A. Meetings

April 8

May 20