

# Parents Association Annual Meeting

September 26, 2016

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7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

(See list of attendees at end of document)

## Welcome and Opening Remarks - Audris Wong

*“What Does it Mean to Be in a Transition Year?”*

PA Immune to transition - PA is a constant, yet always evolving -to better serve parent needs.

### 1. Community Building

- Events
  - Come together as one school - what does the year look like? We are planning an all schools event on October 16th. Bringing back book fair (holiday). Restaurant Week social activity in January and bringing back Rites of May to the Historic Campus. In addition to large scale events, shifting into the smaller level, council level, and division level.
    - Family Fest October 16
    - Holiday Book Fair December 6-7
    - Restaurant Week in January 2017
    - Rites of May - May 20
- Volunteers
  - We are gathering data on volunteers. We have over 350 people who participated in a volunteer event. We hope to do better. Summer mentor program involved over 150 families. We plan to be more open about what volunteer opportunities are - by hosting Volunteer Fair, making information available on our website, [www.labparents.org](http://www.labparents.org), possibly creating a newsletter - and last year marked the first Volunteer Appreciation Event.
- Parents' Fund
  - Match parents with what interests them - people want to give but have different motivations  
Christie Henry

### 2. Curriculum Innovation

- Teacher Grant Program (past projects include seed money to Middle School Robotics, ESH Maker Space)
- Community Service Grant Pilot at ESH and Lower School (Using Box Top Education Funds to design a project that involves kids for the community beyond our walls)
- Speaker Series
  - Sarah Lawrence-Lightfoot November 15
  - Robert Michael February 20
  - Eboo Patel April 4
  - Create smaller discussion groups around the speaker events

### 3. Parent Advocacy

Schoology as a tool for parents to communicate with each other - and have a better idea of what is going on at school.

- Mentor Program
- Orientations, Schoology
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Kickoff - October 17
- Encourage parents to reach out to PA

### **Interim Director of Schools UCLS - Beth Harris**

Continuity and Change -

Construction tangible reminder of changes going on at Lab

- Whole new school
- Arts Facility
- Totally Renovated High School and Judd
- Integrating Judd into Historical Campus

Change in Enrollment and Leadership

Unusual Opportunity - do not see it as a time of instability - animate new spaces with quality of education, the university is deeply committed to Lab - many other projects at the University were stalled or changed - and Beth Harris being here is a commitment by the University to the transition.

- What Lab is all about - very strong sense of its own community - culture is distinctive and tradition is robust -
- Mission statement reflects the connection to the university upfront -
- Ideas are central - where children learn to be excited by ideas
- Core values and how our community connects to life -
- Did not want to become a school that was only affiliated with the university - diversity is very important to our sense of who we are
- Richness in diversity and learning that is different from their own - more than 1/2 of new hires are people of color
- Animate new spaces with teaching that reflects our values and welcome new families
- Educating with excellence and nourishing with diversity

### **Director, All Schools Programs and Partnerships - Nicole Hood**

Embracing Transition

New to Chicago from Virginia - opportunity to be a part of a community deeply committed to ideas Possibilities

Work with educational programs office, professional development,

### **Director Student Services - Nicole Neal**

19th year as an educator - started as a teacher, counselor, educational leadership, admissions director, assistant principal, coach dance and cheer - teaching emerging school counselors excited about learning and counseling team

Faculty - co-teaching - pull out services, push in, small groups, desire to partner and engage more with parents

**Associate Director of Schools, Finance and Operations - Christopher Jones**  
Security and Safety Update

Focus on plan

- Increased reliance on university police - dedicated officer ESH and one on historic campus
- All campus lanyards - issued 2100 campus cards
- 2500 lanyards distributed
- University police sets us apart from other schools
- “No Tap” - we are working through that - multi-step process - school is trying to balance safety and accessibility

Early Learnings -

- Need for consistency and enforcement at all the doors
- Clarity of communication - where **can** you get in?
- How many caregiver id’s can I get \$23 per id (question not directly answered)

***Q. Caregiver - ID needed to get beyond the lobby?***

*A. Yes*

***Q. Middle school kids - have to go to Judd to get replacement id? Is there any way to make this easier?***

*A. working with middle school to come up with a plan. What are growing pains vs. logistics nightmare*

Freedom Pay - ID tied to credit card - 10% discount

**Executive Vice President, UChicago - David Fithian**

Announcement of Committee - Laboratory Schools Director Search Advisory Committee

- Sandra Bixby
- David Within
- Douglas Grissom
- Melina Hale
- Christie Henry
- Monica Hughson
- Christopher Jones
- David Kistenbroker
- Sidney Lee
- Robert Ley
- Peggy Lim
- Elizabeth Parker
- Cheryl Rudbeck
- Jason Tyler
- Stephanie Weber

Meeting with faculty with Isaacson, Miller, Tuesday

Community meeting with Isaacson, Miller - Wednesday morning GPAH 9-10:30

What are We Looking For in a New Director:

- Accomplished educator

- Ability to lead in a complex environment
- Approachable
- Visible presence
- Good communicator
- Plan strategically
- Facility with fund raising
- Embrace lab's history

Process - a brief overview -

Launched search, complete draft job description, people have expressed interest, spectacular opportunity, share views - next phase of search will be less open - hoping by thanksgiving - short list of candidates willing to declare their candidacy - broader meeting at that point - committee recommend a small subset that shows the greatest promise. Board will recommend to the president of the university who will ultimately make the decision

Finalist by end of January - announce appointment by end of February

Timing may be suspect - directory may accept job and not start for a year

### **Chair, UCLS Board of Directors - David Kistenbroker**

This search is your search - not ours.

There are systems for input - please use that

This place is so unique and important - that we don't think we are going to have a lot of competitive pressure

### **Open Forum Hosted by Tina Louie**

Parent issues covered: Security at two campuses and wifi access, Middle School ID Procedures

### **Closing Remarks Tina Louie**

Meeting Adjourned

#### **Attendance:**

<i>Tina Louie</i>	<i>Peggy Lim</i>	<i>Lena Jessen</i>	<i>Nancy Stern</i>
<i>Kalina Pon</i>	<i>Cameron Pon</i>	<i>Sara Skelly</i>	<i>LaTrelle Kerney</i>
<i>Marina White</i>	<i>Angie Holleb</i>	<i>Tria Smith</i>	<i>Marsha Spenser</i>
<i>Aidan Nguyen</i>	<i>Manila Barua</i>	<i>Susan Farmer</i>	<i>Suzy Nemec</i>
<i>Medora Lee</i>	<i>Claudia Roeder</i>	<i>Ann Grissom</i>	<i>Karen Slimmon</i>
<i>Colleen Sheehan</i>	<i>Tiffany Flowers</i>	<i>Amy Liszt</i>	<i>Amelia Klein</i>
<i>Liz Anderson</i>	<i>Sunita Thomas</i>	<i>Saima Sufi</i>	<i>Deirdre Connell</i>
<i>Laura Voss-Allen</i>	<i>Maria Tlapa</i>	<i>Jose Tlapa</i>	<i>Mea Konopasek</i>
<i>Angela Cobb</i>	<i>Sieglinde Lim-Seiwert</i>	<i>Leny Leung</i>	
<i>Krista Blazek Hogarth</i>	<i>Andee Stacy</i>	<i>Val Harper</i>	