

**Lab Schools'**  
**PA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 1, 2012**

Prior to the PA meeting the PA Board hosted a wine and cheese reception for PA Members and guests from 6:30-7:00PM.

PA Board Co-Presidents Barbara Kern and Christie Henry opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees. They provided an overview of the purpose of the Lab PA and asked members of the PA Board to introduce themselves. The Co-Presidents encouraged parents to volunteer and shared information about the upcoming speaker series.

Director, David McGill, discussed the goals and objectives of the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. He provided an overview of the results of the "Parents Surveys for 2011-2012." He also provided an update regarding the LAB+ fundraising campaign. Additionally, he discussed the school wide allergy management policy to be implemented.

John Rogers, Lab Schools Board President, discussed governance. He also discussed the strengthened relationship between Lab and The University of Chicago. He took questions from the audience regarding tuition, school size and diversity.

Jason Lopez, Associate Director of Educational Program, discussed the new mentorship program for teachers and the teacher evaluation program.

Scott Fech, the High School Principal, welcomed parents and shared his desire to re-instate the principal chats at the high school level. Communication between parents and the school are very important to him. He also shared his desire to help meet the goal of the revised high school schedule (to increase classroom time, but decrease stress). He wants to ensure the schedule is in the best interest of teaching and learning.

Carol Swainson, the Middle School Principal shared her experience of going to the Dunes with the seventh graders. Additionally, she shared with attendees that communication is also important to her. She would like to streamline communication using emails and the website. During the next year she and her staff will review middle school scheduling and ensure it best supports middle school programming. She and her staff will explore questions such as would longer blocks be more beneficial? How much homework is beneficial? What kind of homework is beneficial?

Sylive Anglin, the Lower School Principal, spoke about the school-wide student led discussion regarding democracy. As a result of such experience the first lower school council may be formed. Ms. Anglin stated that she will use twitter to share how she is living her lower school philosophy.

Susan Devetski, the Primary School Principal, spoke about her experience apple picking with the second graders. She and her staff will review scheduling, drop off and pick up procedures. Ms. Devetski is really interested in truly thinking about school from a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade perspective.

Carla Young, N/K School Principal, discussed how students need predictability, but also novelty. She also asked that parents share with her what they believe is important to maintain about Lab at the new campus. She asked that parents email her their thoughts.

The meeting was opened for questions and answers and then adjourned.