

Parent Circle Minutes – 2/26/25

* Teacher Talk (10 min)- Community Question

Dana Fleming (Specialty Teacher/Lead Teacher) answers the following question from our community:

“How do we foster closeness among students and families in our classes?”

Consider what makes you feel comfortable when you arrive on campus, and how can you help others to feel seen? Lead by example with your children so that we are all fostering inclusion & presence, with kindness and willingness to open ourselves up to others. Everyone wants to feel included – children, and parents alike. Include your entire class in invites to birthday parties and play dates (or all the girls/all the boys). Strive to be present at events that bring our children & families together – parties, play dates, festivals, town halls, Parent Circle meetings, Guys Night Out, Ladies Night Out, Gala, etc.

*Administrative News & School Updates (10 min)

Future Campus: New tab on website for all things Future Campus! Check it out! There is also a YouTube channel for Great Oak Waldorf School that shows updated drone footage that you don't want to miss! Tell your friends about the school, share social media!

Spring Fest: Angela Harris is the admin contact for this festival. The community asked to bring back Saturday festivals (pre-covid) so Spring Fest will be held on a Saturday this year – Apr. 5th. We hope to make it a larger experience with pop-up shop and local vendors, plus all the usual maypole dances/games/etc. Look for an email with volunteer opportunities soon.

Parent Teacher Conferences being held on Thursday 3/13 and Friday 3/14. Sign up for your spot on the sign-up genius (links sent in newsletter 2/26) & kindly do not leave for out of town plans until your meeting is completed.

Gala: Website is live for tickets and sponsorships! Three themed VIP tables are available. Accepting silent auction donations, and invites will be mailed soon. Sponsorship letters and donation information is available in print form in the office. www.givebutter.com/c/ozgala

- **PARENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Follow up with Sunni about upcoming Dates for mtg at Re:Bar – Sunni will put something on FB soon

- **TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**

- Sunni, Montse, Shweta to coordinate collecting donations so that we can provide teachers with a favorite treat, drink, or possibly a larger food/drink offering during their faculty meeting the week of Teacher Appreciation Week (first week of May)
- Beth to follow up as admin contact

- **FAMILY CARE COMMITTEE**

- **-New Parents** – Welcome & Invite to Mtgs/Events
- **-Meal Drops/GOWS Community Sympathy Cards**

Tasha Bason (mother to Eleanor and Robert in Kinder) has pneumonia. A meal train will be organized, but any help you can offer the family is greatly appreciated.

- **CLASS PARENTS/PARENT ADVOCATE COMMITTEE** (Monthly class comm, coordinate teacher gifts/information)

Sunni volunteered to spearhead an “all school play date” monthly at Borrough’s Park
The first will be on Sunday March 9 – Sunni to create a digital “invite” and post to FB group. Sam will add to school calendar and to newsletters/teacher emails.

Friday, April 11 will be hosted by Shweta

Sunday, May 4 will be hosted by Sunni

- **WOMEN’S RETREAT COMMITTEE**

January 16, 17, 18 secured at Golden Hills Retreat Center for next year. Pricing and more details coming soon.

Meetings for 24’-25’ School Year: (4th Wed)

- **March 26th @ 6pm via Zoom**
- **April 23rd @ 6pm via Zoom**
- *****No May Meeting*****