

Royal West Academy
Parent Participation Organization (PPO)
Academic Year 2022-23
Meeting held on Nov 2, 2022: Report to Governing Board

The first meeting was called by Principal Tony Pita who also proposed its agenda.

There were 8 members in attendance.

Election of Officers: After general discussion, it was agreed that there would be a Chair-person and a combined Vice-chairperson / Secretary:

- Michel LeMoine de Martigny was unanimously approved as Chair and Terry Chin unanimously approved as Vice Chair by the members
- The members also confirmed that Renée Figlarz would be the PPO Representative to the Governing Board.

Since this was the first meeting of a nascent organization, the members each expressed their concerns and the topics of interest that they would like to be addressed by this new PPO...all of which was openly and positively discussed with Principal Pita.

In light of the goals for a PPO articulated in the Education Act (Fostering the collaboration of parents in developing, implementing and evaluating the education project") and the range of parental concerns, it was proposed that the PPO set itself the goal of crafting a proposal to take to the Governing Board whereby the PPO would design and execute a survey of RWA parents that would explore their views on the performance of RWA on the representations and undertakings set out in the Education Project and S240 Application. This idea was generally accepted by the members as a starting point to which other members suggested the addition / consideration of several other topics which were noted.

There was also an open and informative discussion with Principal Pita about the upcoming survey of students, student stress and student workloads.

Next Steps

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PPO will be a working session to start to frame up the rules / terms of reference for the new PPO and begin to work on building a plan for the parent survey proposal that can be presented to the Governing Board.

The 2nd meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 21 at 7:00pm. All RWA parents welcome.