

Parent Network Board Zoom Meeting

Sunday, October 4, 2020

9:00 a.m. PT

PNB Members in Attendance: Sheri Bernadez P'22, Tracey Breazeale P'23 P'23, Chris Campbell P'23, Marc Chiang P'21, Manoj Chitre P'18 P'21, Jane Cohen P'23, Susan Daly P'23, Teresa Gagnon P'23, Chesica Hall P'23, Nicole Heath P'22, Kim Karloff P'22, Ginny Lee P'21, Kristi Mitchell P'23, Jyoti Narula P'19 P'22, Anne Sinek P'22, Rajita Singh P'23, Jill Slansky P'23, Dan Sparks P'23, KK Streator P'18 P'21, Rick Verjee P'21

Absent: Mayra Addison P'21, Laurie Bessey P'23, Jay Bhatt P'21, Jay Cohen P'23, Jon Frank P'21, Sudhir Goel P'20 P'24, Nidhi Gupta P'22, Amy Mehlman P'21, Suharsh Mittal P'22, TJ Rathi P'19 P'21, Surojit Shome P'22, Balaji Venkatraman P'22, Suzanne Wallace P'23

Guests: Lucie Kapner '22

Staff in Attendance: Michelle Chamberlain, Susan Layden, Nick Macias-Williams, Rebecca Pelén, Evan Rutter '06, Sean Rollolazo, Jeannie Scalmanini

I. Welcome and Call to Order

- KK Streator called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes Approved at 9:05am
Ms. Streator called for an approval of the August 18, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Heath moved and Ms. Lee seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. College Updates and Impact CMC:

- Mr. Rutter reported that as numbers are still high in the county of Los Angeles, CMC does not have approval from the Board of Supervisors to reopen and bring back students. However, CMC is prepared to bring students back at any moment, if the county allows it. Currently, CMC is preparing a letter writing campaign from members of the community to show the LA County Board of Supervisors CMC's determination to provide students a safe place to learn and reminding the county of the importance of higher education. If the county moves away from the "widespread" risk level (purple) to either the "substantial" (red) or "moderate" (orange) risk level, there is a possibility that CMC is allowed to be one of the few colleges to open. It is encouraged that the members of this board write letters and send them to Evan Rutter.
- Parent volunteers are invited to attend ImpactCMC, which will take place during the month of October. Programs will focus on informing volunteers on the College's priorities, and will include a discussion on the Presidential Initiative on Anti-Racism and the Black Experience in America.

IV. Committee Updates

- *Admission:* Over twenty-five Ambassadors joined in last Admission Ambassador meeting, where committee leads covered responsibilities and tasks. This year there are fifty-three ambassadors, eight of which are parents of the Class of 2024. The top priority of the Admission Liaison Committee is to help with the yield campaign and connect with

families that have been accepted to CMC. There is great feedback coming from the incoming families, and they seem grateful for the warm welcome to the community. There is still a need for ambassadors that speak a second language.

- *Career Development:* The staff of the Soll Center for Student Opportunity has been doing an outstanding job in connecting with students during this time. The Committee intends to continue to find opportunities for students through the job shadow program and internships. One new idea is the possibility of creating coffee chats, where students could be paired up with a local CMC parents in their area. Local safety measures due to the pandemic must be considered.
- *Communications:* The fall edition of CMC Parent News received an excellent 46% open rate, which is consistent with previous editions. A \$1,500 was generated from the newsletter. The private Facebook group, Claremont McKenna College Parents and Families, was active through the summer and early fall. Many parents posted questions and their question were answered in a timely manner. The private group remains a good place to source of information for families. There has been a challenge in obtaining more volunteers for this committee. The committee recommends changing the name to Community Engagement in hopes of attracting more volunteers.
- *Nominating:* The committee has will continue to reach out to parents who are interested in being actively involved. It is the hope of the committee to add 10 to 12 new members for this next year since there is a large group of parents who will be graduating off. Ms. Breazeale is working to reach out members of the board to ask how members are enjoying their committees and will be looking to fill in holes within leadership.
- *Programs:* This committee is excited to create programming for parents and families for the fall and spring semesters. Taking into consideration the feedback the committee had from the Facebook poll, virtual programs will focus on student health and wellness, academic support, support through the Soll Center for Student Opportunity, and facilitating connection for all parents.
- *Parents Fund:* The committee is looking to add new volunteers. Kim Karloff reports that the committee will be sensitive in their solicitation because of the strain of the pandemic.

V. Student Health & Well-Being and the Self-Authorship Framework:

At the directive of President Hiram Chodosh, Susan Layden, senior associate dean of students for student success, and Sean Rollolazo, assistant dean of students for academic success, have taken a deep look into all the data that pertains to CMC students' health and wellness. The Dean of Students (DoS) office also conducted interviews with students, assembled focus groups, and collected data points that would allow them to pinpoint areas that needed attention. Through this data, DoS noted that students were concerned about their physical health, mental health, lack of sleep, and lack of connection with their peers. DoS identified three drivers that would help students have a healthy mindset and well-being: community, purpose, and play. Using these three drivers, DoS can help support students by creating resources and programs. Through workshops, the Success Consultants, collaboration with the Dean of Faculty, and the WHOOP Pilot Initiative (which gathers information about a student's wellbeing), DoS hopes to help students with their concerns. DoS and student organizations will focus on informing students about these resources through email and social media, where students are most active.

VI. Adjournment and Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 24 2021 at 9:00 a.m. PT

Ms. Streator adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.