



**Parent Network Board
Meeting Minutes**
Sunday, February 18, 2024

Attended: Allison Aldrich P'24, Tracey Breazeale P'24 P'24 P'27, Annette Brissett P'25, Lori Fujimoto P'24, Kristan Goldfein P'24, Marsi Gorman P'24, Linda Herr P'26, Dahlia Jabro P'26, Susan Kim P'25, Bobby Lee P'24, Robin Lee P'24, Kristin Merk P'24, Annette Messemer P'25, Julie Hill P'24, Marisol Rivera Thurman P'24, Cecilia Son P'25, Lauren Sundstrom P'25, Lisa Thomas P'25

Guests: Irving Thomas P'24, Steven Aldrich P'24, Patrick Holert'85 P'27, Anne Jablonski P'27, Jeff Hausman '90 P'27, Liza Hausman P'27, Danielle Eason P'27, Mika Patel P'27, Ester Oben Etah P'27, Alisa Jaffa P'26, Leta Kalfas P'26, Elena Deutsch-Glantz P'27, Terril Jones P'26

Staff: Michelle Chamberlain, Kerry Steere, Megan Fesolovich, Ava Thuresson '26, Rebecca Pelén, Jeannie Scalmanini, Evan Rutter '06, Ray Watts

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Allison Aldrich P'24 called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and welcomed everyone to Family Weekend. She asked the board and guests to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2023

Ms. Aldrich asked for the approval of the September 30 board meeting minutes.

Campus Update

Mr. Evan Rutter '06 provided an update on campus activities and from the Advancement Office. In a couple of weeks, the website will change and will streamline CMC's event registration. He reminded the board and guests that chapter events are open to all parents. The Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement has also resumed travel programs and this June, a group of parents, alumni, and students, will travel to Singapore for the third annual Worldmeet. Mr. Rutter also provided an update on the Robert Day Sciences Center, which is scheduled to open in a year and a half. The center will house the Kravis Integrated Sciences Department and will be four stories with one story underground. With the completion of the RDSC in the fall of 2025, the College will turn its attention to the Robert Campus, located on across Claremont Boulevard. This new addition to campus will provide game and practice space for several athletic teams and club sports. Mr. Rutter expects the new campus will be fully completed in 15-20 years, in time for the College's centennial.

Committee Updates

Admission: Ms. Linda Herr P'26 thanked all the Admission Liaison volunteers for welcoming ED1 families to the CMC community. The committee will next work on welcoming ED2 families in the next couple of weeks.

Careers: Ms. Lisa Thomas P'25 informed the board and guests that the committee continues to look for ways to connect students with parents and potential employers. Over the weekend they hosted "Jumpstart Your Future" where students and parents could network for an hour. The event was well attended. The committee continues to encourage parents to sign up for *Engage.CMC*, where they can continue to "offer to help" and mentor students.

Communications: Ms. Rebecca Pelén briefed the board on the upcoming newsletter, which will have articles featuring Family Weekend, the “Jumpstart Your Future” networking event, and a parent’s perspective on attending the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum.

Nominating: Ms. Tracey Breazeale P’24 P’24 P’27 welcomed the guests to their first board meeting. She informed the board that 25 parents from the Class of 2027 have become involved with committees. The committee will focus on welcoming new board members from the Class of 2026 and 2027.

Parents Fund: Ms. Lori Fujimoto P’25 welcomed two new committee members, Elena Deutsch-Glanz P’27 and Danielle Eason P’27. They spent the month of December connecting with families to encourage them to make their end of the year gift to CMC. The Parents Fund has currently raised \$335,000 with 354 families contributing. She also reminded the board members that we are looking for 100% participation with gifts of any amount.

Programs: Ms. Dahlia Jabro P’26 informed the board that this year, Family Weekend registration increased by 10%. The new additions to the Family Weekend schedule, the Collins Celebration Brunch and Lunch and Learn with the Open Academy, were well received and both sold out.

Does Parenting Matter? Unpacking the Protective Effects of Parenting with Professor Stacy Doan

The board welcomed Professor Stacey Doan, Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience and Director of the Berger Institute. During her presentation, she explained how different style of parenting affect children. In the research that she conducts with her students, she tries to answer questions like: Does culture matter when parenting children? Why are some styles of parenting more popular in some cultures but not in others? Another branch of her research tries to determine how and why different types of parenting styles create different stress levels in children and adolescents. Professor Doan ended her discussion on intergenerational transmission, where experiences of stress in a person’s family history can be passed on genetically to offspring.

Adjournment

Ms. Aldrich adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.