



PARENT ASSOCIATION AT CRIA

Policy Intent

The School recognizes the positive contribution that can be made by an active, supportive Parent Association. The Parents Association shall be an auxiliary organization of the School and shall be subject to the direction of the School Director and/or School Board of Directors.

Operating Guidelines

1. Membership in the CRIA Parents Association shall consist of all parents of students currently enrolled in CRIA.
2. The School expects that the Parents Association will organize its activities and projects to include all members of the School community. The parents are able to identify and elect parent leadership to assist the school with a variety of volunteer programs and activities. The Parent Association shall elect: President or Co-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary. Committees for specific purposes may also exist, such as Room Parent organization, Teacher Appreciation, event committees, etc.
3. The Parent Association does not exist to serve as a policy advisory lobby to the School Administration or the School Board of Directors. PA leadership is not represented on the Board of Directors.
4. The focus of activities is to organize events and projects that seek to provide School members the opportunity to contribute to the general welfare of the school, to be oriented into the culture of the School, and to promote a positive sense of School community.
5. The Parent Association does not exist to have School personnel do the work. Instead it is expected that parents will provide the major share of leadership and organization time and the parent volunteers necessary to carry forward the the majority of the work assignment.
6. The Parent Association leaders will meet monthly with the School Director, or other designee, in order to stay informed of and to support each other's efforts.

7. All projects shall be self-funded through the Parent Association. The School shall not be encumbered by running costs or additional funding for desired PA projects, unless pre-approved by the School Director. The Parent Association will work in tandem with the School Administration to identify specific areas of need for funding.
8. All general communications to the Parent Body at large shall pass through the School Director first and will be sent to the Parent Body through the Director's office.
9. All funds raised by the PA shall be used for the support of the School or for the operational expenses of the Parent Association; the net earnings of the PA shall not inure directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of any individual member.
10. By May 15 of each year, the Parent Association will submit to the School Director a financial report of all funds raised and expended, a summary of events and activities sponsored by the PA, and a summary of successes and challenges.