

# WISPA General Meeting

May 25, 2021

# WISPA Initiatives: 2020-21 Year In Review

**October:** Promoted Parent (distanced) Socials organized by class parents

**November:**

- Teacher Lunches catered for both Primary and Tregaron
  - “Thank you so much for providing lunch for us ... As a new teacher in the WIS community, I feel so fortunate at the appreciation regularly demonstrated by parents and students -- it's really quite rare, and I've not experienced such gestures in other places.”
- WISPA send postcards Welcoming New Families
- Thank You Note Campaign to Show Teacher Appreciation at Thanksgiving



**December:**

- International Virtual Concert with Artists performing LIVE around the world
- Holiday Gift Baskets and Lunch for all Teachers and Staff at Primary & Tregaron



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**March:** WISPA purchased WIS-branded masks for all students with the message “our WIS community enriched by differences” in English, Spanish and French



**April:** Teacher Lunches catered for both Primary and Tregaron



**May:** WISPA \$15,000 contribution to Financial Aid Auction

*Gather in the Garden*

# Meet the Candidates for WISPA Board 2021-22

(\*Candidates' bios will be circulated again in email for voting on June 8)

For Co-President : Tanjala Haithcock

For Co-Vice Presidents: Eric Brown & Maggie Marcus

For Treasurer: Rachel Lerman

For Secretary: Rachel Howe

For US Representative: Jimmy Gushner

For MS Representative: Lisa Bodager

For PS Representatives: Patricia Garffer & Adolfo Argüello Vives

# WISPA Support of School IDI Initiatives

- WISPA Co-Vice President Angela Mendoza has participated throughout the year in IDI Parent Group, as well as WISPA holding meeting as separate IDI group
- WISPA's welcome message on WIS website will reflect WISPA's commitment to IDI initiatives (by adding language shown below in blue)

Welcome to the WIS Parents Association—WISPA. Every WIS father, mother and guardian is a member of WISPA. WIS cannot do all that it is doing for its students without the help of parents. WISPA aims to promote communication among parents and between parents and the school, to enhance the educational experience of our children and to strengthen the school community. WISPA also supports WIS's goals with respect to international-mindedness, diversity, and inclusion (IDI), and actively seeks parent volunteers who will advance IDI activities and who will assist in implementing IDI-focused programming.

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- In addition, the WISPA Board proposes adding the following BOLDED language to the current language in Article Five regarding the WISPA President's role under the WISPA Constitution:

The President shall be the spokesperson for WISPA, shall convene and preside at the WISPA meetings and shall be responsible for overseeing the coordination of WISPA activities with WIS. **The President shall serve as WISPA's representative when invited to any school International-mindedness, Diversity, and Inclusion (IDI) committee or initiative, or designate another WISPA Board member or other WISPA member to fulfill that function.** The President shall also be available to serve as a member ex officio of the Board of Trustees at the invitation of the President of the Board of Trustees. The President shall be the person who was Vice President the year before. If the previous year's Vice President is unable or unwilling to serve as President, then a new President shall be elected at the general election.

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- With clarification made (addition of “when invited”) that WISPA representative will attend those meetings to which it is invited, and not, for example, student IDI groups.
- Need approval of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of parents at this general meeting to amend constitution, so please vote Yes/No in the poll appearing now in the chat.

## Looking Forward to 2021-22

- Once tomorrow's *Forward at WIS* announcement provides guidelines on what events may be possible, WISPA Board looks forward to planning events to gather as community and especially meet more of the families who were new to WIS this year but did not have much chance to connect with other parents.
- WISPA's budget will be prepared and presented to parents once we know what events will happen in 2021-22.



Thank you to the entire parent community for its resilience over this this year, for continuing to make WIS an even better place, and for making teachers and staff feel appreciated.

And thank you to all our class parents  
and division coordinators who have  
kept parents connected this year.

From the current WISPA Board:

**Co-Presidents:** Jimmy Gusher & Yamrot Ezineh

**Co-Vice Presidents:** Angela Mendoza & Sandra Barreto

**Treasurer:** Patricia Garffer

**Co-Secretaries:** Carolyn Simpkins & Rachel Lerman

**US Representative:** Luisa Caro

**MS Representative:** Josephine Escalante

**PS Representative:** Lisa Bodager

Thank you and see you in September!