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Dear Parents

REPORT BACK ON THE SPECIAL GUILD MEETING

On behalf of the Board we are very grateful for the time taken to attend the meeting on Wednesday. It was our task to listen to what you the parents had to say about the role of the Guild and we certainly were given much to think about. There were positives raised regarding the energy and enthusiasm of parents and a willingness to get involved. There was a very positive sentiment expressed that the Guild should continue and that it would be supported.

Challenges

It was most important that, as a school, we heard and noted the challenges expressed. The pressure of delivering high expectations, where the role of Guild Committee members can be overwhelming was expressed. Perceptions of elitism were mentioned and the fact that the name is not well understood. There were suggestions that roles be looked at differently, so that people skills are considered and used more effectively.

Communication was raised as an important item for our attention as a school. It was widely acknowledged that the Blah is an incredible resource, but it was also suggested that it is a large document in which to find important information. Perhaps separating key information into a succinct news page would help so that nothing is lost, but that users would be able to access information in a way which suits them better. It was suggested that work be started on a whole school communication strategy.

Transparency

It also became clear that more direct reporting about the work of the Guild and the Board would do much to allow for greater understanding of the school by parents. This was discussed last night at the Board meeting, and it was well received by the Board.

Thank you!

We are very grateful to all those who chose to attend and support the school through sharing ideas or simply listening to the issues. The Board and management of the school is committed to working on what was offered by the meeting in an attempt to improve not only how the Guild operates, but also, the school as a whole.

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Headmaster

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Chairman of the Board of Governors