

Portland Waldorf High School (PWHS) Parent Council

Purpose:

As representatives of the parent body, the PWHS Parent Council's mission is to build community within the high school, strengthen the social bond within the greater school community, facilitate communication, support the work of the Faculty and Administrative bodies, support students, and support parent education.

In order to achieve our purpose, we strive to:

Build community and strengthen social bonds

- Host new parent gatherings
- Host parent socials to coincide with school dances
- Facilitate family-led social activities within each grade
- Participate in school festivals
 - Partner with Student Council to provide two HS-led activities per festival
- Coordinate volunteers for workshops, festivals, and other community-building activities

Facilitate communication

- Ensure that Parent Council communication is unified and consistent to all bodies of the school: administration, faculty and college, board of trustees, and parent community
- Sense and reflect the voice of the parent body to the administration
- Disseminate information from the school to parents

Support the work of the Faculty and Administrative bodies

- Support student and faculty initiatives by providing volunteers and mentors for senior projects, interviews, etc.
- Coordinate volunteers for outreach events
- Supporting fundraising work
- Provide feedback on faculty and college ideas, visioning, and communications
- Provide weekly faculty snack
- Coordinate end-of-year faculty gifting

Support the Student body

- Provide volunteers and parent advising for clubs (e.g. yearbook, speech & debate, etc.)
- Provide opportunities for students to apprentice at major school planned events (e.g. annual auction, fundraisers, etc.)
- Assist in coordinating senior legacy projects (e.g. scholarship fund, art installations, etc.)
- Support the transition of students “beyond school” with mentoring, internship opportunities, college counseling, alumni work, and ESL inclusion
- Field annual Student Well-Being Survey

Coordinate educational events for parents

- Support Back to School night
- Provide yearly events such as: Why Waldorf High School educational night, Pathways to College, Book of the Month study club, and an Anthroposophy Study Group

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