

General Assembly Minutes

Tuesday, September 24th, 2024

Location - School Gymnasium 6:00 p.m.

30 people were in attendance.

Mrs. Sammarco welcomed and thanked parents for attending.

Mrs. Sammarco introduced our commissioner Mr. Mercuri. Mr. Mercuri spoke to the parents, explaining the importance of being a part of the school community.

Mrs. Sammarco provided an explanation of what is a Governing Board. The Governing Board is a committee made up of parents, teachers, support staff and administration. Their responsibility is to make decisions that are in the best interest and for the well-being of the entire school body.

Mrs. Sammarco introduced Ms. Stellana Romeo, Governing Board Chair from last year. Ms. Romeo explained how important it is for a Governing Board to work as a team and for the well being of the entire student body.

Mrs. Sammarco introduced the 11 candidates running for the 5 positions available.

- Explanation that there are 5 positions for governing board this year: each with a two-year mandate plus an alternate.
- All candidates introduced themselves and explained why they would like to be a member of the governing board:
 - 1) Vanessa Giancioppi
 - 2) Felicia Bondi
 - 3) Maria Pensato
 - 4) Rosemary Greco
 - 5) Tina Spiridigliozzi
 - 6) Maria Loria
 - 7) Francesca Santone
 - 8) Giovanna Lancellotta
 - 9) Kurt Blagden
 - 10) Angela Di Sei
 - 11) Jason Fiumidinisi

The following individual had put their names forward however did not attend and therefore was removed off the ballot form:

- Sonia Nizza

Votes were taken via secret ballot and tallied and the following individuals were acclaimed:

- 1) Vanessa Giancioppi
- 2) Tina Spiridigliozi
- 3) Maria Loria
- 4) Giovanna Lancellotta

There was a revote for the 5th position, as there was a tie. New ballots were distributed. The parents were asked to cast their vote for either:

Francesca Santone

Kurt Blagden

The 5th position was filled by Kurt Blagden.

Alternate governing board member:

- Francesca Santone

All Governing Board members who are serving their second year term then joined the newly elected members and introduced themselves at the general assembly.

Maria Pensato and Felicia Biondi, together with Mrs. Sammarco explained the role of the parent representative

- Jennifer Brisebois volunteered to be the Parent Delegate.
- Kurt Blagden volunteered as the alternate
- All were unanimously in favor

During the tally of the Governing Board Members Vote

Mrs. Sammarco explained what a PPO and Home & School are and provided an explanation about the difference between the two organizations.

- Melissa Fasulo- Home and School President – Introduced herself. She explained Home & School and their role. She also explained how funds collected are allocated to student-centered activities. Ex: Halloween, Fun day. She explained that there is a yearly fee for being a voting member and that they are a non-profit organization that works in tandem with the school. In addition, an explanation was given in regard to the fact that all volunteers must pass a police check in order to volunteer at the school.

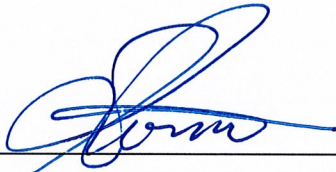
Votes were taken via secret ballot and tallied for the following question:

Do we form a PPO or Home & School Association at LDVA for the 2023-24 school year?

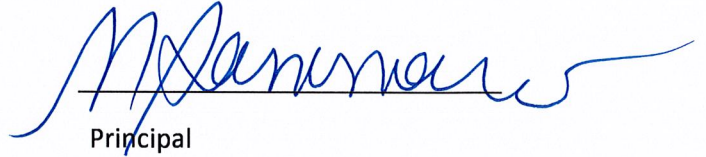
- PPO- 0 vote
- Home and School – 27 votes
- 3 parents left prior to this vote.

For the 2024-2025 school year LDVA will continue to have a Home and School Association

General Assembly ended at 6:48pm and all elected members settled for the first governing board meeting to begin.



Chairperson



Principal