

# SAN FRANCISCO WALDORF HIGH SCHOOL

## San Francisco Waldorf High School Parent Council

Welcome to the Parent Council! All parents and guardians of enrolled students automatically become members of our Parent Council.

The purpose and mission of the Parent Council is:

- to build a parent-to-parent support network
- to encourage and facilitate communication between parents and faculty/administration of the school
- to provide opportunities for parent education

The Parent Council Steering Committee (PCSC) is made up of at least two parents from each grade level. The committee holds monthly evening meetings, which are open to all parents. The PCSC also meets monthly with the heads of administration to strengthen communication and support the school community, faculty and parents.

To further our mission of parent-to-parent support, Parent Council provides \$250 to each class to host a parent-only social evening. Our intention is to encourage classes to have a social event to build community, while also encouraging parents to address any topic that is of interest to the class. In past years, parents have met to discuss the Guidelines Concerning Social Events outside of school, which were developed by parents here at the high school. These guidelines address how parents can help guide students through these formative years by providing a framework and setting consistent expectations for them.

Because discussing boundaries and consistency with our teens isn't always easy, Parent Council will provide additional funds, up to \$250 per class, if the class would like to hire a facilitator to facilitate a discussion of any parenting topic of interest to the parents in the class. This could be at the first social event or could be a separate event at another time during the year. Often classes will organize a potluck at a home or business space. Please let us know if you are willing to host a gathering for the parents in your class!

Additionally, the PC sponsors an appreciation event each year to honor our faculty and staff, assists with the welcome barbecue, promotes Spring Night (SFWS all-school major fundraising event) and supports other parent groups within SFWS, such as the Multicultural Council and the Grade School Parent Guild. There are many ways to get involved so let us know about your interests, and we look forward to working together toward our shared goals.

Please feel free to contact us at [parentcouncil@sfwaldorf.org](mailto:parentcouncil@sfwaldorf.org).

Warmly,

Jen Wallace (mother of Garrett Price/ Class of 2017, Lulu Price/10th and Tuesday and Clementine Wallace/Kindergarten) Chair, Parent Council Steering Committee