

# Room Parent Meeting 2

February 7, 2024



# Agenda

1. Re enrollment
2. Parent Committees
3. Fundraising
4. Fundays
5. Gala
6. Pediatric Psychology Associate Counselors at EFAM
7. Construction updates
8. Upcoming events
9. Q & A / *Questions des parents*

# 1. Re-enrollment (SD)

- Started on February 2nd
- Ends on February 20th
- 24-25 school calendar

## 2. Parent Committees

- Great turnout, thank you to all of the volunteers!
- Holidays around the world = a very successful enriching event that is planned again for next year
- Sustainability committee= very successful meeting with a few projects in the works already underway (recycling at the North campus, activities with the school community outside of school)
- Still to come: Alumni, Women's History Month, Gala, Asian Heritage Month
- **We need volunteers for the Gala committee**

# 3. Fundraising

February 2024

	2022-2023 Goal	2022-2023 Raised	2023-2024 Goal	2023-2024 Raised
Annual Fund	\$60 000	<b>\$44 000</b>	\$60 000	<b>\$18 090</b> (Dec. 2023)
Building Fund	\$30 000	<b>\$21 000</b>	\$30 000	/

Annual Fund Supports:	Building Fund Supports:
<p data-bbox="321 678 999 805">Short-term building enhancements = new gate at 651, new fence in the works at the South campus</p> <p data-bbox="321 857 747 894">Professional development</p> <p data-bbox="321 946 737 984">Supporting best practices</p> <p data-bbox="321 1036 1020 1117">Cultural content (materials from France, in school interventions, author conferences...)</p>	<p data-bbox="1073 678 1373 716">New construction:</p> <ul data-bbox="1108 724 1724 850" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1108 724 1724 764">- New spaces at the North Campus</li><li data-bbox="1108 769 1724 810">- New spaces at the South Campus</li><li data-bbox="1108 815 1524 850">- Little Havana campus</li></ul>

## 4. Fundays

- Room parent support needed for: daily communication & volunteers for activities
- Some of the activities we have planned include: Pottery workshop - dance workshop - sports day - short film festival (popcorn) - lemonade stands - ice cream cart
- Lemonade stands= we will need volunteers to help the students make the lemonade in class; we will need to borrow supplies (citrus presses, citrus juicers, cutting boards, small knives); lemonade will be prepared by older classes (TBD).
- **Fundraising goal per child= around \$100- 150**

## 5. Gala

- Saturday, April 27th @ Cocoplum Woman's Center
- "Guinguette" theme
- Sponsors needed: underwriting entertainment, flowers, tables
- Donations needed: wine and liquor, prizes for silent auction



## 6. PPA Counselors at EFAM

- Started on both campuses
- Great tool for the teachers to better support our students' needs
- Counselors host discussions on subjects selected by the teachers, in accordance with their students' needs
- The counselors are also available to advise the teachers - specific activities or accommodations they can implement in their classrooms

# 7. Construction Updates

## NORTH CAMPUS

- A. Neighboring construction - on hold for now; Miami-Dade County inspectors visited the site, there's nothing they can do; **update: EFAM put up green privacy screen around construction site; city filled the trenches with asphalt.**
- B. EFAM construction - estimated at around \$ 250 000
  - Fence to replace the 650 wall; **updates: survey obtained, we are waiting for permits**
  - Playground extension
  - Renovation of Biscayne offices = multipurpose room for students, library, storage, office space, food storage area
  - Next steps: survey to be conducted on February 9 and February 12 - plans by architect - permits

## **SOUTH CAMPUS**

- A. Church - 40-year recertification
- B. All other construction on hold for now (40-year recertification)

## **LITTLE HAVANA**

Plans in review with AEFE committee and architects & 40-year recertification

## 8. Upcoming Events

- February 16th: math training for all teachers by Gwennaël PETILLAT - Conseiller Pédagogique auprès de l'Inspecteur de l'Éducation Nationale
- February 21st: active shooter training for all staff
- February 24th: Kermesse organized by the Parents Club
- February 23rd: café des parents at the South campus (**update - Mr.Bouabdallah, Cultural Counselor at the French Embassy was in attendance**)
- February 26th: café des parents at the North campus
- March 4th - 8th: SATs in 4th and 5th grades
- March 13th: Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- May 6th - 10th: Camp ; enrollment to be sent to the parents in March

## 9. Q & A

**Parent** - Are the Parents' Club fundraisers linked to the school's fundraisers? **EFAM** - They are not. **CDP** The Club raises money to fund their various community events (kermesse, movie night) and to provide the little extras that enhance the children's school experience (*galette des rois, Santa's visit*). They also allocate part of their funds to meet specific needs of the school (ex- new playground equipment, parent workshop by PPA). We are in constant communication with the school. **EFAM** - The Club is a fundamental part in creating the sense of community at EFAM.

**Parent** - Some parents, especially French parents, don't understand this culture of fundraising. I suggest you communicate more. **EFAM** - This is now mentioned in all the interviews with prospective families.

**Parent**- So if you do not meet the annual fund goal, the school won't provide the professional development (and other things mentioned in the list)? I believe that this should be covered by the tuition as they are necessary. **EFAM** - The annual fund's priority is construction. Other items, like professional development are provided no matter the funds raised. The goal is modest and does not aim to cover the entirety of these expenses, the goal is to have sufficient funds to be able to provide for the school's needs as they arise, without having to forego certain expenses that exceed our budget. The cost of construction far outweighs the cost of author visits and professional development.

**Parent** - When will the 650 North campus playground wall be fixed ? **EFAM** - We are working on it.

Replacing the wall will be included in the 650 playground and building on Biscayne restoration. It will be included in the survey and architectural plans. Survey is scheduled this week. **Update - survey was done end of February**

**Parent** - How much does the school raise on No Uniform Days? Is it not best to just increase the tuition?

**EFAM** - Between \$1000 to \$3000 per event. **Parent** - Some parents think that the communication regarding the No Uniform Days connecting a donation in order to not wear the uniform is not adequate and should be worded differently. **EFAM** - No Uniform Day is a fundraiser and the objective is to get as many donations as possible. It is also a fun day for the children that has existed since the creation of EFAM. EFAM accepts all children at school without a uniform even if the parents have not made a donation. We will review the email.

**Parent**- Is the 651 playground fence permanent? **EFAM** - No, it is temporary during the neighboring construction. The fence will remain there to protect the playground until the construction is completed.

**Parent** - Will the permanent fence be at the same location? **EFAM** - The permanent fence will be closer to the wall separating the neighboring construction.

**Parent** - Does EFAM plan to accept the Florida vouchers for the coming school year? **EFAM** - No, as of now EFAM does not plan to accept the vouchers in the future.

**Parent** - When is the deadline for donations for the gala? **EFAM - Update - donations accepted until mid-April** **Parent** - Is the wine & liquor for the prizes for the gala? **EFAM** - It will mainly be to serve at the gala. We will also need some as prizes. **Parent** - Is the gala organized by the Parents' Club? **EFAM** - No, it is a school initiative: the Wine & Cheese is hosted by the Club, the Gala is hosted by the school.

**Parent** - How many volunteers do you need for the Gala committee? **EFAM** - There is no maximum number, we really need help.

Thank you parents for your participation and support!