

Discussion on creating an Advisory Board for the Parents' Association

At the Parents' Association meeting held on August 13, 2005, discussion was held on whether to add an Advisory Board to the Parents' Association. It was decided to post the pros and cons of this change on line. Parents could then come to the October 29, 2005 meeting and voice their opinion on this subject. This change requires two readings at regularly-scheduled meetings to take effect.

Pros

1. Having designated members allows easier advanced planning by the University staff.
2. Clearly-specified roles & responsibilities for those members could help reduce confusion when passing information and performing tasks. Additional volunteers can still be added as required but the core group at least will be aware of the requirements.
3. More formal declaration of commitment by volunteers for various activities simplifies planning.

Cons

1. Burden may be heavier on any given volunteer. It would be up to them to canvass other parents for help if required.
2. More formal declaration of time commitment is required.
3. Will non-board members be less inclined to volunteer - knowing that the core members are there to pick up the slack?