Parents Council Fall Meeting  
Admission Committee Minutes  
October 11, 2014

**Attendees:** Bonnie Bogert P’17, Teresa Chiarelli P’16, Anne Cowles P’16, Patricia Floren P’17, Karen Friedman P’16, Michael and Karen Jennings P’17, Alexandra Liebster P’18, Patti Lochner P’13, P’14, Marjorie and John MacLeod P’18, Jane Perlee P’18, Dee Pomereneke P’17, Emmett Raitt P’15, Ellen Roth P’18, Joanell Serra P’18, Harminder Sikand P’16, John Stiehler P’18, Laurie Weston P’18, James Miller, Director of Admission

1. **Year End Review - 2013-2014**
   a. Increased Parent Participation at Admission Events
      - Parents attended Fall and Spring admission programs as well as the on-campus admitted student day events in April.
   b. 12 Summer Welcome Gatherings to welcome Class of 2018
      - Students and families continue to highlight the significance of these events. We look forward to continuing conversations this winter and spring about the possibility for smaller scale gatherings in geographic areas with a smaller enrolling population.
   c. Welcome Phone Calls to over 600 incoming families
      - Thank you for your efforts reaching out to new families! For the second year in a row, Parents Council members have contacted the parents of every incoming Puget Sound student. This has a real impact on our ability to keep students and families engaged and excited about Puget Sound over the summer, prior to arriving on campus.
      - We know there is a desire to contact more families from your area. Given the geographic distribution of Parents Council volunteers and incoming students, it is more than likely you will have some calls for families outside your area. We will do our best to give you at least one or two families from your area to contact. Thank you for understanding!

2. **Scope of Work & Goals for 2014-2015**
   a. Continued Attendance at Admission Events
      - We will be asking parents to assist with admitted student receptions, on and off campus, during March and April.
      - See attachment “Admission Cycle Parent Involvement 2014” for more specifics.
b. Summer Welcome Gatherings
   • Dates to be determined by early 2015
   • SWGs typically take place in between late June and mid-August

c. Welcome Phone Calls – Increase Volunteer Participation
   • Sign-ups for the Welcome Phone Calls will become available by the Spring Parents Council meeting.
   • Calling typically takes place from early June through mid-July.

d. Enhance ‘Ask a Parent’ representation
   • Interested in participating with the Ask a Parent program? Sign up online to be listed on the Ask a Parent website as someone who is willing to be contacted by parents of prospective or admitted students.

3. Attachments
   a. 2014 Alumni and Parent Roles.pdf
      • This is designed to give a better overview of how parents and alumni support the Office of Admission through the recruitment cycle.
      • Parents are in roles where they can speak to their experience as parents
      • Alumni are in roles where they can speak to their experience as students / alumni.

      • This is a general overview of the ways parents are involved throughout the admission process.

4. What’s Next
   a. Stay tuned for information about our winter conference call sometime in early December.