

## **Latin Parent Association Meeting**

December 14, 2016

Crawford Hall, 635 Edgewood St NE

Approximately 25 adults attended.

Marie Alexander moderates the meeting. Audience members introduce themselves.

Peter Anderson gives a presentation on Latin's commitment to diversity, similar to the presentation given the previous month. A diverse community is not the only goal at Latin. We seek an integrated school where "unity in diversity" is valued.

Question about how aware students are about Latin's diversity agenda. Responses from Peter and Diana Smith indicate students are not fully aware of it. Making consciousness of race and ethnicity can increase sensitivities in positive and negative ways. Diana also notes that Latin's language and study-abroad programs are important to the diversity agenda.

Question about political issues in light of the recent presidential election. Peter notes that politics is an issue for discussion in all grades, and gets expanded more in the upper grades, where students consider things like walk outs.

Brief discussion of transportation. Most parents present drive students from Ward 5 locations.

Suggestion made to do bulk purchase of school supplies.

Question raised about when information about the PA budget is shared. Parents are invited to EC meetings, where there is a treasurer's report, as well as PA meetings, it is noted.

Jennifer Thorpe-Lewis shares that a group of parents is developing a study group on racial disparities in educational outcomes. All are welcome to join this group.

The next PA Executive Committee meeting is January 4, and the next PA general meeting is February 17.