



SUCCESSFUL PARENT ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP: Strategies for Success and Sustainability

WHEN: Thursday, January 23, 2025 9:00 am – 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Virtual via Zoom

AUDIENCE: Parent association leaders and members, school heads, trustees, senior administrators

Cost:

- 1) Free for schools that have signed up for the ACIS PD Series subscription
- 2) \$50 per person for non-school subscription members

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About the Workshop

Every school benefits from having a strong parent association that works in partnership with the school. Yet, we know that effective leadership is hard to sustain in any volunteer-driven organization, and this post-pandemic period has created new questions and challenges for these groups. This interactive webinar will introduce some universal principles of good practice that have successfully guided parent associations all over the country, as well as discussion of current common challenges and opportunities for PAs. Small group discussions will allow participants to make connections with parent leaders in other schools and share ideas. Some topics for discussion will include:

- Principles of good practice/organization and partnership with the administration
- Leadership succession planning
- Effective meetings and decision making
- How to harness the energy of the “new normal” as well as connect with newer families
- PA as community builder and/or fundraising vehicle
- The PA’s role in relation to the school’s policies and programs
- What do teachers and staff need/want from their PA

About the Presenters

John Suitor is starting his 12th year as Head of School at Boulder Country Day School. BCDS is John’s second headship, having spent five years as Head at Long Trail School in Dorset, Vermont. John is also the President of the ACIS Board of Directors. He believes parents play an integral role in healthy school cultures, and that parent organizations thrive when following best practice, expectations and responsibilities are clear, and there is a two-way line of communication with the organization and the Head of School.

Alan Smiley is starting his 6th year as ACIS Executive Director. He was previously the Head of School at St. Anne’s Episcopal School for 13 years. Throughout his career, Alan has worked closely with many PAs, and his role as Executive Director provides insights from other areas in the country.

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