

Parents Association

September 4, 2012

Minutes taken by Melissa Freitas and reviewed by Lisa Harvey-Mone
Meeting called to order at 7:02pm
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IMPACT**Joanna McCarthy - Director of Development**

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Presentation on Annual Fund. Joanna introduced herself and Denise Demaggio (events coordinator). Explained fundraising and development. The Annual Fund is money that can be spent right now - it is unrestricted money. 67% of families gave last year to the Annual Fund. Joanna is has some grants still pending while others have been declined. She will continue to write more grants.

School Spirit is the theme for FY'13. Focusing on corporate matching, doing the mailing earlier, having more annual fund presence at school events, 2 phone-a-thons a year and improve the donor pages on the website.

New campaign - "Foot the Floor" for a new gym floor. If you give to the floor it does NOT count as annual fund donation. Playground planning and Music Room makeover are future goals.

How to Help: Support, volunteer to photograph, volunteer at events, over expertise of fundraising, give ideas.

Question: Have you considered writing a grant to Apple for I pads?

Answer: It is under consideration

Suggestion: New campaign by Danimals for playground contest.

Joe Kay - Athletic Director

Also Level IV Teacher

Fall Season - high school boys and girls soccer will be separate teams this year. Joe will coach the boys, Heather will coach the girls. Middle school will still be Coed and coached by Donovan. Cross country will be coached by new teacher Ryan King.

Winter Season - Basketball. Joe will coach boys grades 9-12, Walter will coach boys grades 6-8, Jenn Johnson will coach girls grades 7-12 (this may be split into two teams if there is high interest).

Spring Season - track grades 6-12 boys and girls.

Intramurals are possible in the future for lower levels

Sign-ups/meetings/schedules/standings will be in the weekly update. There is a mandatory meeting for parents for all athletes. Concussions is a topic to be discussed.

Cross country meeting is Wednesday 9/5 after school. Middle school soccer is Thursday 9/6 after school.

9/11 - 5pm - concussion policy and other information meeting for parents. Mandatory.

Home games for soccer at Southfield in Weymouth.

Athletic fees have increased from \$60 to \$75 per sport.

INFORMATION**Chair Announcements**

Will go around and have everyone introduce each other.

Pause Chart - (formerly known as Parking Lot) - anything not on the agenda or not appropriate for the PA will go on the pause chart for future discussion.

Ted, K-6 Principal

Great start to school. Big thank you to Mark for all of the work on the floor. New staffing is going well.

Alicia, Executive Director

Welcome and welcome back to everyone and thank you for all of the support. Very smooth opening. Attendance is terrific and tardiness is low - big thanks to all of the parents for this.

Professional Development Days - Some 1/2 days and some full days. We are a race to the Top School implementing new curriculum standards. Information is on line on the DESE website if interested.

Big thank you to Mark for all of his hard work this summer.

2 new high school classrooms will be complete late in the fall.

Katie Aucella, Student Representative

Also on student board - high school is hoping to have a back to school dance. Students are still adjusting to the new schedule which adds FIT. New AP classes going well.

Elissa Dennis, PA Treasurer

We have money to give away. PA gets a grant from the school and we decide who to give it to. 2X a year we get requests. Deadline for the fall is 9/20/12. Task force will be formed with a rep from each level. They will decide what will get funded and the PA will vote on the package as a whole.

Grade Reports

Kindergarten - Looking for old cassette players with headphones. Please remember a change of clothes and towel for rest time.

First Grade - Globe project is coming up - volunteers will be needed. Level I open house is 9/10 at 6pm.

Grades 3 & 4 - Level II open house is 9/13 at 6pm.

Grades 5 & 6 - Support the Europe trip at the Back to school picnic by buying pizza. Edline focus group 9/10 at 3:30pm in Mac's room. Open House 9/13 at 6pm. Mac is available in her room every day from 7:30 until 8:10 for kids who may need extra help.

Grades 7 & 8 - Transition has been smooth so far. Rest is very important for Middle school students. Please make sure you remove electronics from their rooms at night and establish good homework habits. Open House 9/11 at 6pm.

High school - Sophomores need to know that MCAS "really count" this year. FIT - 3 reasons to have it: 1. Students need extra help, 2. Access to teachers, 3. Lab time. FIT will be by teacher recommendations as well as student requests. Some options are SAT prep, College Essay support, Conversational Spanish. Senior Parent meeting on 9/11 at 7:30pm. Parent volunteers may be needed for a back to school night - more info to follow. Junior PSAT is October 17.

Committee Reports

Arts & Music - Information night for music program will be upcoming later in the month. Chorus - 15 kids have signed up but the goal is to have 40. Boston City Singers is for students in grades 2-6. 10 weeks from 3:15-4:15. \$70 for the 10 weeks.

Community Service - goal is to reach out to communities for Volunteer Service opportunities. Information will be on the website and in the weekly update.

Fundraising - Vendor fair in Rockland on 11/10. Touch a Truck - would like to get it going again but volunteers are needed. Possible date of 5/19/13. Road Race in October - volunteers needed. Is 10/13 at 9am at Wompatuck State Park.

Health and Safety - Goal is to send out an informational email every month. Some topics will be concussion information, bike safety, backpack awareness

Volunteer - Priscilla will be logging all of the hours so be sure to sign in and out. If you do not sign out you will just be credited with 1 hour. If you do hours at home email Priscilla with your hours. Jessica will be getting the volunteers to the people who need them. Hours are logged because it is part of our charter and it help with getting grants.

Welcoming - picnic is 9/6 at 5pm. Pizza, juice, water are available for purchase.

Technology - Working on automating the auction system. May revisit the library system.

Library - now running as a group of co chairs - Bethany/Acquisitions, Sue/Volunteers, Mickey/IT, Bev/Faculty Liaison. Book fair needs a chair.

SEPAC - nightly meetings and morning meetings will happen this year. Meetings are open to the public.

Bylaws Committee - rules/guidelines for PA - haven't been updated since 2007. Need volunteers with ideas to improve the bylaws. Email Gema if interested. Hope is to have the new bylaws ready by the PA elections in the Spring.

New Business

Ed Committee and School council need volunteers. Give your name to Lisa if you are interested in serving on either committee. Nutrition/Health FIT class will be offered on Level II and III.

9:03 - meeting adjourned