

Parents Association

November 13, 2012
Meeting minutes

TAKEN BY MELISSA FREITAS & REVIEWED BY LISA HARVEY-MONE

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
October 2012 Minutes Approved

INFORMATION

Chair Announcements

SSCPS backpacks are available - can be purchased tonight for \$15 - all proceeds go to "Foot the Floor" Thursday, 11/15 - Phone-a-thon - volunteers needed Saturday, 11/17 - Open House - volunteers needed from 1-3pm. Nut Free snacks also needed 12/8 - PA selling Christmas Trees at SS Loam and Mulch. Volunteers needed

Alicia, Executive Director

Thank you to the PA for funding the "No Cell Phone" signs that were recently installed *Board of Education Update* - SSCPS put forth an amendment to increase the number of slots at our school. This was approved by the Board of Ed. Reason for the request was to expand the High School to 200 students (50 per grade). This will help to increase offering of AP and Honors classes as well as extracurricular activities. Will start expanding at the upcoming lottery - 2012 lottery will increase by 16, 2014 lottery will increase by 19, 2015 lottery will increase by 14, 2016 lottery will increase by 9 and 2017 lottery will increase by 5. After the 2017 lottery our school will have 602 students enrolled. **Brief Q & A** Q - How will we keep the current students to stay for high school? A - last year a strong number of students stayed - hopefully this will continue. Also the addition of more AP/Honors classes will keep students. Alicia also said that it is good to get new students as well. Q - What classes will be in the other building? A - as of right now only PE classes will be in the other building. This may change in the future.

Ted, K-6 Principal

Reason that the high school is doing so well is because of Angie - we would not be able to find a better principal than her. K-6 had many events recently - Grandparents Day, Literacy Night, and Math Night - all went very well. Lost and Found is going very well. It is much more organized thanks to Hope and Priscilla.

Katie Aucella, Student Representative Spirit Week is 12/3-12/7. Semi Formal Dance is 12/7. Sports Banquet will be Friday, 11/16 at 3:30.

Elissa Dennis, PA Treasurer Explanation of Grant Review Task Force. Information was distributed with the items that were requested and approved. Motion made to vote on package. Seconded. Vote. Package approved.

Grade Reports

Kindergarten - Cassandra's class to visit Carewell to put on a show.

Level I - Volunteers needed for First Grade Globe Project

Level II - New Projects will be starting after the Thanksgiving Break. The 4th grade is having a feast to celebrate different heritages on 11/20. Info was in the weekly homework packet. EoM information will be coming home soon. New FIT schedules started last week. Roman Plays are December 20th. Volunteers needed from 11/20-12/20 on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help rehearse. Contact Krista if interested.

Level III - Starting to crack down on work. No Frog Pond field trip this year - too dangerous. November 20th - anger management day - there will be a poster contest.

Level IV - Report cards went home on Friday. They should be signed by a parent and returned to the pod teacher. Also, although

teachers have always been available after school, we have a schedule now if a student wants to stay with a particular teacher:
Monday: Elyse and Jody Tuesday: no afterschool help due to staff meetings Wednesday: Haley and Walter Thursday: Joe, Ellen and Emily Lennie is available most days.

High School - PSAT scores for grade 10 & 11 should be available within the first 2 weeks of December. Any parent who would like learn about the high school is welcome to come to The 8th Grade Parent Night, 11/14 from 6:00-7:00. Cynthia is looking for an old couch in dull tones in not so great condition. contact cchapman@sscps.org

Committee Reports

Arts & Music - Chorus is going well - hope to do another session in the Spring. Music lessons are going well also.

Bylaws - All current PA officials have been canvassed for their input on changes to the Bylaws. Very few have responded, which is disappointing, but not unexpected. Thanks to those who have sent their suggestions. An item in tomorrow's update will open the discussion to input from the entire parent body. The deadline is Sunday December 2. After that the Committee will meet if necessary to resolve any issues with conflicting suggestions, and then each person will rewrite a section of the document. Gema will pull everything together into one coherent (hopefully!) document which will be presented for discussion at the January PA meeting. Any edits agreed upon will be made and the final document will be put to an up-or-down vote at the February meeting.

Community Service - Community service Chair loves when SSCPS families let her know about community service opportunities. Kevin and Madison McGuinness volunteer monthly at the Cradles to Crayons Giving Factory and are running a Winter clothing drive at SSCPS. There will be a collection box in the front lobby. Shannon Daly is collecting slightly used books for children ages 2-14 whose parents are students at the Adult Learning Center in Brockton. The collection box is located outside of Donovan's Room in Level III.

Fundraising - \$715.87 raised at the Vendor Fair. There were not a ton of customers due to lack of advertisement. Auction will be Friday April 5th - same location as last year (American Elm). Volunteers needed. Touch a Truck will be Sunday May 17. Ja-net Daley and Iris Mahegan are organizing. Golf tournament will be in June - date TBD.

Volunteer - list of completed CORI's and confidentiality forms were given to teachers by Pam. Up to teachers to verify if volunteers have completed all requirements. Craft Day for Levels I, II and III is coming up. Auction Items are needed from each class. Email any hours done at home to Priscilla Kelly.

Library - Book fair was held last week. Over \$3200 in sales, which is a thousand dollars above last year's total. Will be taking profits as 15% book credit and 10% cash which will be used for magazine subscriptions, bookshelves and other library supplies. New offering this year was gift certificates. The books will be delivered Friday, 11/16. Holiday holds will be at the front desk. Many thanks to parents Sue Duchaney, Lisa Bumbalo, Kathy McDonald, Iris Mahegan, Beth Farmer, Kathy Tan, Susie Guthro, Ker-ry Benjamin, Caitriona Hallowed, Theona Ryder and Priscilla Kelly for ongoing assistance. Please be sure to visit Storybook Cove in Norwell and support this local independent bookstore.

SEPAAC - Only the officers attended the last meeting - hopefully this means that everyone is doing well. Some families are having issues with communications within the school. They have been directed to the correct person. Next meeting is the evening of 1/11 at SSCPS. New Members welcome.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:56 (WOOHOO)