

# Parents Association

December 1, 2012

*Meeting called to order at 8:07am*

November 2012 Minutes Approved

## IMPACT

### **Angie Pepin, High School Principal "Bullying and Cyberbullying: Statistics, Prevention and Intervention"**

Angie has been trained by MARC out of Bridgewater State University. She gave an in depth presentation on bullying and cyberbullying. *Powerpoint (saved as a .pdf) is attached.*

## INFORMATION

**Chair Announcements:** SSCPS backpacks are still available for purchase for \$15.

**PA Treasurer:** Disbursements are being made. Parents suggest that we encourage more high school teachers to make requests in the spring.

### **Grade Reports**

**Level I** - Second graders just finished their unit on Ancient Asia in Curriculum Project. Each project class made "artifacts" for a classroom museum. They included statues of different gods they learned about, maps, pictures, hand made books, a model of the Great Wall of China and lanterns and dragons for Chinese New Year. Amy's pod finished their fall trips to Holly Hill Farm. Just before Thanksgiving, the students harvested the food that they had been planting throughout the fall. They cleaned and chopped all of the food and made flatbread pizzas in the mud oven there. They collected seaweed at the Glades which they then put on the garden beds in order to restore nutrients to the soil throughout the winter.

**Level III** - Helmets needed for a field trip in early December to the Frog Pond in Boston. Looking for either donations of helmets or lending of them. If lending, please put your name in the helmet. 12/20 - movie day - snacks needed. 12/21 - craft day - donations of breakfast items needed for buffet.

**Level IV** - Healthy You Project is running a Can Drive. Warnings will be mailed on December 7. 8th grade went to Best Chevrolet to "buy a car". Math and History Portfolio pieces due before Christmas.

**High School** - Freshmen will have a seminar on Depression. Semi is December 7th. There have been a couple of cases of lice in the high school. Juniors - National Honor Society inductions will be December 4th. 14 students are being inducted.

### **Committee Reports**

**Arts & Music** - Chorus approaching the end of the session. 35 students will perform at the Concert in December with the Chorus.

**Community Service** - The Community Service Committee will be focusing on community service projects within the school community and highlighting those students and/or families. Please forward what you and your student are doing. We want to hear about your projects and support you in whatever way we can. If you are struggling up with ideas check out the list of organizations on our school web site which are a great source for volunteering you and your

student's time. Some organizations want older student's high school age and this is noted on the web site next to the organization's name. With the holidays up on us giving to those less fortunate can be a wonderful project and also teach our students about the act of giving. Food drives, toy drives, adopting a family for the holidays, sending holiday cards to those in the military can be projects that the entire school community can participate in. If you have an idea of a project such as this, contact Beth and she will help you get started.

**Fundraising** - Zumbathon had 17 participants to help raise money for the gym floor. Movie night which ran at the same time went well also. Many high school students came to see Jaws and kids of the Zumbathon participants came for Nemo.

Holiday Tree Sale Fundraiser needs volunteers. 12/8/12 - 11-7. South Shore Landscape. SSCPS gets \$5 for every tree sold and 5% of all other items sold. Please spread the word to your family and friends.

Rockland-Hanson Rotary has chosen SSCPS as a partner in their Community Raffle again this year. SSCPS receives 70% of all ticket sales sold by SSCPS. Each ticket is \$5 or 5 for \$20. Win a trip to Disney, \$2000 cash, a trip to the White Mountains or a Kindle. Drawing takes place 1/27/12. If you can help with sales at local stores and events or if you would like to purchase tickets, contact Denise Demaggio at 617-653-8246 or [ddemaggio@sscps.org](mailto:ddemaggio@sscps.org)

4/5/13 - Annual Auction. Help is welcome and needed. Contact Denise for more information. All classes will be making artwork for the auction. Time and materials are needed. Check with your Pod Parent and teacher to help.

5/19/12 - Touch a Truck - Abington Library/Town Hall. Iris Mahegan and Janet Daley are organizing. Contact them for more information or to volunteer.

6/7/13 - Golf Tournament - Indian Pond Country Club. A committee is needed. Contact Denise Demaggio to be on committee.

**Library** - \$3284.16 in sales at the book fair. We receive \$490 in book credit and \$326 in cash. The book credit will be used for mostly non-fiction books and the cash will be used for magazine subscriptions. Moving teen books to upper shelves to make room for books for the younger students. Library will be open on Wednesdays before school for all students (this was done at the request of Level III). Hours are 7:30-8:15.

**Bylaws** - 12/2 is the deadline for suggestions/ideas and comments. A couple of people have come forward to help with writing. Will rewrite and discuss and then present at the January Meetings to discuss with the PA and make any changes. Vote will be taken at the February meeting to approve any changes to the Bylaws.

## **INQUIRY**

### **New Business**

Emails to the Chair of the PA with concern regarding Edline not being update on a timely basis. Other parents weighed in with opinions on content. Some parents agree that Edline is not updated enough while others think it is fine. Angie said that the expectations at the High School Level is that teachers update it 2 times a month. She would rather teachers spend their time developing excellent lessons instead of posting on Edline.

***Meeting Adjourned at 10:05am***

Minutes taken by Melissa Freitas and reviewed by Lisa Harvey-Mone