

South Shore Charter Public School
Parents Association
Sept 2, 2008

Minutes taken by Donna Walsh

Call to order 7:07pm

June meeting minutes approved.

Announcements

- * Next PA meeting Tues. Oct 7th 7-9pm
- * Future meetings may possible be held outside school
- * School picnic Thurs. Sept. 4th 5-7pm, bring your dinner, blanket and if possible an appetizer or dessert to share (NO NUTS)
- * Next fundraising summit Sat. Sept 20th 9:30am, Jo Loughnane's

School Report

Prue Goodale

- * The first PA meeting of the year was a great turnout
- * Geri Calos our new Development Associate introduced
- * Party for Dr. G will be held Sept. 23rd 5-9pm at the Red Parrot in Hull. All are welcome to attend, invitations will be mailed out
- * Working with area businesses to increase parking spaces
- * New computers are in the classrooms
- * MAC computers are in Music and Art
- * Library has moved to its new location, volunteers are needed to staff
- * Dedicated teachers are working weekends and after school hours, this shows what great teachers we have
- * Communication is vital; inform administrative staff with any problems good or bad, we need to hear from you
- * SSCPS's new logo is complete; web site is not quite ready

Board of Trustees

Bob Gass

- * Charter schools are subject to all Mass General laws regarding public schools
- * District assessments amount to 90% of our operating budget. Fundraising \$\$ is for extras and capital needs
- * Our goal is to deliver quality education
- * We were established to give parents a choice in their child's education
- * Charter Schools have a Board of Trustees not a School Committee
- * SSCPS is one of the first established Charter Schools in the area
- * We are 1 of 12 charters that have K-12
- * Board of Trustees have 18 members including, a parent rep, student, teacher rep
- * Trustees have term limits, not to exceed 9 years
- * Teachers salaries are approximately 15% below average teacher's salary
- * Responsibilities for trustees include policies, fiduciary, comply with public laws
- * Trustees meet the first Thursday of the month; all are welcome to attend the public meeting section
- * Trustees advocate on behalf of the SSCPS
- * We are in no danger of closing
- * Charter renewal is a year and a half away

Jo Loughnane

- * Helped to build the original charter school to give parents a choice in education

Board of Trustees (cont)

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- * We have a mortgage unlike public schools
- * Yearly fundraising is vital for our school
- * Great response to the fundraising summits
- * Search is ongoing for a new principal and Executive Director
- * Parents will sit on the board for hiring process
- * Under the guidelines of the states Critical Shortage, Prue will be staying on until we find a new hire
- * Interviews will be conducted soon, new principal hopefully will be filled in Oct. and the new Executive by years end
- * Responsibilities of Development Associate is a supporting role which includes writing grants and seeking donations

Volunteer Coordination Report

Ted Hirsch/Melissa Freitas

- * Encourage all parents/guardians to volunteer

Committee Reports

- * Arts & Music - Seeking Committee members
- * Health & Safety - working on making pick up at dismissal, seeking new members
- * Welcoming - Summer playgroup was a great success
- * Community Service - Information distributed showing service requirements
- * PAC - 1st meeting Fri. Sept. 5th 8:30am, Finagle A Bagel, Rte 53 Norwell
- * Library - Volunteers needed to staff the library, library is in the new area thanks to all the parents as well as Mark and Paul for all the work moving and packing over the summer
- * Fundraising- Goal is to have 100% participation in this year's annual fund, next fundraising Summit to be held Sept. 20th 9:30am, Jo Loughnane's house

Grade Representatives

- * K all is going well
- * 1st Pick up is going smooth
- * 2nd No report
- * 3rd No report
- * 4th No report
- * 5th No report
- * 6th No report
- * 7th Camp Burgess was a success – Code of Conduct due Sept 3rd
- * 8th Students are looking forward to using the science labs
- * 9th No report
- * 10th No report
- * 11th No report
- * 12th No report

Old Business/New Business/Open Discussion

Treasurers Report

Denise DeMaggio

- * \$5,000 of fundraising money is given to the PA, proposed spending plan to be discussed in October
- * This year the auction will be combined with a Golf Tournament to take place in June

9:00pm Meeting Adjourned