

# Parents Association

December 3, 2011

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

**Meeting called to order at 8:10am**

**November meeting minutes reviewed. Addition of 7th grade report is needed. Minutes with this addition approved.**

## School Reports

### **Alicia, Executive Director**

Pleased to announce the Director of Development has been hired. Joanna McCarthy will be joining the SSCEF and SSCPS on December 15th. Joanna's background includes Manager of Corporate and Finance Relations at Laselle College, Senior Fundraising Researcher at Bentley University, Asst. Director of Corporate, Foundation and Government Relations at Babson College and a Board of Trustee Member at Boston Renaissance Charter Public School. Many thanks to the people who assisted in the search: Jack Kelly, Jo Loughane, Jeff Seglin, Jonathan Slater and Dick White as well as Lisa Harvey-Mone and Paul Carberry.

Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year began on November 1, 2011. First Open House was on Saturday November 19th. Over 150 guests attended. Many students and parents helped out. Second Open House will be January 12, 2012, 5-7pm. Annual Fund was launched on October 24th. As of November 14th 26 charter school families have contributed over \$2500.

December Events: Tuesday, 12/6, 6pm - Sixth Grade Washington DC Trip Information, Friday, 12/9, 7-10pm - Grades 9-12 Winter Semi Formal, Wednesday, 12/14, 6pm - Winter Concert at Hingham HS, Monday, 12/19 - HS National Honor Society Induction, Friday, 12/23 - HS Fashion Show.

### **Angie, 7-12 Principal**

Angie is happy to be back at school. She feels that Emily did a wonderful job covering for Angie as well as doing her own job.

### **Ted, K-6 Principal**

Lost & Found clothes need to be washed to go to consignment shop.

Fire Alarm - a child in June's class smelled a strange odor and notified June who in turn notified Mark. Mark pulled the alarm. School was evacuated and after some time outside went to the new PE space. Ted was very impressed with how well behaved the students were and feels that the staff did a great job getting everyone calm. There was NO fire, just a burnt out motor

that was replaced that evening.  
Progress reports went home on Friday, December 2nd.

### **PA Treasurer's Report**

Budget was approved at last meeting and distributions are taking place and items are being purchased. A Thank You letter written by Carol Wise was read aloud. The supplier was so impressed with the PA funding that she gave a discount and we were able to get 6 hug seats instead of 4.

### **Grade Reports**

**Kindergarten** – Judy is collecting used snow pants for Level I for students to use during recess

**1st grade** – Globes are almost complete. Cyndi Wormald and Deb Paquette did a great job organizing everything

**2nd Grade** – winter concert is on 12/14. Puppet show for Leigh and Karen's pod is December 18th 8:30am and 1pm. Amy's pod received ice cream sandwiches for being well behaved at the fire drill. MFA trip is being planned for late January, early February.

**3rd Grade** – Exhibition of Mastery Packets will be going home next Thursday. The EOM's are based on whatever project they are in for the second trimester. EOM's will be held 2/14 and 2/16. Roman Plays for 3rd graders will be 12/22. Students should be memorizing their lines. Parent volunteers needed for rehearsals. Craft day will be 12/23 from 10-11:45. Each pod needs 3-4 volunteers to supply a craft and volunteer their time to help the students make the craft.

**5th & 6th Grades** – Craft day – 12/23. Frog Pond field trip information will come home next week. Edline – under homeroom news is the information on the Europe Trip that is back on for April 2012. Also the 6th graders will have a trip to DC in June.

**7th & 8th Grades** – Warnings were mailed 12/9. Providence College PE Field Trip will be 12/22. Please notify the teachers ahead of time if you are sending in treats for a birthday.

**10th & 11th Grades** – PSAT results from the test taken in October will be delivered to the school within the next few weeks. Semi Formal is 12/9 and the Dance Committee needs donations of waters.

### **Committee Reports**

**Arts & Music** – Chair is Meeting with Geoff Roman Wednesday at 8am to discuss his schedule for lessons. Rental Instrument company is already contacted. "information evening" will be upcoming. Flute will also be offered now, taught by High School teacher Katie Walsh. Christmas Carol at the Company Teacher on 12/17. Apologies for the mix up in how to order

tickets.

**Community Service** - opportunities are now on the school website.

**Fundraising** - \$200 raised at Bertuccis. December's partner restaurants are Sal's Pizza and Nona's ice cream both on the night of the concert. Box Tops - they do have an expiration date and coordinator will be mailing them in by the end of December.

**Library** - Book Fair earned \$640. Will be used to buy non-fiction books. Waiting on input from teachers. Adopt a shelf program has started and needs volunteers. You will be assigned a set of shelves and you will be responsible for organizing them. Good for someone that cannot commit to a set time each week but would like to come in on their own time. Revisiting the automation process.  
**Volunteer** - new email address for volunteer coordinator - JessicaLussier5@gmail.com. Thank you to all parent volunteers.

**Technology** - Any concerns email Gary, [gary@macdougall.biz](mailto:gary@macdougall.biz)

**Welcoming** - Thank you to the parents and students who volunteered this month for the Open House for potential new students. There will be another one on Thursday, January 12, 2012, 5-7 p.m. for anyone who would like to help out. Parents are needed to donate refreshments, welcome visitors, and showcase the school. If you can help contact Maureen Hebert, [mhebert@metlife.com](mailto:mhebert@metlife.com)

**SEPAC** - Matt will be giving a Let's Get Organized workshop and will review Basic rights due to the low turnout at that workshop. Next meeting is 12/16 at Panera Bread. Binders bought by SSCPS for each child on an ed plan. Hope is in the process of distributing them.

### **Auction Information**

Auction will be on March 30th. Parent Christina Harvey will be handling the food. She is looking for other parents that are in the food industry to help out. All food should be in disposable containers. Kim Dalton is in charge of decorations. Meeting on Friday, 12/10 for planning.

### **Annual Fund Campaign**

Challenge to the PA elected officials, trustees, and foundation to donate before the end of the year.

### **Old Business**

Parking Lot from October Meeting

1. Tables for the High School Lunch Period - do the kids want them? Where will they be stored? Students will be eating on the carpeted area. Angie was gone during the time this was originally brought up. She will discuss with the high school faculty and staff and decide if tables are needed. SIDE NOTE - during the Parking Lot discussion a parent brought up a magazine that was written and sold by a high school workshop. She is concerned about the content and could they have been sold a different way? After discussion, Angie will take back to the workshop that the articles are well written and the students seem very informed. She will suggest that in the future the workshop

announce that the magazines will be for sale before going car to car.

Parking Lot continued

2. Parking/Pick -up - this item has been discussed at every PA meeting this year.

The school and PA executive committee has decided that this is NOT a PA issue and should no longer be discussed at the PA. All concerns regarding parking or pick up issues should be brought directly to the school's administration.

### **New Business**

Health and Safety Chair - open position - former chair is not able to get a committee off the ground and has stepped down. Please see PA Chair if interested in the position.

### **Announcements**

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - donations of food, drink and paper goods needed.

Development Office - Raffle tickets for the Rockland/Hanson Rotary are due to Denise by 12/7.

**Gillette Stadium Workers Needed** - SSCPS parents will help run a concession stand at the 12/24 Patriots game. Volunteers must be there from 9am-6pm. Only 21 and over. SSCPS will receive a percentage of the sales. If we are successful we will be asked to come back for other events. Golf Tournament will be in June.

*Meeting Adjourned*