

Parents Association

March 6, 2012

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Review and Approval of Minutes from February Meeting

Presentation

Joanna McCarthy, Director of Development

Has 15 years of fundraising experience.

Has worked in educational development

Enjoyed working on the Phone-a-thon

Was excited to receive the \$5000 anonymous donation. Glad to announce that \$8486 was donated in February in addition to the \$5000.

Foundation directory database is in place.

100% of PA elected officials have donated to the Annual Fund.

School Reports

Alicia, Executive Director

Enrollment Lottery took place on Saturday, February 11. There were 536 applications for 37 slots.

Accepted 30 into kindergarten (21 siblings and 9 new families), 3 into 9th grade and 4 into 11th grade.

Applications received is broken down as follows: Kindergarten – 171, First – 52, Second – 40, Third – 42, Fourth – 47, Fifth – 41, Sixth – 45, Seventh – 32, Eighth – 14, Ninth – 38, Tenth – 10, Eleventh – 4

Auction – March 30. Volunteers are working very hard to pull this together.

Q – Why only 30 spots for Kindergarten?

A – We can have 540 students total allowed in school. There will be some turnover where kids will not return next year. We will fill all spots but are waiting to see how many spots open in each grade. We will have more than 30 kindergartners, but may not have 44.

Q – How are ticket sales for the Auction?

A – They are rolling in. Order before Saturday to get discounted price of \$25/pp. After Saturday it will be \$30/pp.

Ted, K-6 Principal

Exhibitions of Mastery are winding down. A big thank you to all the parents for helping their students.

Ted is aware of the negative feedback on the 4th graders not going to the BSO. This was a teacher decision.

ELA formative assessments were given last week and have been graded. Students did well.

Social for Levels I & II in gym space on 4/27. 5:30-7:30 – Pot Luck Dinner.

Q - Can we reschedule a date for the 4th graders to go to the BSO?

A – No.

Q – When will people be notified about teacher requests?

A – Everyone will know who their teacher is by June. If your child does not get placed with the teacher you requested, Ted will try to notify you beforehand.

Angie, 7-12 Principal

MCAS dates: 4th, 7th, 10th Long Comp – 3/20. 3rd & 4th Reading – 3/22 & 3/28, 5th & 6th Reading – 3/21 & 3/27, 7th & 8th Reading – 3/22 & 3/27, 10th Reading – 3/21 & 3/22

Teachers are talking to Sophomores and Juniors about AP classes in EL & Comp, Calculus, Biology and Physics

Junior parent night Wednesday, March 7th. Mary and Angie will review college process and a Rep from MEFA will be pre-

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sent.

Theater Workshop attended a festival in Bourne. They will perform in the Black Box Theater over the weekend. Last Basketball game of the season was last weekend. Was lots of fun and many from our community attended.

Q – Will AP History be offered?

A – looking into it for next year.

Q – Study Skills for MCAS – will it be offered and will parents be notified?

A – Assessment has been done and kids will be placed based on results. Parents will not be notified – the kids will.

Q – What are the prereqs for AP Physics?

A – Junior or Senior and some classes that have already been taken. Angie can give more info to anyone interested.

Q – Why are the MCAS on different days? Won't it be hard to keep everyone quiet on many days?

A – This is due to spacing because classes and conference rooms are needed for small groups.

Q – Standardized testing from last year – do we get the results?

A – National Report Card Test we never know because the results are based on state and not school specific. MA did have great scores. GRADE and GMADE – those results are used for Title I selection. Parents are only notified if deemed necessary.

Polina Shpilker, Student Representative

Some seniors are having a tough time finding an internship which is required. If any parent knows of any place of business that needs and intern, please contact Mary Carter.

Treasurer's Report, Elissa Dennis

Spring funding – Committee met and reviewed all requests. Spreadsheet distributed and Elissa explained each item and why it was approved or denied. PA will vote on this as a whole package.

Q – Why fund the afterschool snack? Will the fruit be wasted?

A – about 100 students will benefit from this. Kids need food as fuel. It is in everyone's best interest to keep the kids well fed. Charlene Evans manages the after school program and will monitor the storage and distribution of the fruit.

Q – Regarding the parking signage – will a sign be placed next door where people park every day? Do we really think a sign will keep people from parking there?

A – We can point to the sign and hope that people make the right choice. We may not be able to change what happens but we can show our neighbors that we are trying to make a difference.

Q – Has the school considered putting a fence down the property line?

A – good idea – someone should request the money for that next year from the PA.

Grade Reports

1st Grade – Progress reports will be distributed March 15th

2nd Grade – Going to the BSO with Wardie on Thursday, 3/15. Odyssey of the Mind team will compete 3/24 in Attleboro

3rd Grade – MCAS ELA dates are 3/22 & 3/28. BSO trip 3/15. Theater field trip 3/21

4th Grade – Field trip to Theater 3/21. MCAS long comp 3/20. ELA 3/22

5th & 6th Grade – Working with Storybook Cove on a Summer Reading program. Lost and Found going to Tummies to Teens on Friday. Edline going well. Odyssey of the Mind 3/24 in North Attleboro. Washington DC trip has been canceled.

7th & 8th Grade – Warnings were mailed last Friday. After school help will be available as follows: Ellen and Jody on Monday, Walter and Hayley on Wednesday, Joe and Emily on Thursday.

10th Grade - MCAS Long Comp on March 20. Looking for snack and water donations. Contact Karen Boyle at klb.rjc@verizon.net if you would like a list of items that are needed. Donations taken through March 19th.

11th Grade – Mary Carter and MEFA will host a Jr. parent night to discuss Exit Standards, Graduation Requirements, college admission and the financial aid process on March 7th at 6pm. Contact Mary Carter if you have any questions. Also – big thank you to Pam Algera for organizing the ski club and going on all of the trips.

Committee Reports

Arts & Music – Music lessons are going very well and Geoff Roman is in the process of applying for grants for next year. Chair will review them with him. Hopefully the program can be expanded next year.

Community Service – Many upcoming Community Service events around our area: Project Bread, MS Walk, MS Bike Ride, Walk for Hunger, SS walk for Hospice. (Girl scouts from SSCPS will be doing the Walk for Hospice on 3/24 – Team SSCPS CARES. Anyone who would like to walk with them can contact Beth Farmer.

Fundraising – Dough-raiser at Uno's in Hanover and Braintree on 3/6. Next month every Tuesday **Not Your Average Joe's** is doing our Dining for a cause. Box tops has raised \$524.50 so far this year.

Health & Safety – Looking for MBTA rep to come but Chair is unclear if the school will pay for them to come. Suggested that the

Chair meet with Ted and Angie to discuss logistics.

Library – Overdue notices go out every 4-6 weeks via email. Paper notices go out every week. Library has asked the Helping Hands project to make a book return bin. Rest assured the books can be tracked.

Technology – Looking into technology for the auction

Welcoming – Brockton Rox are back in business and the chair is looking into a date to go.

SEPAC – Upcoming workshops and always looking for new members.

Old Business

Gillette Stadium – we worked 4 games. A Gillette employee informed Denise that the longer you do this –the more money you earn. \$4000 was raised at the 4 games – SSCPS received \$2000 of that money. We can sign up for more next year but need to commit to doing 20 events (not all football games). Most volunteers were dads and “new” volunteers who have not done much at the school. Scouts are definitely interested – are we? Decision needs to be made within 2 weeks. Discussion followed of breakdown of volunteers between scouts and SSCPS as well as whether we earn enough money based on the number of hours that are worked by each volunteer.

Auction Items are being put on the website – check it out!

New Business

Staples – Lisa met with Ted, Angie and the level coordinators about this. Parents can order a box of school supplies to be delivered to their child on the first day of school. It will have the required supplies. K-6 will cost less than \$30 for all supplies. Level IV will cost about \$44. Other items will be on the order form. Still working out the logistics.

PA Elections – please let Lisa know if you want to run again by the end of tonight’s meeting.

PARKING LOT – Level Guides

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm