

Parents Association

April 7, 2012

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

Meeting called to order at 8:11am

March meeting minutes reviewed.

School Reports

Alicia, Executive Director

Thank you to everyone for helping at the auction. Raised over \$15K after expenses.

Odyssey of the Mind for Level III qualified for Nationals in Iowa. Looking at logistics on attending.

ELA MCAS are complete. Gearing up for Math MCAS

Ted, K-6 Principal

Working on school improvement plan. Talking about next year and some changes that may occur. Nature of Education is always changing so things at SSCPS are always changing as well.

Level Coffees are upcoming: Level II - 4/24, Level IV - 4/26, Level III - 5/1. All coffees are at 8:30am

Q - What grades are the Science MCAS?

A - 5th and 8th grades

Angie, 7-12 Principal

MCAS feedback from teachers - they say that this is the hardest they have seen the students work.

Friday, 4/6 - Day of the Arts & Culture - there was a fashion show, songs, poetry, presentations and food. Went very well.

Q - Where can we get info on honors courses and who is teaching what?

A - Who is teaching has not been established. If your child is in honors now they will continue unless Angie has contacted you.

Q - Still not clear - there are rumors flying among the students

A - Angie will set up a meeting to give the info that she has but it will not be finalized. Honors classes are known but teachers are unknown due to schedules/who will be here/ who will do what.

Ted asked for MCAS feedback on having them spread out over 2 weeks - consensus from parents in attendance is that it made the days seem more normal. Some parents would like to see homework be normal during that time to accommodate home schedules. Others feel that

getting used to change is a good thing.

PA Treasurer's Report

Spreadsheet distributed that was reviewed at last meeting.

Vote needed on disbursement as a whole

Also want to vote on decreasing the \$3K buffer.

Q - (from Ted) - shouldn't we ask for more than \$5K from the school?

A - yes

Q - Why does Ted want us to have more \$ when it would mean that the school would have less?

A - PA does a lot - has 100% participation in the Annual Fund - deserves more.

Motion to vote on asking for more money. Seconded and approved.

Motion made to reduce buffer to \$1500, seconded and approved.

Grade Reports

Kindergarten - Furniture has been approved after the senior prank.

5th & 6th Grades - Would like pencils and table wipes. Would like to know if gum is allowed during major testing. Field trip on Tuesday to Lowell Mills - the summer reading was connected to this trip and the students were told that they would be tested on it after the summer but they never were. Planning trip to George's Island. Travel for Level - suggested that we contact a charter school in PA or DC and we will host them in our gym and we their tour guides and then we would go and stay in their gym.

7th - Thank you for the donations of food and drink for the MCAS

9th - 4/12 - some high school students will participate in the National Day of Silence for LGTB support. Thank you for the donations of food for Sophomore MCAS.

12th - Seniors last day in building is Friday, 4/13. Graduation is June 2nd. All seniors have found internships.

Committee Reports

Arts & Music - We are working on grants for next year. I had a lunch with the head of the SS Conservatory today and she has ideas as to how we can offer more musical opportunities to our families. There are a number of free concerts that we will be able to attend and she is sending me the schedule.

Community Service - opportunities are now on the school website.

Library - Overdue books have increased.

Volunteer - Used survey from beginning of year to get volunteers for auction. Would like to do a survey on line for next year.

Technology - Hope to do something with the auction to streamline the check out process next year. Would like to meet with the person who did it this year to discuss. Would like to talk to David W. re: changing the site name for the PA website.

Welcoming - Working on booking a date for the Brockton Rox

Old Business

Elections - Roster of people for next year - still need welcoming, first grade, third grade. All positions are open as this is an election! Ballot will be distributed after April Vacation. There will be 2-3 weeks to vote. Roughly 50 people voted last year.

Q - can we combine the survey regarding Saturday meetings with the ballots?

A - survey will go out first then the ballot.

New Business

Annual Fund - 52% of parent participation.

Announcements

Level I & II Social - 4/27, 5-7pm in the Gym. Potluck

Golf Tournament - June 8th at Indian Pond in Kingston. Many volunteers are needed for the day.

Bylaws Committee - to look at the bylaws and update the ones that are outdated.

Motion to create a bylaws committee. Seconded and approved.

Motion to make Gema Gray the chair. There needs to be a month lead time for this to happen - should be put on the PA election ballot.

Gema has done this before and is willing to have her name on the ballot but there does need to be a committee. Suggested that it be done like the PA Grant Review Task Force and have someone from each level.

Board of Trustees Meeting - everyone is encouraged to attend.

Dining for a Cause - Not Your Average Joe's - right now the coupon only says Norwell - not clear if Randolph is included. Gary will be at the Randolph one later in the week and will ask the manager.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42am