

Parents Association

May 1, 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 April Meeting

School Reports

Alicia, Executive Director

May is a busy month: Sarah's Project is going to the State House, Grade 10 is going to the Newport Mansions, Grade 11 is going to a college fair.

Advanced Placement testing will take place over the next two weeks.

Angie, 7-12 Principal

Level IV field trip the Boston Common – combination of PE and Art – running around and finding monuments and sketching them.

MOS trip later this month.

Wednesday May 9th: Mandatory meeting for incoming 9th graders, also extending an invite to current 6th and 7th graders as well. Bethany W will email parents of 7th graders to inform them.

Level IV Dance, Wednesday 5/2. Parents are concerned that not too many people know about it.

Q – Do the Level IV teachers feel that incoming 7th graders are well prepared?

A – They are prepared – most transition issues are due to age/development/being more responsible.

Treasurer's Report, Elissa Dennis

Money is being distributed – people are happy

Grade Reports

No reports for grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12

5th & 6th Grade – Theatre Arts Project – play is coming along. Date will be announced. Sincere apologies from some parents of the singers.

7th & 8th Grade – Please check with your students for EoM dates, portfolio pieces and community service requirements. May 15th & 17th Science MCAS – snacks are already available. Math MCAS – snacks are needed. 8th grade reception will be the last day of school – 7th grade parents host it.

9th Grade – 9th Graders are doing Health and Phys. Ed. this quarter. Parents should have received and signed a permission slip for Health that also included the dress requirements for Phys Ed. and a timetable. Health is gender-segregated. Parents should also have received a letter outlining the Health curriculum. In World Cultures II (History), 9th Graders have chosen their topics for their end of year 5-page essay. Research books have been approved and a draft is due on Monday May 7. Lots of feverish typing this weekend! Science MCAS for 9th Graders is the Graduation Science requirement. They take it a year early so 10th Graders can concentrate on Math and ELA next year. Not all parents seem to be aware of this. The test will be on Tuesday-Wednesday June 5-6. Gema will organize snack donations from 9th Grade parents.

Committee Reports (no reports from Arts & Music, Technology, Welcoming, Health & Safety, Volunteer)

Community Service – Many upcoming Community Service events around our area: 5/6 - Walk for Hunger , 5/5 MS Walk in Cohasset, 5/12 – MS Walk in Natick, 5/20 – Brain Tumor Society Bike Ride, June - MS Bike Ride,

Fundraising – Fundraiser at Not Your Average Joe’s only raised \$52. Spring concert is at the school this year, working on having a fundraiser at b.Good.

Library – Working on determining a closing date for the library, Return Bin is being created, Chairs met with Alicia about next year. Looking for set volunteers to maintain the library for drop ins during FIT

SE PAC – 5/4 – nominations announced at meeting at Panera Bread. 5/18 – voting at SSCPS or via email. 5/20 elections results announced via email only to those on distribution list (which is made up of emails of people that have attended workshops and/or meetings). Looking for new members. Will be having Saturday and night time meetings next year to accommodate everyone’s schedules.

Old Business

PA Elections will be in the Update on Wednesday. Still need someone for Library Chair and First Grade Rep. A current kindergarten parent stepped up to be the First Grade Rep.

Annual Fund numbers: PA – 100%, SSCPS Families – 55%, Kindergarten – 70%, First Grade – 80%, Second Grade – 72%, Third Grade – 81%, Fourth Grade – 47%, Fifth Grade – 65%, Sixth Grade – 74%, 7th Grade – 60%, Eighth Grade – 34%, Ninth Grade – 49%, Tenth Grade – 41%, Eleventh Grade – 41%, Twelfth Grade – 41%.
The grade that reaches 100% first will win a Movie Party.

New Business

Big Hair Cut – Monday, 6/4 at 1pm. Asking all classes and teachers to come and support the students. Anyone that donates hair will get Community Service Credit. Various press will be here to cover the story.

Kindergarten Play Group – Thursdays and Saturdays from July 11-August 18. Thursdays will be facilitated by Janet Daley and Susie Guthroe. Saturdays will be facilitated by Lisa Harvey-Mone and Kirsten Mullen. Others are welcome to come and help out ANY day... !!!

Board of Trustees meeting – public meetings and all parents are encouraged to attend.

Ted will organize a Level I Coffee in the next few weeks.

Announcements

Middle and High School Track – training. This week they are running 12 laps around the school. All meets will be at Madison Park High School.

Q – Next year could Heather come to a PA meeting to let people know about the sports offered, to whom and when?
A – Will talk to Heather. Also maybe we could have an activities fair and a Sports Table at the Back to School Picnic.

Massasoit Community College has summer science/math programs for students entering grades 4-8

Golf Tournament – meetings will be on Friday mornings after drop off. 50/50 Chip in For Children – buy markers and get assigned a number. A student will chip the ball and the closest marker to the ball will win. 1 for \$5/5 for \$10/10 for \$20. People who want to come for lunch and not golf can do so – 2pm, \$40/pp. Mini-auction will be during the lunch.
Road Race – working on now – Meeting will be Wednesday before and after school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm