

**South Shore Charter Public School  
Parents' Association  
February 7, 2006  
Minutes taken by Maria Sullivan**

**Call to Order 7:05pm**

**Minutes from January 3, 2006 meeting approved.**

**Announcements**

- David W. mentioned having themed PA meetings next year – PA agenda w/presentations
- April '06 meeting will be a brainstorming meeting for the following school year.

**Committee Reports**

- Arts and Music Committee—Social/Art Auction coming up. A quartette is performing. 75-80 people are expected. Donations are still being accepted.
- Diversity Committee— No Report.
- Fundraising & Events Committee—No Report
- Library Committee—The committee is defining tasks: immediate and future -- material, re-cataloging, circulation plans.
- Health Committee—The committee will fundraise in March to benefit the sports program and will need volunteers. June's Pod is sponsoring a food drive -- look in the Update for information. The committee is looking into having Weight Watchers do a workshop on reading food labels. Working on partnering with Local Businesses for added resources. J Sandland is compiling a check list for what any volunteer or group will need in order to have an event at the school.
- PAC—Parents Rights Workshop went well, and the committee is hoping to have more in the future. PAC is looking to having a social for parents to get to know each other.
- Volunteer Committee—Lots of events are coming up. Volunteers should expect phone calls for help.
- After-School Enrichment Committee—Chess Club is adding another 4-week session. An art class hopefully will take place in March.

**Board of Trustees Report**

Mike Nuesse, from the Finance Committee, gave a presentation on the state of school's finances and future goals for the school. Department of Education approved the increased enrollment cap of the school fro 468 to 540. The Board of Trustees is planning the growth of the school and considering its fundraising goals.

**Executive Director Report**

- The school's Strategic Plan from 3 years ago will be rewritten. The school will need to have a team of people to work on plan for the school for the next 3 years.
- The Enrollment Lottery will be held on Saturday, February 11, at 10:00 AM at school. The deadline for applications is February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The school is still accepting donation to the Annual Fund.
- Learning Services has a new reading program to help all students in every level of reading.
- There was a parent question/concerns regarding drop off procedures. Mike M. will publish in the Weekly Update a reminder of proper procedures.
- Multicultural Job Fair on Sat. February 3 for the South Shore Community went very well.

## **Grade Representative Reports**

K No Report

- 1 The kids are studying Egypt and making Sugar Cube Pyramids. Thanks to Stop-n-Shop for donating the sugar cubes. There was a field trip to the MFA and the Egyptian Exhibit. It went well and the children were a credit to the school. Ted reports that the half days are working well for the staff, and thanks the parents for their support.
- 2 Field Trip to the MFA went great.
- 3 Field Trip to the MFA went great. The students are working on their exhibitions of mastery and are presenting them next week.
- 4 The students are working on research pieces for their portfolios. Ted is coming to the PA meeting next month to do a presentation on Open Circle.
- 5 The Frog Pond field trip and ski trip went well. Exhibition presentations start next week. Back Pack safety info made an impact on the children.
- 6 Science Fair, Chickens hatching. Dan has been running a recess time Drama Club. Level III has adopted the "Great 10" rules of behavior and it seems to be going well.
- 7 No Report
- 8 No Report
- 9 No Report
- 10 The students are going to Frog Pond.
- 11 No Report
- 12 College Acceptances are coming in. Play writing workshop competing in the Massachusetts Drama Festival with an original student written and produced work.

## **School Council Report**

Code of Conduct for Class A offenses -- Disciplinary Procedures on the day to day basis.

## **Education Committee Report**

The committee is working on the curriculum maps for the English/Language curriculum. Once the maps are completed, they will be aligned up the Mass Frame Works. Bullying seminar for teachers held and went well with teachers implementing techniques learned.

## **Student Representative Report**

No report

## **New Business**

- David W distributed notes requesting intent of the PA members holding a position and whether they will be running again next year. Will need an answer by March 7. Look for positions in the Update.
- Parents expressed concern regarding the outdoor play area. Mike M. said that children are not allowed in the wooded area during recess. PA requested that Mike M talk to faculty when volunteering to be advised on the play area boundaries.

**Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Unanimous. 8:50pm**

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