

**South Shore Charter Public School
Parents' Association
October 6, 2005**
Minutes taken by Maria Sullivan

Call to Order 7:00pm

Minutes from September 6 meeting approved.

Announcements

Level IV is in need of wipes for tables.

Committee Reports

- After School Enrichment Committee established with no objections.
- Reactivated Community Service Committee with no objections.
- Diversity Committee new co-chairs: Heather Setterland and Cassie Proud. High School Students are welcome to join committee.
- Questions on Committee names and dynamics of committees. Task Force created to come back in November/December meeting.
- Arts—No report. The Arts Committee is looking for more members. Contact Nanci Jaye.
- Diversity—Looking into hosting Celebration of Nations for the entire South Shore Community. Displays of different Countries would take place for entire weekend. Will need volunteer parent and student participation.
- Fundraising—Auction preparations underway with many sub committees—Decoration, Food, Phone Donations, Level Baskets, Pod Chair Decorations. \$15 per person ahead, \$20 at the door.
- Library—Book Fair to be held 11/16-11/17 to benefit Library. Order form will be sent home. Looking for Volunteers for Book Fair. Cataloguing the books in storage is underway. High School Community Service Project will help with the Catalogue.
- Health—Meeting with School Nurse. Chiropractor visited with some levels regarding backpack weight. Handwashing campaign. Looking into spraying for EEE. Feed the Need—walk for Hurricane relief—great effort for the kids.
- PAC—Meeting with Learning Services Director Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 8:30am for interested parents.
- Transportation—Report on how transportation has to be separate from the school for liability issues. KT Leary moves to dispose of the transportation committee, keeping the bussing as a “separate entity”. Seconded by Beth (?). ***Vote: Passed with one abstention.***
- Volunteer—Forms were well received, Parents can find forms at the front desk. All committee chairs can look at the forms at the front desk for members or volunteers for events.
- After School—Top Secret Science classes are full. Few spots available for the Mazes, games, Labyrinths—inventing games. Looking for people to run activities and classes (i.e. chess, sewing, knitting, dancing, woodworking, etc.).
- Charter School Advocacy—October 18th Legislative Hearing at the State House to limit funding for charter schools. Looking for parents to go and show support to our senators and representatives.

Grade Representative Reports

K Reading Day was enjoyed.

1 Everyone passed the geography test and started their globes. Art teacher needs help with the globes. Contact Ted to volunteer.

- 2 Math homework on weekends, Singapore Math Parent night was great.
- 3 No Report
- 4 Math MCAS Score Questions and Professional Development Half Days Questions.
Professional Development—Continue with Singapore Math, Evaluate K-12 English Language Curriculum with Mass Frame Works, MCAS, Class Management.
MCAS—Many reason for scores, last year was not a good week for testing with the bomb scares occurring, 4th grade was half new students, some kids do not test well, no real comparison from year to year. Any questions with your individual child see Dr Gorsuch.
- 5 Read-a-thon was great
- 6 Contact Claire to volunteer. Level III grades split for projects--Grade 5 working with projects in Level III and II, Grade 6 works with project in Level III and IV.
- 7 Sent out e-mail introducing the parent grade rep.
- 8 Town Meetings—Lunch menu.
- 9 Academic Warnings went out. HS helping out with Auction.
- 10 Dance Lessons in PE class.
- 11 No Report
- 12 Students are settled. Soccer Team Great 1-1. Student Government working well. Looking at college essays to start applying for colleges.

School Council/Education Committees

Ballots to go out soon.

Student Representative Report

No report

Board of Trustees Report

- Next meeting Oct 20th, Auditors Reporting.
- Board Retreat Oct 15th working on Strategic Plan, concerns on fundraising, testing—assessments.
- Annual Meeting approved by State will be held in May to elect new board.

Executive Director Report

- Celebration of Nations, as discussed earlier, looking to host for local community.
- Parent participation at the school this year has been great.
- Hired new assistant for Dr Gorsuch, Marie Claire Cheney.
- YMCA has been a great partner with the sports program, PE program, and Extended Day program.
- South Shore Votech is now partnering with us for all of our printing. We will save considerably and look forward to working with them.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded, Unanimous. 8:45pm

END