

South Shore Charter Public School

Parents' Association

November 1, 2005

Minutes taken by Maria Sullivan

Call to Order 7:00pm

Minutes from October 6 meeting approved.

Announcements

Parents' Association thanked Debbie Shepherd and the other auction organizers for all of their efforts.

Committee Reports

Arts Committee

- Nanci Jaye, Committee Chair, is looking for Arts Committee members. Contact her if interested.

Diversity Committee

- February 4, 2006 South Shore Multi-Cultural Job Fair. SSCPS is hosting the fair for surrounding communities (snow day March 4).
- The committee is working on a "Festival of Nations" for Spring 2006

Fundraising Committee

- Fall Festival ran by High School students raised \$700 for the sports program. The committee will consider ways to make the event better next year, and open lines of communication between the administration, the PA, and the students involved.
- Annual Auction preparations under way with many sub committees: Decoration, Food, Phone Donations, Level Baskets, Pod Chair Decorations.
- Annual Auction is \$15 per person ahead, \$20 at the door. Over 150 people are anticipated to attend.

Library Committee

- A Book Fair will be held 11/16-11/17 to benefit the school library. Order forms will be sent home. The committee is looking for Volunteers for Book Fair. Contact Alida Hanson if interested.
- The committee volunteers are currently cataloguing the books in storage.
- A Cookie Dough fundraiser is being planned.

Health Committee

- If anyone is interested in or concerned about drop-off and pick-up safety, contact Jennifer Sandland. The committee is working on a plan with the administration regarding drop-off and pick-up safety.

PAC

- There is a meeting with Learning Services Director on Wednesday, November 9 at 8:30am for interested parents.
- The committee is setting up workshops and resources for parents. More info to come.

Volunteer Committee

- Volunteer forms for each event are now assigned, based on the forms returned from parents. Committee Chairs can go through the lists of assigned volunteers, located at the front desk.

After School Committee

- The committee is looking for people to run activities and classes. Contact Laurie Rumpf if interested.
- The committee is trying to start an after school chess club.

Grade Representative Reports

K Singapore Math starts next week.

1 Questions about having a Scholastic Book Fair—directed to the Library Committee.

- Paper Mache Globes are started and a little messy—the kids love it.
- 2 Terra Nova Testing has been completed: questions about what the results mean and when parents will receive them. Mike Munhall responded that the results are due in December.
 - 3 Level II has new aid: Tania.
Social Studies—Ancient Rome. The play is scheduled for November 21st @ 1:45.
 - 4 Colin visited—the children were so happy to see him.
Krista's Cooking Project is having a Day of the Dead festival. Questions were raised about including all cultures and holidays into our school instead of being omitted, which were directed to the Diversity Committee.
 - 5 No Report
 - 6 Level III is going to Sturbridge Village for a field trip.
Claire is planning to take a trip to Italy for 6 and 7 graders. Please see Claire if you are interested.
Questions were raised about High School students being allowed to dress up for Halloween after “No Costumes” was published in the Weekly Update. No resolution.
 - 7 No Report
 - 8 No Report.
 - 9 No Report.
 - 10 The Soccer Team doing well with a 3-2 season, so far. They are playing in a league tournament.
Students are not allowed to eat lunch in the Art room anymore.
 - 11 No Report
 - 12 No Report

School Council / Education Committee Reports

Volunteer selection was done via email, using the online Parent Discussion Forum. Results will be published in the next Weekly Update.

Student Representative Report

No report

Board of Trustee Report

School policy report has been completed and approved. A copy is available at the front desk if anyone is interested in looking through it.

Executive Director Report

- There has been a lot of work lately on Fundraising efforts. The school can't depend on grants for all of the funding it needs. SSCPS needs to build a network in the community.
- Trustees are needed for next year, since many are stepping down. Educators, Business people, community leaders, etc. Contact Mike Munhall if interested or if you'd like to nominate someone.
- The school is working on improving EdLine and Internet access. They are working on getting all of the teachers to post assignments to EdLine.
- The State House hearing, on a bill regarding changes to charter school funding, had about 400-500 charter school advocates. The show of support was great.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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