

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

Call to Order 7:00pm

Minutes from November 1 meeting approved.

Announcements

- Please sign the card to thank Gabe and Paul for all the extra work on the Annual Auction and with setting up the library. Card passed around.
- Board of Trustees meeting recognized Debbie Shepherd and all the Organizers for the Annual Auction. "It felt like the old school again," many said.

Committee Reports

Arts & Music Committee

- February Art Auction/Social planning meeting scheduled for December 13, 2pm at SSCPS. Anyone interested in helping contact Nancy Jaye, Arts Committee Chair

Diversity Committee

- No Report

Fundraising & Events Committee

- Thanks to all involved and who participated in the Annual Auction to raise \$ 25, 000.
- Working toward February Arts Auction.
- Annual Fund Brochure went out with many thanks to Tara Iorio for her efforts.

Library Committee

- Book Fair held on 11/16-11/17 will have delivery on 12/5 in Pam's office. Call Alida Hanson with questions.

Health Committee

- The choking game is a growing concern. More information will be broadcasted when available.

PAC Committee

- Meeting with Learning Services Director Wednesday, December 7 at 8:30am for interested parents.
- Parents Rights Workshop scheduled for January 9 at 6:30pm.

Volunteer Committee

- No Report.

After School Enrichment Committee

- Chess Club started with a waiting list. They're going to try to rotate in students on the waiting list.
- Working with Claire on Talent Show to benefit the Italy Trip for 6th and 7th graders.

Grade Representative Reports

- K Everyone good.
- 1 No Report.
- 2 No Report.
- 3/4 Exhibitions of Mastery Contract to go home and return after vacation. Winter Solstice Concert on the 14th. Craft Day on the 22nd 1-3pm. Unit on Electro Magnetics—donations needed. Contact Kendra.
- 5 Everyone good.
- 6 Frog Pond trip Cancelled due to weather, rescheduled for next week.

- 7/8 Julia is fundraising for End of year trip—possible 1 day scavenger hunt. Frog Pond trip set for Wednesday. Semi Formal on Friday.
- 9 Semi Formal on Dec. 2, everyone had a great time.
- 10 Reports from students are all good.
- 11 Spirit Week held—ended with pep rally for Basket Ball teams and Snow Ball Semi Formal. Discussion on how much school spirit is prevalent in HS due to the efforts of Mary Carter, guidance councilor. **Motion by Maria Sullivan to thank Mary Carter Publicly in the Weekly Update. Seconded by KT Leary. Vote: Unanimous.** Maria and Katherine Borsody will write and submit to the Weekly Update.
- 12 First chapter of National Honor Society held. Seniors working on College Applications.

Student Representative Report

School Board President Tim Gallant

- Spirit Week a huge success due to Mary Carter. Students thanked Mary during morning meeting and presented her with flowers. Board would like to work with Grounds Committee for spring planting. Megan Stohr, National Honor Society advisor, is looking into fundraising and community service ideas.

Representative Dan Nardo

- Not elected until October to represent the students. Student Board will e-mail minutes to PA Chair to distribute to Parents at meetings.

School Council Report

- No Report

Education Committee Report

- English/Language Arts curriculum is the focus for this year.
- Looking to make summer reading lists consistent across the levels.

Board of Trustees Report

- No Report

Executive Director Report

- First Alumni Night held. 35 Graduates attended and were amazed at the schools growth.
- New IT Director, Bob Jesus starting.
- Winter Solstice being held on Wednesday at Hingham High and looking forward to seeing everyone.
- Basketball has started . Agreed with previous discussion that spirit is high in the HS.
- Looking for replacement Health Teacher.
- Annual Fund: Goal 100% participation.

Old Business

Parents' Association Budget

- Current Balance of \$3200. Researching history of expenses. Questions on funds and if we will continue to have funds. Agenda Item for next month.

Committee Task Force, Task Force Names and Elections

- Come back in January with a concrete info after research of bylaws and needs of the school.

New Business

Bullying Seminar

- Handouts were given out from the seminar. Seminar was informative and will hold another one for parents since there is a need for it. Looking at having one for staff and faculty. Parents feel that bullying is a big issue in the school and we need to actively pursue solutions. Task Force established to work with Administration.

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