

FINAL MINUTES

SSCPS Parents Association

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Meeting Date & Time: January 27, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

Parents Attending: Rich Ahern, Folasade Akinwumi, Jen Anderson, Rebecca Angland, Emmanuel Anteneh, Karen Boyle, Christina Centrella, Joanne Della Barba, Giusi Egerton, Laura Foley, Stefanie Hartman, Stephanie Inniss, Natacha Julien, Brittany Lofstrand, Anais Morales, Myrlande Pamphile, Marise Jean Philippe, Kendra Polefka, Andrea Poudrier, Liz Sweeney, Michelle Rankin, Eileen, Denesia Tardif, Katie Vecchione, Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst

(Please note that these names were recorded from your Zoom names. If incorrect, please reach out and let me know at brennifer@comcast.net.)

1. Welcome

- Katie opened meeting
- Minutes from last PA meeting to be voted/approved
 - Motioned – Katie Vecchione
 - 2nd – Laura Foley
 - Approved unanimously

2. Treasurer Update/Grant Requests

- No grant requests
- Remainder budget balance \$1070
- School Spirit signs
 - Selling for \$20 each (\$10/sign returns to PA budget)
 - Kiosk will be set up for signs
- SSCPSPA is Venmo handle

3. Level & Grade Representative Updates

- **Kindergarten**
 - No update
- **Level I**
 - No Updates from teachers
 - Parents any more talk of second grade on K and 1st grade schedule (Alicia said looking to hire teacher/s – will move to that option)
- **Level II**
 - No Update
- **Level III**
 - From Krista – EOMs are limited to one this year and were due past quarter
 - Q2 closes Friday – Report cards out next week
 - Parent teacher conferences start on Friday – virtually
 - Increased You Tube viewing – blocked on school Chromebooks
 - MCAS – mandatory to have Chromebook
 - If a student does not use Chromebook, they must pick up

- **Level IV**
 - No updates
- **Grade 9**
 - No update
- **Grade 10**
 - Not on call
- **Grade 11**
 - PSATs starting and parent conferences start this Friday
- **Grade 12**
 - Acceptances coming in
 - From Mary – please read Senior Update emails sent to students and parents weekly as there may be rapid changes due to COVID
 - Two *On the Spot* admission events – Thursday, Jan 28th - Bridgewater and Feb 2nd - Massasoit
- **Student Rep:**
 - Asking about community events – would Saturdays be allowed for something movie nights

4. Committee Updates

- **Fundraising**
 - TV raffle – over \$1000 raised– time remaining for additional entries
 - Waiting on Five Below proceeds from holiday fundraiser
 - Birthday Sign Fundraiser
 - Any feedback from parents?
 - Rental of sign is \$20 with up-front cost \$130
 - Usually can keep for 3 days for lawn
 - Local MA family makes signs and can be bought on ETSY
 - Signs may be a consideration for seniors for graduation as well
 - Can PA funds be used to purchase the signs and run a rental?
 - Senior gifts/cards
 - Trying to be more consistent with gifts/cards for end of year
 - Emmanuel may speak to Mary Carter for ideas
 - Reach out to Joanne with ideas – jmanning0822@gmail.com
 - Need to follow up regarding Katsiroubas Bros. veggie box
 - Teacher appreciation event going well
 - Venmo account on PA website (SSCPS-PA.ORG)
- **Community Building**
 - Not on call
- **Volunteer Committee**
 - No Needs right now
- **Communications & Technology Committee**
 - Not on the call

5. Additional Topics

- **MCAS**
 - Determining timeline for this so Alicia will send out soon
- **Half Day Craft Day**
 - Was a success
 - Thank you to all involved
- **8th Grade Move up**
 - Last year teachers did a video/slide show photo montage and messages

- Dances in past have been solely planned by parents
- Outdoor socials may be considered
- **Community Service**
 - Not required this year, but students can do service if they wish
- **Hybrid vs Full Remote**
 - Parent brings up whether remote students if not returning and could group A and group B be in school full time?
 - Mention of other districts and private school are attending in person full-time
 - Unsure what numbers of hybrid vs. full remote students
 - Survey of full remote students intention to return may help with decision
 - Intent to return knowledge may help with space needed to safely have full-time return
 - Survey should include comfort level of parents with 3 ft vs. 4.5 ft distance between students
 - Concern of loss of funding if students drop out to return to town districts
 - Many teachers didn't want to go back when explored before
 - Draft letter to the Board of Trustees by Feb 11th
 - Laura has volunteered to draft questions, Michelle Rankin to review, along with Katie and Andrea
 - Reach out to Katie Vecchione if you have thoughts or questions for the survey
- **Open Houses**
 - Are PA reps needed?
 - Virtual High School Open House on Thursday, Jan 28th.
- **Boxtops**
 - May now scan receipts – app need to scan receipt
 - Just add SSCPS once
- **PA website**
 - WWW.SSCPS-PA.ORG - weekly update, useful links, meeting times
- **Meeting was adjourned**
 - Katie motioned to close and Michelle Rankin second motion

6. Open Discussion & Call for Agenda Topics for Future Meetings

7. REMINDERS: Non-Financial ways ALL PARENTS can help SSCPS

- **Log your volunteer hours:** Attend Parent Association Meetings. Every Parent is a member of the SSCPS PA!
- **Box Tops for Education:** Now online – download Box Tops for Education app and scan receipts.
- **Stop & Shop A+ Rewards:** Be sure your store loyalty card is registered to support SSCPS. Visit: stopandshop.com/schoolrewards.
- **Amazon Smile** donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Be sure SSCPS is listed as the recipient of your AmazonSmile purchases. Smile.Amazon.com
- **Big Y:** Assign SSCPS to your store loyalty card. Stop at the customer service desk.