

DRAFT MINUTES

SSCPS Parents Association

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Meeting Date & Time: March 24, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

Attendees: Jen Anderson, Rebecca Angland, Emmanuel Anteneh, Karen Boyle, Joanne Della Barba, Joanne Della Barba, Laura Foley, Andrea Poudrier, Michelle Rankin, Myrlande Pamphile, Katie Vecchione, Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst, Denesia Tardif, Marco Pedulli, Jacquie Savoie, Joliane McRae, Natacha Julien, Maricarm Devieux, Rianna Allen-Charles, Linda Fordjor, Deneen Scott, Brooke, Kate Seavey, Lisa Tinker, Deborah Harper Padula, Sandeep rachapudi, Alicia Greenidge

(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 – Andrea Poudrier
 - 2nd – Alisha Furst
 - Approved unanimously

2. Treasurer Update/Grant Requests

New Grant Requests:

Inventory of leggings in Nurse's office

- Parents volunteered to fund

Approved: Labster - \$300 – requested by Dr. Marco Padulli, Science Teacher

- Closest 3-D lab out of Boston; Platform mostly for high school; State of the art labs mostly STEM disciplines; Full access integrated to full classroom; Opportunity to track student's activities

Approved: Stand Up Desk – \$363.48 - requested by Allison Goff, Occupational Therapist

Postponed: Literacy Pro – requested by Kate Seavey

- Revisit the Literacy Pro next month; Would like information after 30 day free trial in comparison with Epic and other tools currently used; Nora's opinion important
- Consider partial funding
- If funded would start now through summer and next year; Deneen Scott, Rep from Literacy Pro showed demo from website
- Fills lots of gaps due to Covid – like not getting library time; would like to be able give kids access to digital resource – also serves as ELA curriculum; Not comparable to anything using right now.

- Question re: inventory >2500 e-books and connections to print books that connect comprehension test
- Assessment component is important for teachers
- If cannot get funding Kate looking into grants ; will use Donors Choose

Possible grant requests, no official requests provided:

- Level II sets of books for students, ? cost
- Pam, Art teacher Electric Kiln \$1100
- Gelato Truck for cultural event May 27th, ? cost

Previous Grant Reviews: \$4,842

- Partial Approval – Senior T-Shirts: \$912 (request was for \$1,824)
- Approved – Ed Puzzle: \$1140
- Approved – Mystery Science: \$499
- Approved – Nearpod: \$349
- Approved – SSCPS Sign Fundraiser: \$1000 (\$1000 has been re-paid)
- Approved – BoomLearning: \$942
- **Remaining Budget: \$1,158**
 - Additional Fundraising Funds - \$923.87
 - PENDING: \$400 Mambo’s Dining for Dollars event
 - PENDING: \$259.41 from Pampered Chef party
 - PENDING: \$400 from Alexis Aylward (Pampered Chef party host)

3. Level & Grade Representative Updates

- **Kindergarten**
 - End of year alphabet countdown starts on Monday – different activity each day
- **Level I**
 - Teachers wanted to thank PA for coffee bar
 - K-4 aftercare on Friday – 5 spots open
- **Level II**
 - MCAS dates ELA 5/26; Math June 2nd
 - Students who are remote will take MCAS remotely
- **Level III**
 - Smooth transition
 - MCAS L3 & L4
 - ELA - May 27
 - Math - June 3
 - 5th and 8th grade Science - June 8th
 - *Remote students will take MCAS from home - details to follow*
 - Move up day June 11th, more details to follow
- **Level IV**
 - See MCAS Level 3
- **Grade 9**
 - No update
- **Grade 10**
 - No updates

- **Grade 11**
 - Not on Call
- **Grade 12**
 - May 14 last day for Seniors; Senior check out – 1:00 to 3:00 PM; Students can return books and materials; Ice Cream Truck at 1:00
 - May 21st: Senior Parade: Seniors will line up at 12:30 PM in parking lot and drive through school and pick up cap and gown
 - May 26th: Senior Bowling Social 1:00 – 2:30 PM at [Boston Bowl in Hanover](#)
 - May 27th: Senior Night 6:00 to 9:00PM: Enjoy your class under the stars with food and fun!
 - Food trucks, games, and raffles/prizes – hang out with your friends before graduation
 - June 3rd Graduation Rehearsal at 700 and then the “Grad Walk” at 100 Longwater
 - Bring your cap and gown
 - June 4th: Graduation!
 - 6:00PM at 700 Longwater
- **Student Rep:**
 - High School full in-person Monday, May 3rd

4. Committee Updates

- **Fundraising**
 - Liz not on call; no new updates
 - School spirit signs still out – American Flag designs now on kiosk and looking to move the kiosk over to high school
- **Community Building**
 - Not on call
- **Volunteer Committee**
 - Sponsor a Senior- 50 Seniors need to be sponsored
 - Donors will need to provide materials by May 14th and can be dropped at either school or Carolyn’s or Joanne’s address – with sponsored student’s name on it
- **Communications & Technology Committee**
 - Not on the call

5. Additional Topics

- **Local Motion Bus Company – Bruce Barrows and Bill Caragher**
 - 175 buses - 110 school buses in 2 locations: Newton and Braintree – Headquarters in Braintree with Operations also there; Bill Caragher is President and Founder
 - Provides service to many private schools like Milton Academy and Chestnut Hill Day
 - Many capacities – sports, field trips, employee transportation with businesses, etc.
 - Communication “exemplary”
 - Adapts business model to needs of customers
 - Great technology
 - In-house driver program – in near future will open school bus training school;
 - Buses are GPS tracked
 - 6 cameras with audio and video inside and outside bus
 - Can provide monitors for additional cost
 - Info quickly back to customer
 - Would like to stabilize business on South Shore – would like to move forward

- Individually contracted by parents
 - Contact Bill or Bruce
 - Parent paid in full prior to start of school
 - Looking for one parent contact for all of school (or possibly each route)
 - Application will be sent to the parent individually
 - Available as soon as next school year
 - Pick up location depends on distribution of children
 - Back up cover drivers and staged drivers – enough staff on hand so routes are not cancelled
 - If anyone wants to volunteer or take over for the bus routes, contact Katie or Andrea
 - SSCPS is using 2 bus companies right now (3 routes with FCC and 1 with Putney)
- **PA By Laws**
 - In progress
 - **Elections and self- nominations for PA**
 - Self-Nominations open today (4/28) and closes on Friday May 7th
 - If you are interested in running for a position, we invite you to self-nominate here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PANominations2021-2022>
 - Voting opens on May 12th. We plan to close the voting by 5/21/21 and announce in the 5/26/21 weekly.
 - **PA website**
 - WWW.SSCPS-PA.ORG - weekly update, useful links, meeting times
 - **Meeting was adjourned: Katie motioned; Jen second**

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

- Revisit Literacy Pro Grant Request

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