

AGENDA

SSCPS Parents Association

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Meeting Date & Time: April 28, 2021- 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

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Meeting ID: 885 6462 3999

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1.) Welcome

- Minutes from last PA meeting to be voted on/approved

2.) Treasurer Update/Grant Requests

Remaining Budget: \$2,081

- SSCEF Grants- \$1,158
- PA Fundraising- \$923.87

Grant requests since last meeting:

- **Inventory of leggings in Nurse's office**
 - **Why?** The nurse's office wants to offer girls a clean pair of leggings when they unexpectedly need to change clothes due to personal issues.
 - **Who will benefit?** Female students
 - **Who is requesting?** Darcie Edwards, School Nurse
 - **How much will it cost?** \$100
- **Membership to "Labster" A Virtual 3D Lab Program**
 - **Why?** Covid restrictions have eliminated hands on lab work from classroom due to sharing equipment and materials. This platform offers high-quality virtual simulations to help students visualize scientific concepts and practice laboratory skills. Students greatly benefit from such stimulations which closely reflect and represent real-life examples and scenarios. All simulations or virtual learning experiences in which students navigate real world scenarios in a video game like environment to learn scientific skills and concepts.
 - **Who will benefit?** High School and Middle School students
 - **Who is requesting?** Dr. Marco Pedulli, Science Teacher
 - **How much will it cost?** \$300. The platform cost \$50 per student, Labster is offering a promotional flat rate of \$300 until the remainder of the school year. This will give teachers and students an opportunity to test its feasibility and assess its suitability for future use by our school.

- **15 Month Membership to Literacy Pro – Scholastic Literacy Program**
 - **Why?** Program contains a digital library of books for K through 8 students as well as reading assessment tools for teachers to assess student progress. It will help build students’ independent reading skills by providing a wide variety of high interest books with diverse protagonists and authors. It also allows teachers to track and monitor students’ progress, interests, comprehension, and engagement with these texts. Teachers will be able to use this program as the basis for an independent reading curriculum, a replacement/addition to their classroom library (since many are not available due to COVID-19), or both. Independent, free choice reading is crucial to student achievement in reading, writing, and building a lifelong love of reading. It also builds empathy and social-emotional skills.
 - **Who will benefit?** Grades K through 8
 - **Who is requesting?** Kate Seavey, ELA teacher
 - **How much will it cost?** Two options
 - Storia (K-6): \$2900. All titles in Literacy Pro, but without the student assessments and tracking data for teachers. OR
 - Literacy Pro (K-8) (includes Spanish titles): \$5500. This includes all of the Literacy Pro features as well as the assessments (\$611 per grade level for the year).
 - We have also been offered the program for 15 months for a 12-month membership price, so we could purchase it at the beginning of the school year and use it through the summer for kids to use for summer reading.
- **Standing Desk – Purchase of an AlphaBetter Stand-up desk with Kydex top**
 - **Why?** An adjustable height desk that encourages good posture, can increase the speed and spoke as, and provides an option for movement while learning. This single desk will be the first and allows the school to use it as a trial for considering if the school want to purchase additional desks in the future.
 - **Who will benefit?** Students in grades 3-12
 - **Who is requesting?** Allison Goff, Occupational Therapist
 - **How much will it cost?** \$363.48

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 (\$1,000 has been re-paid)
- Approved – BoomLearning: \$942

3.) Level & Grade Representative Updates

Brittany Loftstand	Kindergarten Representative	Myrlande Pamphile	Grade 9 Representative (Class of 2023)
Laura Foley	Level 1 Representative	Patricia Kelley	Grade 10 Representative (Class of 2022)
Rich Ahern	Level 2 Representative	Eileen Lefsky	Grade 11 Representative (Class of 2021)
Christina Centrella	Level 3 Representative	Karen Boyle	Grade 12 Representative (Class of 2020)
Stephanie Innis	Level 4 Representative	Emmanuel Anteneh	SSCPS Student Representative

4.) Committee Updates

Liz Sweeney	Fundraising Chairperson
Jim O'Brien	Communications & Technology Committee Chairperson
Carolyn Mustin	Community Building Chairperson
Joanne Della Barba	Volunteer Committee Chairperson

5.) Additional Topics

- Bruce Barrows from Local Motion for Weymouth Bus Route (to speak at 6:30pm)
- PA By-Law Updates
- PA Nominations

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...Clip & drop neatly trimmed Box Tops in the folder at the front deskNow 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/school-rewards.

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



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SSCPS Financial Grant Request – 2020/2021

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3. You must research the full cost, before submitting your request
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Grant Request Information

DATE:	TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED*:	DATE YOU NEED THE MONEY BY:
<p>GRANT IS BEING SUBMITTED TO PARENTS ASSOCIATION BY:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Name:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Title:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Email Address: Phone:</p>		
<p>BENEFICIARY OF THE GRANT:</p> <p>Please describe which students, teachers, grades, levels, workshops...etc. will benefit from your request</p>		
<p>DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST HERE. BE SPECIFIC AND USE THE BACK SIDE OF THE FORM IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED:</p>		
<p>HAVE YOU REQUESTED THESE FUNDS FROM SSCPS? (Circle one)</p> <p>YES. Please Describe the outcome, here:</p> <p>NO If you've answered no, we can't yet consider your request. You must bring your request to your Assistant Principal first, to ensure the request can not/will not be covered by the school's budget.</p>		
PA Treasurer Received Date:	PA Meeting Review Date:	<p>PA Meeting Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved • Denied • Need More Information • Other:
PA Treasurer Signature:		Date Signed:

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Grant Request Information

Date: 4/16/2021	Total Amount Requested*: US\$ 300	Date You Need the Money By: As soon as possible
Grant is being submitted to Parents Association By: Marco Pedulli		
Name: Dr. Marco Pedulli		Title: Science Teacher
Email Address: mpedulli@sscps.org		Phone: (781) 982-4202 ext 392
Beneficiary of the Grant: ALL levels and students. Students taking STEM classes within the school will likely benefit from such simulations which closely reflect and represent real life examples and scenarios. While older students will benefit from the rigorous contents of this online platform, younger students will equally benefit through exposure to ultra modern STEM labs.		
Describe your request here. Be specific and use the back side of the form if more space is needed:		
<p>Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our school could not undergo hands-on activities in all the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) disciplines, especially at the high school level. As it is evident from research, students learn the most when they are able to perform lab simulations in all the STEM fields on their own and at their own pace. The next best thing to hands-on activities, in this day and age of pandemic is, therefore, to provide our students in all levels with an online platform where they can simulate and solve real life problems. One such platform is LABSTER. Labster is a growing education platform focused on high-quality virtual simulations to help students visualize scientific concepts and practice laboratory skills. All simulations are virtual learning experiences in which students navigate real-world scenarios in a video game-like environment to learn scientific skills and concepts. Labster provides a 3-D simulation platform and is normally pricey for the whole school (\$50 per student). If school gets access to this platform at a flat rate of \$300 until the remainder of the school year, it would not only benefit students but it will give teachers and students alike the opportunities to test its feasibility and assess its suitability for future use by our school using other resources.</p>		

Have you requested these funds from SSCPS? (Circle One)

YES Please describe the outcome here: I made a request but didn't get a positive response.

NO If you've answered no, we can't yet consider your request. You must bring your request to your Assistant Principal first to ensure the request cannot/will not be covered by the school's budget.

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Grant Request Information

DATE: 4/19/21	TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED*: \$2,900	DATE YOU NEED THE MONEY BY: 8/24/21
GRANT IS BEING SUBMITTED TO PARENTS ASSOCIATION BY: Name: Kate Seavey Title: 5th Grade ELA Teacher Email Address: kseavey@sscps.org Phone: 617-755-5596		
BENEFICIARY OF THE GRANT: Please describe which students, teachers, grades, levels, workshops...etc. will benefit from your request The money is for Scholastic's Literacy Pro program, which serves kids K-6. The school will be using a free trial of this program in the spring, and I'm happy to report any information you would like about how students and teachers are doing with it after it's started.		
DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST HERE. BE SPECIFIC AND USE THE BACK SIDE OF THE FORM IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED: This program contains a digital library of books for K-6 students as well as reading assessment tools for teachers to assess student progress. It will help build students' independent reading skills by providing a wide variety of high interest books with diverse protagonists and authors. It also allows teachers to track and monitor students' progress, interests, comprehension, and engagement with these texts. Teachers will be able to use this program as the basis for an Independent Reading curriculum, a replacement/addition to their classroom library (since many are not available due to COVID-19), or both. Independent, free choice reading is crucial to student achievement in reading, writing, and building a lifelong love of reading. It also builds empathy and social-emotional skills. More information, including a video describing Literacy Pro's features, can be found on the Literacy Pro website: http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/litpro/#/		
HAVE YOU REQUESTED THESE FUNDS FROM SSCPS? (Circle one) YES. Please Describe the outcome, here: Yes, and it was determined that there were not enough funds in the ELA budget for next year. NO If you've answered no, we can't yet consider your request. You must bring your request to your Assistant Principal first, to ensure the request can not/will not be covered by the school's budget.		
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Grant Request Information

DATE: 4/22/21	TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED*: \$ 363.48	DATE YOU NEED THE MONEY BY: no specific date
GRANT IS BEING SUBMITTED TO PARENTS ASSOCIATION BY:		
Name: Allison Goff		
Title: Occupational Therapist		
Email Address: agoff@sscps.org		Phone: 508-662-0484
BENEFICIARY OF THE GRANT: students in grades 3-12 at SSCPS Please describe which students, teachers, grades, levels, workshops...etc. will benefit from your request Any student in grade 3+ could benefit from this standing desk as it has an adjustable height, making it a universal tool.		
DESCRIBE YOUR REQUEST HERE. BE SPECIFIC AND USE THE BACK SIDE OF THE FORM IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED: I am requesting a grant to purchase an AlphaBetter Stand-up Desk w/ Kydex Top (28"W x 20"D) from schooloutfitters.com SKU: SAF-1201BE. This stand-up desk is suitable for students in grades 3+ as it is adjustable in height, it encourages good posture, can help increase student focus, and the swinging footrest bar lets		
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES: Please Describe the outcome, here: My supervisor, Matt Tondorf, is not able to fund this request, but he supports my request for a grant for a standing de. <input type="radio"/> NO If you've answered no, we can't yet consider your request. You must bring your request to your Assistant Principal first, to ensure the request can not/will not be covered by the school's budget.		
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Students shift their weight and provides an option for movement while learning. This desk would be a learning tool for all students in grades 3+ and would provide an alternative seating option which could be shared among students in the classroom. By utilizing this desk within the classroom, it would provide an opportunity to trial it and if it was successful, the school may consider purchasing more for other classrooms in the future. More and more research is being produced to support alternative seating options for enhanced focus and attention within the classroom. The total amount requested includes an estimated shipping cost to have it shipped to SSCPS. The desk could be assembled by the school's building maintenance staff.