



# FINAL MINUTES

SSCPS Parents Association

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Meeting Date & Time: October 19, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Location: 100 Longwater Circle & Zoom

## Attendees:

Please note - these names were recorded from your Zoom names. If incorrect, please reach out.



10.19.2022 List of  
Participants.xlsx

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## 1. Welcome

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- Cindy Lyons opened meeting
- Minutes from last PA meeting to be voted/approved
  - Motioned – Andrea
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cindy
  - Approved unanimously

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## 2. Treasurer Update/Grant Requests

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- Starting budget from SSCEF: \$5,000
  - \$339.70 request from Kaitlyn Curry to purchase books (Ghost by Jason Reynolds -18 copies, and Harry Potter - 10 copies) for Level IV book club
    - Alicia has a membership to a book site and can get copies of Ghost for \$3.75
    - This grant amount was updated to \$301.10
    - Zoom chat was opened to vote – **\$301.10 grant approved unanimously**
  - \$600 request from Mike Forrester for Smartpass digital hall pass solution
    - Angie, Alicia, and Rio (IT lead) support this request
    - App only keeps student email and name – no location data
    - Encounter prevention feature available
    - Passes are generated by teacher or student via web browser
    - \$1200 yearly contract - school will pay \$600, asking PA for \$600 for 1<sup>st</sup> year only
    - Expectation is to include in school budget going forward and eventually roll out to lower school
    - Zoom chat was opened to vote - **\$600 grant approved unanimously**
- **Total funds left: \$4,098.90**
- Grant request form can be found on [sscps-pa.org](http://sscps-pa.org)

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### 3. Level & Grade Representative Updates

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- **General**
  - Oct 21 – Half Day
  - Nov 1 – Make-up Picture Day
  - Nov 4 – Half Day. Teacher appreciation - Espresso Dave– menu of hot/cold items
  - Nov 7-9 – In-Person Book Fair
  - Nov 10 – PA Parent's Night Out at Cottage Bar in Weymouth. Appetizers, raffles.
  - Nov 11 – No School
  - Nov 16 – PA meeting – Dr. Elizabeth Englander from the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center
    - Parents are encouraged to attend. Dr. Englander will be talking about relational aggression, social media/screentime, and how to help students socially post-pandemic.
- **Kindergarten**
  - Reminder to label all jackets and sweatshirts
  - Practice putting on winter gear independently before snow arrives
  - Kids will decorate pumpkins on Friday – donations of decorations and stickers are welcomed
- **Level I**
  - Jen Lawrence has been elected Level I rep
- **Level II**
  - Teachers would like to inform parents to do the following - Please check daily the home to school folder: It will include daily math homework assignments
  - TEACHER NOTES:
    - In Level II, our trait of the month is respect. There is a respect bulletin board, and each class has been emphasizing respect in different ways (stories, writing prompts, videos, class discussions, etc). (Amy)
    - In 3rd grade math, the kids are working on place value and multiplication facts. (Amy)
    - In 4th grade math, the kids are working on place value. (Amy)
    - In ELA, 3rd grade is reading books about the ocean. 4th grade is learning about figurative and literal language as well as descriptive language. (Amy)
    - Each kid needs their own set of headphones for school. There are still many students who don't have them, and the kids use them throughout the day. (Amy)
    - Nicole is looking for 2-3 parents to train to be library volunteers. Every Wednesday during FIT (1-1:50) we will be having Library time. Nora is planning to train parents who are interested. If you are interested please let her know as soon as possible. Email Nicole: [nalvey@sscps.org](mailto:nalvey@sscps.org)
    - If you are interested in running a FIT (best days are Tues and Th from 1-1:50) please let Nicole know! We could also always use lunch volunteers any day of the week, even if it's not consistent (for example - sending an email on Tuesday saying you're available on Wednesday works for me)! (email Nicole [nalvey@sscps.org](mailto:nalvey@sscps.org))
    - Looking for one or two more Pod Parents. I rely on Pod parents for a few things throughout the year. It is mostly coordination of volunteers and supplies for things like Craft Day, Field Day and other small things throughout the school year.

- **Level III**
  - Oct 20 – School Council Meeting
  - Nov 1 – First Quarter ends
  - Nov 3 – Open House
- **Level IV**
  - Potential end of school year events for the 8th graders- more info to come.
  - Winter sports tryouts and schedules begin after the thanksgiving break - stay tuned for more details.
  - There will be a Step-up event later in the year for 8th graders moving up to 9th grade and the other school - stay tuned for more details.
- **Grade 9**
  - Oct 26 - Treetop adventures trip
  - Dec 8 - Homecoming dance
- **Grade 10**
  - No updates
- **Grade 11**
  - No updates
- **Grade 12**
  - No updates
  - ***Need to fill open Grade 12 Rep position – someone has reached out to Cindy.***
- **Student Rep**
  - No Update
  - ***Need to fill open Student Rep position***

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#### 4. Committee Updates

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- **Fundraising**
  - Sample towels and stickers for water bottles/laptops are available to see if we like them
  - On half days, consider ice time at Weymouth Connell rink
- **Community Building**
  - Nov 10 – PA Parent's Night Out at Cottage Bar in Weymouth. Appetizers, raffles.
  - Dec 9 or Dec 27/28– Movie day at Cameo theater in Weymouth (Strange World or Puss In Boots)
  - Dining for dollars – would like to support businesses of the charter school families – reach out to Mary Binda/ Liz Sweeney if interested.
- **Communications & Technology**
  - Today was our first PA meeting at the school in person and over zoom - lots of technical glitches as we are learning. Patrick will work with school IT to deliver a more seamless experience for next meeting.
- **Diversity & Inclusion**
  - No Update

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## 5. Additional Topics

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- **Election Results**
  - Jen Lawrence has been elected Level I rep
  - **Need to fill open Grade 12 Rep position – someone has reached out to Cindy.**
  - **Need to fill open Student Rep position - Alicia to confirm the name**
- **New School Photographer**
  - Many parents unhappy about change from Coffee Pond to Lifetouch photographer
  - Last year, Coffee Pond contacted school - they were not going to keep us on as a client due to the order rate being too low.
  - There were issues with the lighting in the gym space this year – Lifetouch agreed and will retake individual photos as requested and ALL class photos on Nov 1
  - School will re-evaluate the experience with Lifetouch after retakes are done
- **Fundraising for single grades**
  - In the past, certain grades have done a pajama day for \$2 a person to raise money for a specific event for that grade level. Ok to do this if not involving the PA.
  - Action item – identify a list of funding priorities for the PA
- **Upcoming Events**
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- **Volunteering on Craft Day**
  - Some families can volunteer time (to run craft) but not money (to buy craft); others can volunteer money (to buy craft) but not time (to run craft). Cindy suggested to use Sign Up Genius to coordinate this for Craft Day.

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

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### Open Discussion:

- Food waste due to over ordering of free breakfast/lunch. Can we change the ordering system to reduce food waste? Cindy to reach out to Charlene.
- Recognition for high school students on Randolph bus (with substitute bus driver) who contacted Alicia to ensure younger children arrived on time and at proper location

### Agenda topics for future meeting:

- 7th & 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance – location, cost, etc (Jessica Barbour)
- Level II Choir before school – Cindy will reach out to Paul for more info
- Food waste due to over ordering of free breakfast/lunch
- Social events - Steph Inniss has a great list of ideas for activities by level and season

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

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**Log your volunteer hours:** Attend Parent Association Meetings. Every Parent is a member of the SSCPS PA!

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