

FINAL MINUTES

SSCPS Parents Association

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Meeting Date & Time: November 18, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

Parents Attending: Ebrahim Murea, Sue Zola, Lisa Kallman, Joanne Manning Della, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Andrea Poudrier, Caitlin Rogers, Kendra Polefka, Myland Pamphile, Alicia Savage, Amy Kelly, Brenda Lee, Alisha Uhlenbrock- Furst, Christina Centrella, Katie Wilcox, Denesia Tardif, Michelle Rankin, Cynthia Lyons, Rich Ahern, Rhoda Chukwu, Aisling Flanagan, Liz Sweeney, Godwin Ujjalele, Alicia Greenidge, Joselyn Zhong, Emmanuel Anteneh, Brenda Lee, Jen Anderson, Katie Vecchione, Brittany Lofstrand, "RCCGVHP Westwood", Prudence Goodale, Melissa Freitas, "Tinumike", Lam Yong, "Moto g(7) power" (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 – Jen Anderson
 - Approved unanimously

2. Treasurer Update/Grant Requests

- No grant requests
- Remainder budget balance \$1070
- 100 School Spirit signs were purchased, 34 have been sold
 - Selling for \$20 each (\$10/sign returns to PA budget)
 - Kiosk will be set up for signs
- SSCPS magnets are sold out and 167 stickers available
- SSCPSPA is Venmo handle

3. Level & Grade Representative Updates

- **Kindergarten**
 - Be sure kids are dressed for the weather as they go outside for recess (Katie will find out if donations of cold weather clothing is accepted to provide to children if under dressed.)
- **Level I**
 - No Update
- **Level II**
 - No Update
- **Level III**
 - Krista – New remote half days this week – classes end 12:05 no work after – students can catch up with work due
 - Friday remote half day schedule for all
 - Reports cards will be sent out week of Thanksgiving
- **Level IV**
 - Nov 1st needs to be summer reading done to get grade

- **Grade 9**
 - Email from guidance counselor
- **Grade 10**
 - Not on call
- **Grade 11**
 - No update
- **Grade 12**
 - Watch for emails from Mary

4. Committee Updates

- **Fundraising**
 - Liz Sweeney – working on appreciation gifts
- **Community Building**
 - Not on call
- **Volunteer Committee**
 - No update
- **Communications & Technology Committee**
 - No update provided

5. Additional Topics

- **Half Day Craft Day**
 - Few ideas included – level 1 and 2 – would like 2 parents per classroom – donate individual gifts sent to school by December 10th for children to do together remotely on screen on December 23rd
 - Good portion of Level III is full remote not fully engaged to participate
 - If you want to volunteer, contact Andrea
 - Children at school would do individually
 - No food related items
 - Will get out email to parents for volunteers (emails have already gone out)
- **Bus Routes**
 - FCC may be cancelling some routes
 - Parent looking for carpool info and/or transportation service
 - Two SSCPS Weymouth Students in Group B and C are in need of transportation services ASAP. Please contact PA if able to help out.
- **Fundraisers**
 - Raffle Calendar
 - Share with friends and family
 - Local businesses - packed with over \$5000 worth of items
 - Calendar from Nov 16 to Dec 15
 - Link on PA website
 - SSCPS Sign & Stickers available for sale on PA website
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Program is going well, some donations still need to get to end of year.
 - Venmo account on PA website (SSCPS-PA.ORG) to donate
- **In School and Remote Learning; Mental Health Support; Covid Testing in School**
 - If children are in school, windows are open if available and it may be cold while in classroom and outside– reminder to parents – send students in layers of clothing
 - Engagement of kids since back to hybrid model is increased
 - Parent asking about the eighth graders be allowed to be back – with 3 foot distance - potential idea regarding Plexiglas dividers was brought up, however, guidelines do not support this fully.

- School is looking into concerns
- Faculty not comfortable with 3 foot distancing; maybe with time and case counts drop maybe look into this again
- Problem with recommendations from CDC is changing
- Both students and faculty safety at forefront
- Looked at Plexiglas for one to one testing – then move out of that room for disinfecting and cleaning
- Plexiglas needs to be floor to ceiling if it is used
- It is in areas where CDE and feasibility found it acceptable
- Instructional task force teams discussions
 - Teachers have limited time to prepare lesson plans and other jobs due to in person teaching, needing to be with class during school hours and then having to leave school at dismissal for cleaning
 - Finding this schedule is not sustainable for teachers
- Some parents reached out to Katie regarding mental health resources
 - Anxiety is up – pandemic exacerbated – there are four counselors right now
 - There is a school psychiatrist that does testing
 - Reach out to any instructional team if children need mental health support – reach out to teacher first line of defense
- Board voted - three weeks of consistent data and that is when transition would be made – looking for some guidance re: inside school transmission - ? closing if certain number of students getting COVID – waiting for directives from commissioner – there was meeting on Nov 19th
- SSCPS was approved for testing – will provide tests from federal government if someone comes to school with symptoms
 - They will be taken to nurses room and nurse could administer a Covid test – even if test is negative, student will need the quarantine
 - Testing would be rapid testing so if positive, contact tracing will be started right away
 - Nurses to meet to determine optimal roll out for this program
 - Would need broad parental consent for any in person learning
 - Brochure will be going out to families
 - Exec mtg wed talk of switching metric ; info postponed until Fri night – all case numbers going up but only one comm red – hybrid learning on Tuesday talk about the new model
 - If testing is not consented, child cannot attend
- **PA website**
 - WWW.SSCPS-PA.ORG - weekly update, useful links, meeting times
- **Board of Trustees Info; Seat is open**
 - Prudence Goodale, board member introduced herself and explained roll of Board
 - Includes Student that is elected, Parent, and Executive director as well as other members
 - Usually will run for 2 terms, but some members serve 3
 - Up to 18 people serving currently with several Members term close to ending
 - Board meets for minimum 6 times per year (sep to June up to 8 times)
 - Summer July board meeting (retreat usually in non-Covid times)
 - Thursday (second of each month) with occasional emergency meetings
 - Expectation to serve on 2 committees which may deal with range of issues like community sports, building usage, physical education, etc.
 - Applications due end of January 29th (last Friday)
 - Looking for diversity representing town and backgrounds – looking to represent everyone in the school
 - **To Apply to Board of Trustees**

- Provide contact info: name, address, cell phone, email
- Why are you interested
- What strengths you would bring
- What you think constitutes a strong Board
- Current resume
 - Can drop off or email; 3 members of the Board will interview prospective member

Meeting was adjourned

- Kendra motioned to close and Katie 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:** Clip & drop neatly trimmed Box Tops in the folder at the front desk
 - 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 for more information.