



DRAFT MINUTES

SSCPS Parents Association

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Meeting Date & Time: February 15, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Location: ~~100 Longwater Circle~~ & Zoom

Attendees:

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

1. Welcome

- Cindy Lyons opened the meeting
- Minutes from last PA meeting to be voted/approved
 - Motioned – Katie
 - 2nd – Jessica
 - Approved unanimously

2. Treasurer Update/Grant Requests

- Starting budget from SSCEF: \$5,000
 - APPROVED 10/19/22: Book Club FIT (28 books) - \$301.10
 - APPROVED 10/19/22: Smartpass digital hall pass - \$600
 - APPROVED 12/21/22: Senior Shirt Request – Mary Carter - \$936
 - APPROVED 12/21/22: 1st grade Animal Habitats – Jessica Everett - \$170.48
 - White model magic Crayola fast dry clay from Amazon for hibernation, migration, and adaption science unit. Students will be creating a chosen animal and will make their animal and habitat out of clay using a shoe box display
 - Each of the 4 1st grade pods will get \$40, total after tax is \$170.48
 - REVIEWED 12/21/22 (NOT APPROVED): Dim sum and food contribution – Helen Li - \$790
 - SSCPS Global Civic Education Coalition is not an approved vendor for the school
 - Grants must be approved before you pay for items (it is not for reimbursement)
 - APPROVED 1/18/23: Senior Shirt Request (additional funds) – Mary Carter - \$96
 - APPROVED 1/18/23: Level II Great Room Makeover – Cindy Lyons - \$312.87
 - Original request was for \$722.26. Certain items such as shelves, chalkboard, and storage container are more pressing. The cost for these items is \$312.87 and this amount was approved. The other items can be discussed later.
 - APPROVED 2/15/23: Supplies for TASC room – Darcie Edwards - \$250
 - Therapeutic academic support center – space for kids to use when they cannot attend academic classes
 - APPROVED 2/15/23: Supplies for Seven Continents – Cassandra Sullivan - \$293.23

- REVIEWED 2/15/23 (NOT APPROVED): Chairs for reading intervention – Siobhan Daly - \$444.12
 - Folks liked the idea but are concerned that the chairs will get dirty quickly. Perhaps we can find a more appropriate chair material and bring this back for approval.
- **Total funds left: \$2,040.32**
- Grant request form can be found on sscps-pa.org

3. Level & Grade Representative Updates

- **General**
 - Feb 13 – Past Due Library notices went out
 - Feb 17 – Lost and Found will be donated
 - Feb 20 – Feb 24 – No school – February Vacation
 - Feb 27 – Enrollment deadline
 - March 2 – School Council meeting
 - March 3 – Half Day and SSCPS Lottery
 - March 9 – Board of Trustees meeting
- **Kindergarten (Liz Sweeney)**
 - No updates
- **Level I (Jennifer Lawrence)**
 - No updates
- **Level II (Stephanie Innis)**
 - Tell kids to be kind if they see other kids by themselves. Classrooms need supplies: wipes, tissues, paper towels, sharpened pencils. Headphones are needed.
- **Level III (Andrea Poudrier)**
 - See General updates above
- **Level IV (Katie Goldrick)**
 - No updates
- **Grade 9 (Jessica Barbour)**
 - Stephanie Chery is leaving post as guidance counselor
- **Grade 10 (Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst)**
 - See grade 9 update
- **Grade 11 (Eileen Lefsky)**
 - Mary Carter has been sending updates to all 11th grade families
- **Grade 12 (OPEN)**
 - Need to fill open Grade 12 Rep position
- **Student Rep (Samuel Oji)**
 - No updates

4. Committee Updates

- **Fundraising & Community Building (Mary Binda and Liz Sweeney)**
 - Planning a rollerskating event week of February vacation. \$2 off entry fee and facility will donate \$2 back to SSCPS. Also planning an ice skating day.
 - Working on a movie day – Super Mario brothers movie is coming out in April.
- **Communications & Technology (Patrick Angland)**

5. Additional Topics

- Open position – Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson
 - Last year, this role was created. Cindy is looking for a group of people to charter how this role should run – what do we want to accomplish going forward in this space?
 - Andrea will create a voting email for the new diversity chairperson.
- School council topics from Anne Bell and Ann Mantil
 - Community Service:
 - What's a reasonable number of hours of service to require annually of students at each level? There was a general sense among the high-school teachers/admins that the current requirement is too high, at least for those students.
 - Feedback during the PA meeting was that parents still agree that 30 hours is a reasonable number of community service hours
 - What role could parents play in connecting students with opportunities to do community service, both during and outside of the school day?
 - Consider adding to PA website and Facebook any possible community service events/ideas
 - Kendra Polefka provided the following ideas:
 - <https://www.teenwire.org/how-to-get-community-service-hours-online/>
 - <http://files.sscps.org/browsable/Student+Life/Community+Service/Community+Service+TABLE+3-9-12.pdf>
 - <https://www.weareteachers.com/volunteering-with-children-near-me/>
 - Extracurriculars:
 - There is a real desire to expand the school's offerings, particularly for the younger children. Could the PA help with funding a small pilot program next year? This would likely involve a few after-school clubs led by teachers who'd like to do this (hopefully with support from high-school students)
 - Start with lower grades, do a pilot run of some after school clubs
 - Angie said there may be a late bus for the tutoring program – this might be an opportunity to provide buses for after school clubs too
 - Alisha said to plan for \$100k needed to run the program because you'd need to provide a bus in order to make it equitable
 - Which areas would be of most interest to parents? e.g., sports, drama, arts & crafts, robotics
 - Ideas: Scouts, lego club, board game club
- Parent Survey – be sure to fill this out and get your voice heard!
- Upcoming events –
 - Rollerskating at Carousel Family Fun Center in Whitman – 2/20-2/24/2023, 2-4:30pm

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

Soft lockdowns at High School – what is the protocol for communicating to parents?

- Per Alisha, a soft lockdown means there is an incident at school which requires student privacy. Everyone is safe but must stay in place. Every time a soft lockdown is done, it is preparation for a real lockdown. Staff is very comfortable with the protocols. Every year Norwell police works with teachers in August to run through protocol. It's done every year because best practices and protocols change. Front door and back door protocols are checked daily. Teachers have protocols for where to sit, look, and where to be positioned in playground.

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- 2 scholarships for anti-racist education.
- MLK and lunar new year celebrated in January.

Board of Trustees meeting – minor amendment to finance and facilities

- Looking to add student seats to pay for additional space at 700 Longwater and enhance programming and athletics. This would amount to adding 1 class to every grade (20 students per grade) over a 5 year timeframe. This is less than 25% increase in overall student population.
- Meeting is 5:30-7:30 at 700 Longwater in Person and on zoom. Alisha will also review the enrollment trends. All info is in the weekly email.

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!

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