

# FINAL MINUTES

SSCPS Parents Association

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*Meeting Date & Time: December 7, 9:00am*

*Meeting Location: SSCPS, 100 Longwater Dr.*

**Parents Attending:** Heidi Aylward, Adetoyin Olaoye, Alisha Uhlenbrock, & Katie Vecchione

**Others:** Susan (FCC Transportation)

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## 1. Welcome

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- Minutes from Nov PA meeting to be voted/approved
  - Motioned – Katie Vecchione
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alisha Uhlenbrock
  - Approved unanimously

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## 2. Treasurer Update/Grant Requests

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- PA currently has \$5,000 budget from SSCEF (South Shore Charter Educational Foundation) to provide grants
  - \$500 Grant request received 11/14 by Pam Golden to be voted/approved
    - Motioned – Katie Vecchione
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alisha Uhlenbrock
    - Approved unanimously
  - **(Unsure Amount) Grant request received in November by Mary to be voted/approved**
    - Motioned – Katie Vecchione
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alisha Uhlenbrock
    - Approved unanimously

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## 3. Additional Updates

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- **School Council Update**
  - Katie provided summary of School Council meeting from December 5th was discussed. Will ask any parents at next School Council meeting who are not members to come to PA meeting to be officially sworn in. Parents are encouraged to attend any School Council meetings, as they are open to all.
  - School Council thought the PA was working on better lunch options, however PA is not taking on this project. Charlene at School to be notified, along with Angie at next School Council meeting.

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## 4. Transportation

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- Susan, owner of FCC and additional bus driver arrived around 9:30am to speak about transportation concerns. They had not confirmed they were coming to the meeting and therefore parents were not notified they would be in attendance.
- In regards to October 24th incident, Susan first stated that all buses arrived and issue was with Putney. She later revised her statement, and said that 3 of the 4 buses arrived and all but 3 students were on buses safely. When asked about how she knew it was just 3, she said she was told this by students. We advised her that we were told by the school there were about 15 students left behind, and children on the overcrowded buses had to stand. PA was told that was a lie. PA asked to see bus attendance logs

from the date in question, and PA was told they are thrown away, and logs are not available. PA requested that FCC keep logs for the entire school year moving forward. Unclear if request accepted.

- PA Requests for FCC Protocols and Safety procedures were denied by Susan.
- Per Susan, she has not received any complaints from SSCPS parents.
- Per Susan, Parents are encouraged to call/text her at 781-267-1388 or email [FCCTransportation@comcast.net](mailto:FCCTransportation@comcast.net) with any ongoing concerns, or to request bus status updates when needed.
- Susan stated that if she receives a phone call about issues while driving, she uses a head set to answer. E-Mails and Text are either answered when drop-offs are complete or she pulls over during her route to answer.
- FCC does not have a centralized communication center, and all employees including the owner are driving during transportation times. This delays response time.
- Susan stated that parents are individually notified when buses will be 15 mins or more late, however there was no clear answer given on how all parents are notified. It was later relayed to PA that parents have to contact Susan directly to check on bus status when buses are late. Again, Susan is driving creating a delayed response. Sometimes parents are told by Susan to "let another parent know" if the bus is running late. Susan stated sometimes the school is notified. Susan is unable to create mass text alerts as her phone can only text 12 contacts at one time. While she has email lists for each individual bus, she does not send out mass notification when buses are late.
- When there is an 'accident' Susan only notifies parents whose children were on the bus at the time of the incident. PA requested that ALL parents be notified whenever there is an issue on their child's bus.
- PA relayed to FCC that the school is not responsible for communicating transportation issues with parents, and that a more effective notification system is requested by parents. Susan stated she is not willing to invest in a new communication program but will look into other alternatives. FCC plans for a new communication program for parents will be ready for next PA meeting in January
- Susan has agreed to come to next PA meeting in January to talk with parents about ongoing issues.

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## 5. Level & Grade Representative Updates

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- **Abbreviated Meeting - No Level/Grades Updates**

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## 6. Committee Updates

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- **Abbreviated Meeting - No Committee Updates**

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

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