



DRAFT MINUTES

SSCPS Parents Association

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Meeting Date & Time: September 21, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Please note that these names were recorded from your Zoom names. If incorrect, please reach out and let us know at

1. Welcome

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

2. Treasurer Update/Grant Requests

- Starting budget from SSCEF: \$5,000
 - 1 Grant Request received for \$339.70 from Kaitlyn Curry to purchase books (Ghost by Jason Reynolds -18 copies, and Harry Potter - 10 copies) for Level IV book club
 - **Discussed but not yet approved.** Further discussion at next PA meeting.
 - Is there any funding in the library budget for this? Andrea reached out to Nora to ask – and she replied that it was not in library budget to purchase multiple copies of same book.
 - Ghost by Jason Reynolds was previously purchased for Level IV students in 2018 – should we start out by reaching out to parents to see if anyone wants to donate their copies back?
 - Alicia has a membership to a book site and can get copies of Ghost for \$3.75 – probably makes sense to fund new for one of the books. The Harry Potter book is not available on that site.
 - Is the plan/goal to do a book reading FIT in future? If yes, can we get this in the budget for future?

3. Level & Grade Representative Updates

- **Kindergarten**
 - No Update
- **Level I**
 - 1st graders are starting Farm trips every other week in the fall
 - 9/22 - Back to School night 6:00-7:00pm for grades K-4
 - **Need to fill open Level I rep position**

- **Level II**
 - Level II Faculty and Staff would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the classroom
 - 9/22 - Back to School night 6:00-7:00pm for grades K-4
 - 11/1 - Make up Picture Day
 - 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
 - Please pack daily - water bottle, a snack, and a lunch. Please check to be sure that you are signed up for school lunch if that is your plan.
 - Be sure your child has a silent reading book with them each day.
 - Students will need: (if you have not already purchased since week 2) 2 additional pocket folders for social studies and science, headphones in the classroom, Glue stick
 - Teachers wish list: Paper towels, Lysol wipes, and tissues
- **Level III**
 - 9/23 – Nantasket Beach Field Trip – permission slips went home 9/15 – make sure you return, and that Emergency Contacts are on file at school
 - 9/29 – Back to School night 6:00 – 7:30pm
 - 10/1 – 5K and Community Day (Back to School Picnic)
 - 10/5 – No School
 - 10/10 – No School
 - Volunteering is back – must complete training and have CORI and fingerprinting completed. CORI can be completed at Back to School Night
- **Level IV**
 - No Update
- **Grade 9**
 - Stephanie Chery had nothing to report from guidance for the 9th graders
 - Freshman zoom earlier this week – exit standards discussed
 - 10/26 – 9th grade Field trip to Treetop Adventures in Canton
- **Grade 10**
 - 9/29 – Back to School night for High School
- **Grade 11**
 - PSATs coming up in October
- **Grade 12**
 - 9/23 – Camp burgess
 - 10/1 – FAFSA Financial Aid opens
 - Senior Seminar has been meeting as well as individual meetings
 - **Need to fill open Grade 12 Rep position**
- **Student Rep**
 - No Update
 - **Need to fill open Student Rep position**

4. Committee Updates

- **Fundraising**
 - Rustic Marlin signs, beach towels, cash fundraiser (sell raffle tickets to win baskets with scratch tickets), photo sessions for the fall (previous photographer Jaq is not available), auctions (feedback from Alicia is that the overhead cost is expensive to hold an in person auction), trivia night (SSCPS gym space could be free)
 - Per Alicia, the 5K Road Race at the Back to School Picnic will be the big event this year

- **Community Building**
 - Potential October event – trunk or treat that's not affiliated with Halloween (but instead reading/literacy themed) – decorate car as favorite book and families could dress as favorite book character. Collect used books for students as a parting gift.
 - Community service project – collection of items for food pantry
 - Vacation week events – Movie night for December, ice skating in February, rollerskating in April
 - Cindy mentioned that Steph Inniss has a great list of ideas for activities by level and season – Cindy to forward
- **Communications & Technology**
 - Still learning role – Patrick will be on site tomorrow night for Back to School night
- **Diversity & Inclusion**
 - No Update

5. Additional Topics

- **Topic One**
 - Back to School Picnic/5K.
 - Joe K is running 5K – use sign up genius to sign up as a volunteer.
 - Could use donations for snacks (no nuts), food, running games.
 - Facepainting will be done by a 1st grade parent.
 - Helen will have a table for Pan-Asian alliance.
 - Andrea will have a tie dye table.
 - Anyone know a DJ?
- **Topic Two**
 - School Council Member/Rep Needed - if Interested please reach out to Angie
- **Topic Three**
 - Teacher Appreciation
 - Flower or coffee bar
 - Fun snacks in staff room (cannot push a cart around due to COVID per Alicia)
 - Random raffle Friday – collect unused gift card donations
 - Aim to do something 1x a month to acknowledge the staff – maybe cover 1 grade each month so that all grades are covered.
- **Topic Four**
 - Bus Updates
 - Many people expressed sincere appreciation for the buses this year
 - There are over 700 students on 16 different buses and there have not been many issues.
 - During learning curve, some stops might have changed
 - First Student notifies the school of any scheduling issues and then the school sends robo notifications to parents affected.
 - If you only need the bus on certain days or only AM/PM, you should still sign up for the full 5 days (per Alicia)
 - It was suggested that we recognize bus drivers on national school bus driver appreciation day.
- **Topic Five**
 - Volunteering –
 - Must complete training and have CORI and fingerprinting completed
 - Angie will run a volunteer training course 30 minutes prior to Back to School Night
 - CORI can be completed at Back to School Night

- **Topic Six**
 - Level I Rep – to be discussed at next PA meeting
- **Topic Seven**
 - Social Events – to be discussed at next PA meeting

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

Open Discussion

Global Civic Education Correlation celebrates Hispanic heritage month. Parent speaker spotlights. Non-profit organizations work together as allies. Host international students. They will donate flowers to Back to School picnic on Oct 1.

Agenda topics for future meeting:

- Grant request from Kaitlyn Curry \$339.70
- Open positions review – Level I Rep, Grade 12 Rep, Student Rep
- Consider sending a how-to sheet for teachers on how to submit grants
- Level II Choir before school
- Social events - Steph Inniss has a great list of ideas for activities by level and season

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

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