



DRAFT MINUTES

SSCPS Parents Association

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Meeting Date & Time: Wednesday, January 19 @ 6:30

Meeting Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Katie Vecchione	Fabrina Pena - K Rep	Serge Lalane	Denesia Tardif
Rianna Allen-Charles	solan	Noor Hakim	Ann Mantil
olajumoke	Joliane McRae	Perkings	Stephanie Inniss
Jennifer	K Jones Tandon	Francesse Mercedat	Anne Bell
Marise jean philippe	Ruth chouloute	Liz Sweeney	Maureen Lynn
Helen Li 617-652-6600	Cynthia Williams-Cotterell	Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst	Steven Watchorn
rsamuels	Andrea Poudrier	Rebecca Angland	Laura Foley
RCCGVHP Westwood	Patricia Kelley		

Please note that these names were recorded from your Zoom names. If incorrect, please reach out and let us know at apoudrier48@yahoo.com

1. Welcome

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

2. Treasurer Update/Grant Requests

- Starting Budget \$5000
 - \$362 Educational Tech Platforms for Pre-AP World Literature
 - \$984.93 Shelves for K class
 - 1 new request from Katie Curry for 2 circuits for FIT
- Balance remaining \$3,653.07
- Open request for review Cricut machines – Kaitlyn Curry - approved
- Open request for rolling carts for K teachers – Melissa Freitas – approved
- Grant request form can be found on sscps-pa.org

3. Level & Grade Representative Updates

- **Kindergarten**
 - We are trucking along here in Kindergarten, getting ready to celebrate "Half-Way Day" (the mid-point of the year) in a week or so

- The 100th day of school coming up in February.
- Now that winter is here, we'd like to remind all families that the kids are allowed and encouraged to play in the snow at school, but must be dressed in snow boots (not "fashion" boots), snow pants, a coat, snow gloves (the "puffy" kind), and a hat. Sending in extra socks & shoes is also very helpful, along with labeling everything! It's very hard to tell snow pants apart, especially when they're all the same color.
- **Level I**
 - Happy New Year
 - Parents to check with teachers to see what supplies they may need
 - Supplies for Jessica's room
 - Command hooks, glue sticks, thick markers, child masks, child gloves, mittens, snacks, and colored paper
 - Enrollment deadline Feb 28th. If you have siblings, you still need to enter them into the lottery.
- **Level II**
 - Parents please periodically check the Amazon wish lists as teachers are updating them throughout the year
- **Level III**
 - Reminder MCAS this year – coming up in Apr/May – you can assist your children by helping with homework.
 - Any concerns reach out to teachers on how to be successful
- **Level IV**
 - Mid-year exams
- **Grade 9**
 - Mid-year exams
 - If you did not receive email on summer programs/volunteer programs and additional resources – reach out to Alisha Uhlenbrock-Furst
- **Grade 10**
 - Mid-year exams
- **Grade 11**
 - Spring is a busy time for juniors
 - Parents should keep an eye out for emails with updates
 - Mid-year exams will be Jan 24th, 25th and 26th
 - There will be in class discussions regarding the exams
 - SAT EXAM - will be in April and is free to all juniors
 - All Juniors will be in a Junior Seminar.
 - The seminar will include SAT prep and college and career planning
 - Parents: Please let Mary Carter know if there are any community service opportunities in the communities
 - Parents: Please let Mary Carter know if there are any companies interested in helping out with a Senior intern opportunity
 - **Seed Scholars Program EIN# 47-2278139**
 - Amount \$500
 - Deadline is January 31, 2022
 - High School Juniors that identify as a female student of color with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 is eligible to apply.
 - Use this link to apply: <https://scholarsapp.com/scholarship/seed-scholars-program>
 - A flyer with the QR code and link for the Seed Scholars Program is here: [Seed Scholars Program Flyer](#)
- **Grade 12**
 - Reminder that cap and gown payments are due by:

- **Monday January 31st, 2022. Orders placed after this date will be subject to a late fee.**
- Please use the link below to place your order and payment.
- <https://bit.ly/3HZ6k4h>
- **Student Rep**
 - No update

4. Committee Updates

- Fundraising
 - Movie Day – success- thank you to all the families who attended and enjoyed a great community building event
 - Potential ideas
 - Roller skating
 - Ice skating
 - Espresso Dave for teachers
 - Nurse’s appreciation
 - SSCPS T-shirts from Community Day still available!
 - \$10 – white T with pawprint logo – willing to tie-dye if requested for additional \$3– reach out to Andrea at apoudrier48@yahoo.com
 1. Adult XL – 14
 2. Adult Lg – 10
 3. Adult Med – 5
 4. Adult – Sm – 6
 5. Child – XL - 14
- Community Building
- Volunteer Committee
- Communications & Technology Committee
- Library Committee
 - Meeting on Friday at 9:00

5. Additional Topics

- Year books can be ordered now – see weekly for details
- Pool Testing began
 - Parents raised questions on % of children signed up
 - What is SSCPS planning now that Baker is adjusting guidelines on testing?
- Helen Li: Celebrating Lunar new year (the year of the tiger 🐅) with some families, everyone is welcomed to join the virtual stories and songs too. 617-652-6600. Lilymomloveyou2@gmail.com
- Discussion on inclusive/anti-racism curriculum
 - Lots of discussion
 - Alisha Uhlenbrock – Furst mentioned this had been a discussion at last school council meeting and encouraged parents to attend
 - Next meeting Feb 10 @ 4:30
 - Rowena provided teacher contact – Marco from high school and provided list of groups in place at high school

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

Closing of meeting

- Motioned - Liz
- 2nd - Laura

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: Now online – download Box Tops for Education app and scan receipts.

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](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

High School Midyear Schedule 2021-2022

	Monday (24th)	Tuesday (25th)	Wednesday (26th)
8:30-10:00	A Block	C Block	E Block
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	B Block	D Block	Make-ups
12:00-12:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30-3:00	Study in Advisory	Study in Advisory	Study in Advisory

Level IV Midyear Schedule 2021-2022

	Monday (24th)	Tuesday (25th)	Wednesday (26th)
8:30-10:00	A Block	C Block	E Block
10:00-10:30	Break	Break	Break
10:30-12:00	B Block	D Block	Project Reflection & Make-ups
12:00-12:30	Recess	Recess	Recess
12:30-1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-1:20	Recess	Recess	Recess
1:20-3:00	Study in Advisory	Study in Advisory	Study in Advisory

Good afternoon,

With the holiday season now behind us, we are approaching the midpoint of our school year. The second quarter will end on Friday, January 21st and our students in grades 7-12 will sit for midyear exams the following week. The complete schedule is copied below.

These exams are designed by teachers to test student progress in our curriculum and the results of these exams provide important data about how our students are doing. They are excellent practice for the high stakes exams students will sit for in college. Students have been preparing since the start of the year through the work in their classes. They can expect teachers to provide more specific study materials by the end of this week to help them

focus their efforts. The approaching extended Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend provides a terrific chance for studying. Some students may need some encouragement to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please note that we will not hold classes for our students in grades 7-12 on the afternoons of exam days. These are long mornings for our students. Please do not hesitate to dismiss your child early on these days if you feel that they are better off resting and studying at home. I will send another reminder as the date draws nearer. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.