

SPS Home & School Association – General Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2018, 7:00 pm

28 parents in attendance including Principal, Amie Hale, NCPD Detective Manse, Parish Business Administrator, Pete Olsen and members of the H&S Executive Board

Call to order and prayer by Tricia Dever, H&S President, at 7:00 pm

Review and approval of February 2018 Meeting Minutes – Stacy Bopp made a motion to approve; Amy Ascani seconded; all in favor; motion carries

Officer Reports

President – Tricia Dever

One on One meetings – Tricia recently met with most teachers; many classroom wish list items collected for review & approval; many were safety related

Beautification Project – primarily for A building; hope to be able to update other areas too; paint is a high priority

Past President – Amy Ascani – no report

Treasurer – Alan Michael – absent/no report; arrived midway through meeting

Volunteer Chairs – Stacy Nunziato and Leyla Renner

We have chair persons to cover the remaining events for the year; still looking for help for the following events: book fair in May; first communion brunch (looking for 3rd grade parents); Teacher Appreciation week, Used Uniform Sale, 7th & 8th grade dance, 8 grade reception (looking for 7th grade parents)

Near term events on the school calendar – Father’s Mass, End of 3rd grading period, Spring Break; will soon be working on next year’s school calendar. Let Stacy Nunziato know of any events that need to be added.

Nominations Chair – Stacy Bopp

Now collecting nominations for next year’s H&S Executive Board. Let Stacy know if you are interested in any positions. Plan to have elections / voting at April or May H&S meeting.

New Business

Auction – Auction Committee Chairs

Looking for a few more people to join our executive committee in the planning of the auction. The auction is a vital component to our school, and being on the core committee is a lot of fun. It is not an excessively huge commitment because that core committee is made up of 5 to 7 people. Therefore, it’s a team role and not individual planning. **If anyone is interested in hearing more**

about how they can help next year, please contact Tricia Dever. There will be a meeting in May to talk more about open committee positions & how parents can volunteer.

Classroom Reps/Wish lists

Courtney Dietrich, H&S Vice President reviewed the classroom wish list items; there was some discussion/clarification about wish list items being for the benefit of students; would remain with the school if the teacher left; some items were carved out for consideration of using auxiliary or school funds.

Julie Hagge motioned to approve all wish list items, Stacy Bopp seconded; all in favor; motion carries

Principal's report – Mrs. Amie Hale

Upcoming Events:

This Sunday – Holy Cross Art & Design Symposium (Little Troupe, Lego League, Art samples)
1-4pm; Canton Cultural Arts Center

Wed. 3/21 – Casey the Life & Fire Safety Dog (Black Lab) visiting Preschool – Grade K

Nic Davidson – speaking to middle school (recent Catholic convert)

St. Michael's Vocation Fair – HCA middle school students invited

CVEEC – Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center – April 10-13th student science trip

Annual Wash DC trip (end of April)

Registration for 2018/2019 school year is still in process – only 178 out of the current 324 students are registered so far; Focus on Enrollment initiative was rolled out offering incentives based on next year's enrollment.

Incentives (grades K-8):

If enrollment reaches 337, families receive \$50 back

347; \$100 back

367; \$150 back (which totals the increase in next year's tuition)

There is a referral credit of \$250 (per family) – the student needs to be here at least one semester

A parent proposed that we use fillable pdf forms in the future, making it more efficient to complete forms; would also like ACH debit option for the registration fee; Mrs. Hale mentioned the registration form is a fillable form & she's been looking into options to offer pre-filled forms.

Pete Olsen mentioned if you change payment plan on the FACTS site after the registration deadline, the original elections will revert back the next year

Safety Updates

Mrs. Hale shared an FAQ handout about school safety and measures we have in place

Officer Taylor is our school resource officer. He is shared with North Canton schools; stops by our school on a regular basis; walks around the campus

Reminder that volunteers need to stop at school office and check in. Pick up visitor's badge. This includes parents that are attending classroom parties.

Last Friday the school staff went through our lengthy safety plans (3/9/18)

We use an app called Navigate prepared - for staff to use during an emergency situation

Old Business

Safety/Security – Tricia Dever

Looking at quotes to add vestibule doors - \$5k - \$10k

BOLO Sticks/ Door Security – Tricia gave background on review of options; challenges we've faced over the past year; Amy Ascani & Tricia Dever recently walked through our school buildings and inventoried all doors. Potential to request over 70 bolo sticks. Detective Manse explained that we can't use the bolo sticks on all doors (i.e. hollow doors or doors with big windows); he will be here with a building inspector in early April to further assess. Bolo sticks are recommended by Detection Manse.

Tricia also made a request to purchase safety related "Go Buckets" for the classrooms. Includes supplies for lockdown situation; Detective Manse explained that kids/staff could be in classroom for 3-4 hours until authorities clear the building(s); Tricia asked that someone volunteer to manage this project (parent later volunteered)

Window clings/Tints

Update provided on areas to apply window clings – can see out but not in; expand on original project; design in progress

Fence along playground – postpone discussion until future meeting; a parent suggested this may be a good Boy Scouts project

NEW: Mrs. Hale explained the need for additional speakers for announcements (in addition to walkie-talkies); quote for \$5,483 to add amplifiers to all hallways and bathrooms where announcements aren't heard

Kim Baca made the motion to approve \$5,483 dollars for additional speakers; Renee Murphy seconded; all in favor; motion carries.

Discussion about school & student security

A question was posed about having a permanent security officer on campus. Detective Manse shared that making our buildings more secure is most important & communication. A permanent security presence is likely not feasible.

A suggestion was made that we consider a security task force and talk about safety on an ongoing basis. The group would support the safety measures that are put in place. Would need to report out to the school & parish administration (e.g. Father Jay, Mrs. Hale, Pete Olsen); Stacy Giammarco offered to discuss further with Pete Olsen and Father Jay to identify next steps

It's really important to remind students not to let anyone into the school (not even people they know or their own parents). Parents should also never open doors for other parents. We understand that it might seem awkward not to open the door for another parent, but the only person that should be allowing entry is the front desk staff. Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs. Hale explained that our school doesn't have a security system such as ADT.

A letter will be mailed home from the Diocese School Superintendent (Mary Fiala) – There is a County Task Force for safety. The letter will contain updates. The Task Force makes suggestions to the schools.

Detective Manse reiterated several times, that the biggest thing we can do for our school, is to keep it locked down. We already do a very good job at this and have worked diligently to improve upon this the past month. Our policies are reviewed by the police and fire department and we follow their recommendations very carefully.

Alan Michel (H&S Treasurer) explained the H&S budget. Due to our successful 2017 Auction, we have approximately \$100k budget this year. \$50k is spent to maintain programs such as athletics and annual events. The remainder goes to projects designated to be funded by the auction proceeds. The H&S Association is not intended to fund significant school investments. The school & parish have budgets as well and work together on funding needs.

Pete Olsen explained the composition of the school budget -40% covered by tuition; 40% parish subsidy; 20% other funds (cost reimbursement from state)

Additional Items:

Renee Murphy announced the new SPS Bowling Club for grades K-8 starting in the Fall. They may possibly have a 2019 Spring club as well.

We will add the previous Hot Lunch equipment request to next month's meeting agenda for voting.

With no further business, Courtney Dietrich made a motion to adjourn the meeting (all in favor) at 9:19pm.

Next H&S General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 10th, at 7pm in the School Library