

SPS Home & School Association – General Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2018, 7 pm

13 parents in attendance, including Principal Amie Hale, and members of H&S Exec Board

Call to order and prayer by Tricia Dever, H&S President, at 7:01 pm

Review and approval of April 2018 Meeting Minutes – Julie Hagge made a motion to approve; Kim Baca seconded; all in favor; motion carries

Principal's report – Mrs. Amie Hale

With Mrs. Murphy, a few SPS students were at the State Science Fair this past weekend, winning a prestigious award for the schools with high grades on their Science Fair projects. Mrs. Hale is writing a press release regarding this award and our attendance at the fair. It will be released to the Canton Repository and the Suburbanite.

Press Release: On Saturday, May 12, 8 students from SPS competed at State Science Day. That is a huge accomplishment in and of itself. State Science Day is a competition of over 1000 projects representing the top 11 percent of all projects in the state. More than 80 percent of our school students' scores were Superior earning the elusive Shaw Award given to less than 10 schools in the state. We were the only school in District 13 Science Fair District to earn the award.

Mary Poppins was wonderful and well attended. Everyone agreed that our drama program is top notch for an elementary school.

Mrs. Hale discussed the numerous upcoming May events at school.

Mrs. Hale discussed her desire to do an "FYI" sheet for every grade. For example, when your child enters 8th grade, at the beginning of the year the parents will receive a sheet that includes notes on Graduation, DC trip, Pass it On Mass, etc. She'd like the teachers to do this, but is working out the logistics.

Mrs. Hale reported we have 2 teachers retiring, Mrs. Culler (music) and Mrs. Wellman (6-9th math). We are actively taking applications for those jobs. The job is posted at all Holy Cross schools, on the diocese website, and was distributed to most Northeast Ohio colleges.

Officer Reports

President – Tricia Dever

Home & School Association Finances were reviewed in Alan Michel's (H&S Treasurer) absence. We have \$47-51K to spend

We have all our final quotes for the various projects we'd like to complete this summer (with the auction money):

Paint A/B building: all hallways, all rooms, all trim, all railings: \$25,300. Already voted on as large school project from auction funds this year. Potentially add fatheads/stenciling.

Safety Ladders: for A/B building. Will not be approved by the Fire Department. We have fire doors in each building, multiple ways out, as well as "areas of rescue" in the event of a fire. This will not be pursued.

PA System (already approved) for entire school – hallways & bathrooms.

Window Clings (already approved) to cover all windows/doors to outside.

Cameras for the preschool (\$1600)

Hot lunch closet shelving (table warmer for now)

Blinds – Tricia is discussing with church and will hopefully be paid by the church as the others were in previous years

Security & Bolo Stick update: Mrs. Hale and Tricia met with the Fire Department (NC), the Building Department of North Canton and the SPS Maintenance Director to review all doors in the building. The BOLO sticks have been denied by both building department and fire department. The main issue is that they believe new doors should be installed first. So, if we replaced all doors in the school, we would have to submit a plan to the State of Ohio to have the BOLO sticks approved, then submit to the building and fire department in NC and THEN we could install, if approved by all departments. The NCFD is very against these because their job is to get people out. Because of this denial, we will use the money that has been set aside for this purchase for other security features at the school. Quotes are being researched for new doors on several classrooms, but funds for this would need to be researched and raised. If this happens, we will research submitting our plan to the state and city, respectively, and if we get approval, potentially raise funds for BOLO sticks.

Vestibule door (recommended by the NC Police Department) running perpendicular to main hallway (between office and library). Visitors/Parents will be buzzed in and will have no choice but to go to main office. Once it's been determined you can enter school building, you'll be buzzed a second time into the main hallway/school. A vestibule door will also be added to the preschool.

Vice-President – Courtney Dietrich – no report

Past President – Amy Ascani – no report

Treasurer – Alan Michael – absent/no report (Tricia Dever reviewed finances)

Volunteer Chairs – Stacy Nunziato and Leyla Renner (absent)

Working on the Google survey / sign up form for 2018-2019 volunteers to chair events, etc.

Stacy initiated a discussion regarding moving some events out of May. After much discussion and realization that everything in May has nowhere else to go or makes the most sense in May, we did discuss moving K Transportation Parade into April. Stacy will discuss with K teachers.

Stacy introduced us to a form required by the church to schedule rooms on our church & school campus. For every event that she requests a room for (when doing the calendar) she & Leyla will have to fill out a request form. Many people mentioned it would be a fun mid-summer gathering to do all together and asked her to have us assist! That's a lot of work and we are happy to.

Nominations Chair – Stacy Bopp (absent)

During voting, we will have to vote on the slate of officers for the next year. No one additional showed interest in joining, so the slate remains:

President: Tricia Dever

VP/President-Elect: Courtney Dietrich

Secretary: Kristin Greger

Treasurer: Alan Michel

Volunteer Chair: Stacy Nunziato & Leyla Renner

Nominating Chair: Stacy Bopp

Past President: Amy Ascani

Old Business

Mentor Picnic – Katy Pitcher coordinates this event; Date set at Aug 7. Katy will reach out to request mentor families.

Spartan Spirit Night – August 15th; we are changing it up this year. The K and new families will come an hour earlier and have an introduction in the gym. They'll meet teachers, Home & School, have time at the spartan spirit shop table, etc. Then they'll have time in the classrooms with their teachers, for a bit longer. Then, all returning families will come an hour later and have NO meeting in gym, will just take supplies to classrooms and can visit the tables if they wish.

Auction Committee Chairpersons – We had a great kick off at Courtney's house and still do have some roles to fill, if you'd be interested, let us know!

100th Anniversary of St. Paul School is 9/8/19 (mentioned as a reminder)

New Business

Spartan Robotics (Junior First Lego League and First Lego League): Kevin Fonner joined us to ask for his budget for the 2018-2019 year. He had a detailed budget, line by line of how their money is spent. He is also still getting sponsors to assist in his funding (his sponsors money flows through Home & School to fund him). He also generously is putting his \$2,000 prize money (from the coaching award he won), towards his budget this year as well. He's just waiting for approval and the money will deposit to Home & School.

Equality in groups asking for money from H&S: It was discussed of creating some sort of equity between groups asking for money from Home and School. Athletics receives \$20,000 from H&S annually, and has a \$25.00 participation fee per year. Robotics has a \$75 fee and receives \$2,400-\$3,200 from Home and School. Drama has never received money from Home and School, and has been able to run independently through this year. There may come a time that Drama may need to come to Home and School for financial assistance to run at their current capacity. Some discussion arose on looking at the funding of different groups and addressing the equality amongst all.

Summer: There will be some family community service nights in the summer (cleaning tables and chairs, mulching, cleaning out the basement). Please watch email and come help us! Good for service hours and for family time.

Voting:

Robotics budget of \$3,200 for next year: Stacy Nunziato made a motion to approve; Julie Hagge made a second motion; all in favor; motion carries.

Vestibule doors (with security monies): Amy Ascani made a motion to approve; Julie Hagge made a motion to second; all in favor, motion carries.

Preschool cameras: Julie Hagge made a motion to approve; Kim Baca made a second; all in favor; motion carries.

Hot lunch closet shelving: Danielle Herzog made a motion to approve; Amy Osbourne seconded; all in favor; motion carries.

Officers (as listed above): Kim Baca made a motion to approve; Renee Murphy seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

With no other new business or voting; Tricia Dever adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Next H&S General Membership Meeting: TBD, September 2018!