

# MINUTES

## **Slavens School MSPA Minutes**

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Gurr at 8:15 a.m. The meeting was held in the upper teacher's lounge at Slavens.

### **In attendance**

Eva Marez, Lesley Hurd, Amy Leonard, Tamara Barron, Kathleen Armstrong, Suzanne Mountfort, Kurt Siebold, Amanda Gurr, Melissa Hatchett, Sheila Winstanley, Shelley Hook, Pat ??, Paige Brown

### **Approval of Minutes**

N/A

### **Treasurer's Report/Budgets- Wilma Shepard**

- The finance summary and detail for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 was distributed and discussed. Wilma clarified for those present that the tax exempt status must only be used with the PTA check, not personal checks. Also, the PTA checks require two signatures so advance notice would be appreciated to allow for her to obtain the two required signatures.

### **Principal/ Assistant Principal Update- Kurt Siebel**

- Kurt provided an update on the approved BOND funds. Over the summer, new lunch tables were received and lighting updates were made. Future improvements including window replacements, library expansion and items under Learning Landscape, i.e. gym expansion will mostly likely occur over the next few years to provide for recap of savings. Also, three new promethium boards have been acquired and will be utilized in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and the library. We will be purchasing one board and the other two will be provided by a grant from the Morgridge Foundation.
- Conferences have been moved from October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup> beginning immediately after school. The day following the conferences is a school holiday- Veteran's Day.
- A new half-time Spanish teacher and half-time GT teacher has been added and so far the response from students has been very positive.
- Reading specialist- Jackie Tidd will be out due to medical issues until after the winter break. Interviews are currently being conducted to find a substitute during this time period.
- Three new paraprofessionals have been hired- (1) Kindergarten- Maria Wischmeyer (2) Special Ed- Anne Franklin and Mara Houey (sp?)
- Traffic safety continues to be an ongoing concern and was discussed at the CSC meeting. CSC is discussing a possible student outreach program for neighbors impacted by the school traffic at pick-up and drop-off. There is also an effort underway to create a rotating parent volunteer program to assist with this. New parent, Pat ?? will contact Liz Payne, PTA President to discuss the details of this effort.

- President Obama's speech (broadcasted 9/8/2009) will be shared with grades 2 - 8 on Friday, September 11 at 2:30p. There will be an alternate activity for those who choose not to watch. A letter will be sent home today with further details.

#### **Committee Chairs/Openings- Amada Gurr**

- **Parent Socials:** Suzanne Mountfourt volunteered to host for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Kathleen Armstrong volunteered to co-host for 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Athletic Banquets:** Volunteer is needed to take pictures and put together slideshow. The fall banquet is scheduled for Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The spring banquet is TBD.
- **Classroom Parent Liasion/6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Volunteer is needed to replace Kary Cramer. An email will be sent with the Middle School Newsletter today.

#### **Carnival Update- Kathy Gile**

- Kathy requested that we use a Fun Services Colorado to run the logistics of the carnival. The cost for rides, set-up and tear-down is \$1875. Motion to approve the \$1875 was made and approved. Students will still develop and run several booths.
- Ticket cost will increase to \$15 and will be on sale before and after school Monday, September 14. Tickets purchased prior to the carnival will receive a coupon for a drink and a slice of pizza.

#### **Continuation Update- Suzanne Mountfourt**

- Suzanne reported that the ceremony will either be held at Embassy Suites, Tamarac or Hilton Gardens, Tech Center, which she will tour in the near future. Kathleen Armstrong also recommended that she consider Cool River, Tech Center, as a lower cost option.

#### **Parent Ed Update- Sheila Winstanley**

- Sheila reported that Jane Howard has scheduled an event for Oct. 1 discussing the different types of character. This event is applicable to all grades so we will not have a specific middle school event until November. November's theme will focus on discussing sexuality with your pre-teen. She is reviewing speakers now.

#### **Student Social Update- Amy Leonard**

- Amy received the binder of information for this position from Amanda. She will coordinate with Student Council to set a date and plan logistics.

#### **Faculty/MSPA lunches**

- Following the monthly MSPA meeting, President, Amanda Gurr and Vice-Presidents, Kathleen Armstrong and Lesley Hurd, will lunch with the faculty.

#### **MSPTA Auction Dinner**

- The dinners were purchased by Jane Howard and Family. Paige will coordinate the list of volunteers to provide dinner once a month to the Howard's. Amy Leonard has volunteered to provide September's dinner. We need volunteers for the remainder of term.

**Meeting Times Discussion**

- A request was received that the meeting time be changed to accommodate those with a less flexible work schedule. A discussion was had and put to a vote. The meeting time will remain at 8:15 am the second Wednesday of the month.

**Discussion**

- Grocery Certificates- Wilma Shepard has been spearheading this effort for the last several years and will be leaving Slavens at the end of the year. The Board will be actively seeking a volunteer who can take over this position for next year. Excel skills are essential.

**NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2009 AT 8:15A**

## **Committee Reports**

- Membership
  
- Volunteers
  
- Newsletter
  
- Computer Support

## **Announcements**

### **Next Meeting**

October 20, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., school cafeteria

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.