

MINUTES

Slavens School MSPA Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Gurr at 8:15 a.m. The meeting was held in the cafeteria at Slavens.

In attendance

Eva Marez, Lesley Hurd, Amy Leonard, Tamara Barron, Kathleen Armstrong, Suzanne Mountfort, Amanda Gurr, Melissa Hatchett, Shelley Hook, Wilma Shepherd, Paige Brown, Kathy Gile, Susie Sherap

Treasurer's Report/Budgets- Wilma Shepherd

- Signature cards were changed at the bank 10/14/2009, with Amanda Gurr, Lesley Hurd, and Kathleen Armstrong taking over for Kathy Gile and Anne Rowe.
- The finance summary and detail for 2009/2010 was distributed and discussed. Clarifications were made for the following: 1) Carnival proceeds do not reflect the actual for drinks, ice, candy of \$175, total net proceeds should reflect \$5,425- this is the highest proceed amount so far! 2) Middle School Activity Fund actual does not reflect an additional ~\$1675 of contributions that have recently come in.
- Continuation Committee was advised to make sure to budget for all anticipated expenses.

High School Info- Jessica True

- Due to the timing of DPS' delivery of High School brochures last years brochure will be made available for review. They will not be distributed but will be available for pick up in the office.
- Open Houses are being by Anne Rowe- GW and Kendra Black- TJ & South. Dates are still TBD but expect the timing to be late Oct. - Early Nov. Information to follow.
- A postcard will be coming home shortly regarding the Nov 4th High School Expo, which includes an informational meeting for all DPS High Schools, not just charter schools. Information to follow.
- Jessica was asked to research the process/guidelines by which choice registration need occur. Information to follow.

Principal/ Assistant Principal Update- Melissa Hatchett

- Key events for 5th grade families transitioning to middle school:
 - Informational Parent Meeting will be scheduled for early Nov.
 - Shadowing opportunities will be scheduled after conferences in mid Nov.
- Shelley Schmitzer's 5th grade class has been moved upstairs. There were some initial issues between the grades but it has been handled with a conversation held by Mrs. Stoddard.
- Students requiring intervention will skip specials to meet on Tues, Thurs and every other Friday. Only Language Arts intervention will be offered at this time, no math.
- Architecture- 7th and 8th grade classes will be split. Logistics are still being worked. Information to follow.

Committee Reports

- **Committee Roster:** Has been finalized. All changes must be submitted to Amanda Gurr for final distribution. It was gladly noted that Kim Sandstrom has stepped up to take over next year's Grocery Certificate program and will be mentored by Wilma this year in preparation for the 'smooth' transition.
- **Athletic Banquets:** Amanda Gurr will coordinate taking pictures, putting together slideshow and collecting money for coaches' gifts. The fall banquet is scheduled for Dec. 1st. The spring banquet is TBD.
- **Carnival Update- Kathy Gile:**
 - It was decided that the leftover candy will be given to Anne Rowe for the Mathletics team.
 - Kathy recommended that an amount of ~\$100 be left in the carnival fund to get folks started for next year.
 - Ideas for improvement (as witnessed by Amanda Gurr at the Cory- Merrill carnival) are: 1) Picnic table section 2) Hot Dog BBQ 3) Better Signage
- **Continuation Update- Suzanne Mountfour**
 - Ceremony will either be held at Embassy Suites, Tamarac or Hilton Gardens, Tech Center.
 - Amanda will research interest to continue with the tiles.
 - Suzanne proposed that attendance is for immediate family members- additional friends and family can attend for \$5 or \$10 per person.
- **Fundraising Oversight- Amanda Gurr:**
 - Bake sale/Pie Sale scheduled for Tues. November 27. Times TBD.
 - Bumper stickers will be sold at the Bake Sale for \$5.00, cost per is \$ 0.75 to be funded by PTA or possibly Student Council. Amanda will discuss Student Council's funding with Kathy DuHoux. Final design/letters will be decided by students.
 - Box Tops for Education is in need of greater awareness and wider participation.
 - Insider Pages was introduced as a possible fundraising activity. More information will follow but the general idea is that a website is dedicated to Slavens for a certain period of time. During that time, families are encouraged to write review for restaurants, doctors, insurance agents, etc. and a scaled fee is paid to Slavens for each review. It has been found to be a very lucrative fundraiser in other schools.

- **Student Social Update- Amy Leonard:** Plans are set for the dance and help will be needed for set-up on Oct. 27. Dance to start at 1p.
- **MSPTA Auction Dinner:** Schedule has been finalized.
- **Fall Sports Athletic Banquet- Amanda Gurr:** Scheduled for December 3rd. Gift funds are being collected in the office or according to the grade representative (see sent email). Please forward any photos to Amanda Gurr.

Miscellaneous

Vision discussion was tabled for now.

Chipotle Night- October 22. Flyers will be made available.

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2009 AT 8:15A