

Pine Hill CSA Minutes

Pine Hill Library
March 7, 2019

Present: Dr. Barbara Brown, Molly Cullum, Kaitlin Dunham, Megan McGonigal Edgar, Katie Garvey, Allison Gullingsrud, Amanda Hoffman, Jackie Kleiman, Jen Lymneos, Christina Robida

Absent: Rachel Cohen, Lynn Frigiani, Tyler Hoffman, Hannah Ireland, Angie Johnson, Nikki Miller, Kate Potter

Call to Order

VOTE: Motion to open the March meeting of the CSA. Motion approved. The CSA monthly meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

Presidents' Report – Molly Cullum and Amanda Hoffman

Custodian Appreciation Day

Custodian appreciation day is March 8th. The CSA bought gift cards and little thank you card for each of the four custodians. Amanda passed around thank you cards for board members to sign.

Bus Driver Appreciation Day

The CSA held a breakfast for bus drivers last year. It was announced ahead of time and they all came in to the school for it. They seemed to enjoy it last year. The CSA brought fruit and coffee and CSA members signed up to bring in food. The CSA will do this again this year. There are nine bus drivers, so keep this in mind for quantities of food. Molly will send something out as we get closer. There is one METCO bus who arrives early and cannot participate in the breakfast so we will give them something special before they leave in the am.

Teacher Appreciation Week

The CSA will host a luncheon for the teachers. It will be aligned with teacher appreciation week. A consultant had planned to come for professional development that Wednesday, but that person will not be coming, so a lunch would work for that day. It can be onsite - outside if the weather is good and inside if inclement weather.

School Spirit Store

Next week there will be a meeting to plan for the online school spirit store.

Board Positions

Presidents have heard from all board members in attendance.

Auction Update

It's obvious that we need to do more to reach out to the list of auction prospects. Auction planners have planned a meeting with co-presidents. Board members are asked to take a look at the list and select some prospects to solicit. The biggest struggle is finding solicitors for items from companies. There was a discussion about how the list could be best used and the presidents will talk with the auction chairs. Board members discussed strategies for identifying who would be the best solicitors for items.

Operating Manual

The goal is to put together the CSA operating manual by the end of this year. Board members are asked to submit a description and relevant operational details for their committee to Tyler Hoffman. He will compile and format the manual.

Vice President's Report – vacant

Principal and Vice Principal's Report – Dr. Barbara Brown and Allison Gullingsrud

Pine Hill is sending kindergarten and 1st grade teachers to visit the Lexington school district to see reader's workshop in action. 2nd and 3rd grade teachers are going next week. One of the goals is to get teachers out of their own classrooms and offer a chance to reflect on what they are doing. Teachers from other districts will come to Pine Hill.

Pine Hill and Chickering are bringing Responsive Classroom into the schools. Fourteen staff members have signed up to attend a four-day introduction course. This is not a program, it is way to speak with kids and create connectedness in the classroom. Responsive classroom training is optional for teachers but the district may mandate it as a competency for future hires. This is a way to incorporate our district-wide values into the classroom. One of Pine Hill's DSEF grant requests would fund sending five Pine Hill teachers to Teachers College.

Kindergarten registration is now online.

Planning has begun for next year.

A big “thank you” for the Valentines Day celebration for teachers. It was an amazing setup and the teachers were very appreciative.

Events – Jackie Kleiman and Megan McGonigal Edgar

Minute To Win It

This event will be on March 15th from 6:30-8:30. It is a drop off event. The registration deadline is March 8th, but may be extended to March 12th. Registration is online. Thank you to everyone who helped get registration online.

At tomorrow’s all school meeting Amanda, Molly and some kids will perform one of the challenges and we hope this will encourage kids to want to attend. The event planners have coordinated with Kelly Hodge for the all school meeting.

New Families - Hannah Ireland by email

The new family coffee event that was cancelled because of the snowstorm, and will be rescheduled to March 21st from 9:30-11:30. Hannah and Nikki will send out some updates.

Volunteers – Katie Garvey

Raffle Baskets

The new ticket system was successful. There was some feedback from a 2nd grader from Miss Jarboe’s class: survey kids for raffle basket ideas. There were ten winners out of 6,000 chances.

Revenue total: \$5,270, which is \$405 more than last year.

52 purchases online and 107 purchases by check, so keep the check option for next year. These numbers indicate that about half the school population participated.

A suggestion was made to consider doing more baskets for next year.

There was a discussion about the timing of pulling tickets on Valentine’s Day. The decision was made that that it went well but the priority is to hold it the Thursday before vacation, as is traditionally done.

There was a question about the donated items and a discussion about changing the language to be more specific about what to donate.

Minute To Win It

Katie will send an email to room parents about Minute To Win It.

Treasurer – no report

Communications – Jennifer Lymneos reporting

“Meet the CSA” has been going out in the newsletter. One person wrote to the communications email to say they liked it. Board members agreed. Some board members still need to fill out information for it.

Minute To Win It is not moving in the store. Hopefully this will change after tomorrow’s presentation at all school meeting. There have been lots of clicks to view the sample challenges online.

Enrichment – Kaitlin Dunham and Lynn Frigiani

Ball in the House on March 1st was amazing. The students are still talking about it. The group had asked if we can post a Spotify link on our website. Jen can also put the link as a follow-up in the newsletter.

The author Suzy Kline came on March 7th for 2nd grade.

Lynn reported by email:

I booked Urbanity Dance for the April 5th all school meeting. They are a contemporary dance company who will be doing an interactive performance called "In Each Others Shoes" which celebrates diversity, encourages community and explores compassion, kindness and respect through movement.

Metco – no report

Other Business – HESSIE Sheldon by email

Book Fair

The fair is scheduled for two days this year, Wednesday, March 27th and Thursday the 28th. I've spoken with a few other book fair coordinators

who do two or one-day fairs and, along with Jim, seem to think they do as well as a three-day, so we'll hope that's the case.

Some suggestions they had included:

- have parents send cash or a check with their kids (check can be blank or have a set dollar amount)
- have coffee and bagels in the mornings for parents who want to shop
- have an ice cream (or popsicle) afternoon event for parents and kids
- parents can send in money to go towards teacher choice books

Let me know if you guys want to do any of that and I'll include it in the blurbs. I'm also going to have some of Kevin Barry's beautiful READ posters for sale. I've contacted Stephanie to get the Sign Up Genius template to send out to room parents and put in the blast.

The other upcoming event that should be on the CSA radar is the dad focus group on 4/11 hosted by Dr. Keough.

Attention Pine Hill and Chickering Dads!

Dover-Sherborn District Superintendent Andrew Keough and Pine Hill School Counselor Maury Frieman would like to hear from you.

Join Drs. Keough and Frieman for a casual focus group session to talk about the roles of dads in our school community, evolving expectations for men and boys, the challenges dual working families face in caring for school-age kids, and any other issues that might be on your minds. Two dads of middle and high school kids will also join in to answer any questions you might have about those transitions.

Pine Hill Dads Focus Group with Andrew Keough and Maury Frieman
April 11th from 7-9pm
Pine Hill School Media Center/Library
10 Pine Hill Lane, Sherborn

Adjournment

VOTE: Motion to close the February meeting of the CSA. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Approval of February 7, 2019 Minutes

EMAIL VOTE: Motion to approve the February 7, 2019 minutes of the CSA was approved by the majority of board members, as captured via email to CSA co-presidents following the February 7, 2019 meeting.