

## **FEBRUARY 6 2013 - SPC Meeting**

*Parent in attendance (not a complete list as sign-up sheet didn't make it all the way around the room):*

*Genevieve Day, Dave Demerjian, Kimberly Rand, Lisa Foulger, Heshan Berents-Weeramuni, Kieran Fitzgibbon, Molly Mariano, Tim Clancy, Dominic Burdick, Suzette Allen, Nikki Douglas, Carrie Fletcher, Julie Smith-Bartoloni, Leidys Guerrero, Isis Beguin, Shannon Clark, Rebecca Nieto, Kathy Choi, Flo Zimmerman, Kristin Jurkoic, Rachel Buckingham, Janet Malone, Noreen Power, Leah Barcan, Liza Stearns, Inci Kaya, Doug Rand, Brett (?), Maria Monteiro-Roby, Daniel Sullivan from Northeastern*

**“Capital Campaign Kick-Off“** – *Kieran Fitzgibbons & Doug Rand, Intro by Jeff Slater, and historical recap by Julie Smith-Bartoloni & Liza Stearns*

Parents and administration would like to start fund-raising and strategizing for a playing field to replace asphalt area behind upper school. This year, upper school is having recess for first time ever. They are doing “structured” play with Playworks and other physical activities. A strong health & wellness push at the Curley makes this more important than ever. A 6<sup>th</sup> grader named Carlos (former Aggasiz student) spoke about this need noting the lack of grass here compared to his former school. He said if you fall here you get hurt and expressed interest in soccer field/team.

The schoolyard renovation got almost all the way around the building with the grant from the Boston School Yard Initiative, but ran out of money in part because the grant mandated an “outdoor classroom”. At the time we got a “Master Plan” produced that included a playing field. Now that the economy has improved and there is renewed interest in getting this last (and possibly most important piece) completed.

The cost for the desired playing field is about \$250,000. We are hoping to get multiple grants. Materials and a video are already produced that will make this effort easier. There is support from BPS facilities. Looking for volunteers for fundraising help. The focus is on the next step. There is already some potential interest from outside community. Email Doug Rand [dougrandra@gmail.com](mailto:dougrandra@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

### **Curley Pride** – *Principal Interns Allison & Clara*

Uniform incentive program is working extremely well in the lower grades. They are looking for more age appropriate prizes for the upper school. They are asking for both donations for prizes for lower school and asking for money for upper school “Curley” gear. They are asking for \$500 and there was a move to give \$250. The room voted to give the \$500. Treasurer Kimberly Rand said there was enough money for a “one time” draw from the budget.

### **Peacemaking Circle Training** - *7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELC Teacher Linda Solomon*

There is an upcoming conference about building community and embracing diversity. She is inviting folks to the conference. Contact her for more information.

**School Site Council Update** – *Leah Barcan*

They are continuing to work on school/home communication work. She is looking for feedback on the conference night. Email [lbarcan@gmail.com](mailto:lbarcan@gmail.com) if you have any opinions.

**Budget update** – *Heshan Berents-Weeramuni*

Budget is “flat” meaning no cuts this year. Enrollment is up this year and some of those students will be getting a higher funding from the BPS weighted student funding formula. We are getting bit more money because of this and are able return Parent Outreach Coordinator Betty Alverado to full-time status. It is not within our budget to reinstate the librarian this year but there is hope for upcoming years. \$25K supply budget was voted on by the school site council -- the only part of the budget that parents can have an input for. There is not a lot of room input on school budget by parents.

*Brief recap on the music program. - Heshan Berents-Weeramuni*

The K-5 music program is a \$50K program that is paid by a variety of funding sources. The SPC pays \$25,000, the school budget pays \$5,000, an EdVesters grant currently pays \$14,000, and the Community Music Center of Boston covers the remainder. The music program has been running successfully for 11 years, despite last year being a bit rocky. This year it is running smoothly again, but there is interest in discussing the future of funding the program at a future SPC meeting, mainly because of the fundraising burden it places on the SPC.

**Silent Auction Meeting** – *Molly Mariano*

Planning is officially underway for one of the SPC’s most important fundraisers. Flyer is going out in the next day or two about obtaining donations to auction off. Next meeting Feb. 12 @ 7:30pm at Kristin Jurkoic’s house. Email [curleysilentauction@gmail.com](mailto:curleysilentauction@gmail.com) for the address or to be added to the email list of helpers. HELP is need, jobs large and small!

**IEP Parent Support Group Meeting** – *Noreen Power*

Parent Advocate from the Federation of Children with Special Needs came to the last meeting. The next meeting will be coming up—watch for details. Email Noreen Power ([ncpower1@gmail.com](mailto:ncpower1@gmail.com)) to be added to the email list

**Treasurer’s Report** – *Kimberly Rand*

Official proceeds from the Centre St. shopping night in Dec - \$1044

Official proceeds from the Friendraiser -- \$3245

Official proceeds from the MLK Bakesale to support student Gabriel Clark’s -- \$1000

*Museum of Science Night* – Last year SPC paid \$800 to support the event and about 330 people attended. This year we tweaked the formula a little (raised the price and reduced the number of guests allowed). The result was 390 people attending and

the SPC MADE \$100. The pricing structure is seen as a big success since it will now essentially break even and provides a great community-building night out.

This month the SPC paid for various receptions / breakfasts / and for art teacher supplies. PayPal account is currently being set up and will be ready in time for the Silent Auction so people can pay with credit cards at the event.

### **501c3 Status for Friends of the Curley**

Will be discussed at next month's SPC meeting, but things are in motion to set this up.

### **Misc. Issues brought to the floor**

Again, the sad state of the bathrooms (particularly in Upper School) was brought up. Lack of toilet paper dispensers in many of the girls' rooms stalls and lack of soap & paper towels. Nikki Doulas & Flo Zimmerman plan to set up a meeting with Jeff Slater regarding putting the appropriate work orders in for physical issues and for a plan to oversee that the custodians replenish soap and towels more consistently. Some of these issues were addressed with the BPS facilities folks at last month's environmental walk-through organized by Guidance Counselor Sue Trotts.

A parent having ongoing issues with bus behavior asked for support. Maria Monteiro-Roby connected with her to intervene.