

Curley SPC June Meeting Minutes

Welcome - *Dave & Genevieve*

New Principal Introduction – *Katie Grassa*

Katie Grassa, the Curley's new principal will be starting officially on July 1st. She came to the meeting to introduce herself and ask a few questions about the SPC's goals.

She said that she grew up in Dorchester, and attended BPS schools. She was a teacher for 8 years at Murphy School. She has held leadership roles, has a background in literacy and curriculum development, and most recently was an administrator at a turn-around school. Regarding the Curley, she wants to know what is successful and what needs to change. She said she wants to learn everyone's names! She is starting July 1 and will be willing to meet with families. She is passionate about K-8 schools and was impressed by the common goals of Curley administration and parents.

Introductions to SPC Elections – *Maria Monteiro-Roby & Betty Alverado*, They introduced their roles in the family engagement office. They help give parents a voice. One of Maria's roles is to help make sure elected positions are filled with a group representative of the school body.

There was packet recently sent out discussing all the ways in which people can volunteer at the Curley.

Introduction of the School Site Council – *Leah Barcan one of the SSC Co-chairs*
Serving on the SSC is an exciting opportunity to work on school policy.

Elections:

School Parent Council

Co-Chairs: Dave Demerjian and Genevieve Day will be doing this role for one more year

Treasurer: Melissa Elow has stepped forward to take over from Kimberly Rand

Secretary: Lisa Foulger will do this role again, Noreen Power will be an alternate in case Lisa can't attend all the meetings.

School Wide Parent Council: The Curley is supposed to have a rep to meet once a month somewhere in the city with other SPC's reps, but it's historically not been too worthwhile. We will only fill this role if we hear that it will be a more meaningful experience to the rep.

SPED Pak representatives – this is a citywide advocacy organization for families of special education students. Molly Mariano will take over from Noreen Power

SPC Working Groups: Contact genevieveday@mac.com or davedemerjian@mac.com if you are interested in helping in ANY capacity and they will get you on the appropriate email list

Fundraising- Events

Molly and Jess Ormsby are looking for replacements to oversee the SPC fundraising. Inci Kaya was expressed interest. The SPC officers discussed after the meeting the possibility that role of Fund-raising Chair is too big for even two people. A suggestion is to have a Fall Fling Captain, a Silent Auction Captain, and a Plant Sale Captain, etc. ANYONE interested in helping fill these ESSENTIAL fundraising and FUN roles, please contact Dave or Genevieve, Genevieve Day genevieveday@mac.com , davedemerjian@mac.com

Fundraising- Special Projects

Sunny Schwartz is interested in thinking about going after donors and grant money. Technology committee, librarians. If you have an interest in this type of development, contact Sunny, sunnyschwartz@yahoo.com

Business Liaison – The idea is to focus on businesses that aren't always tapped for Fall Fling and Auction. Also to keep track of which businesses we are asking for donations. Heidi Brooks was volunteers

Curley T-Shirts – Katie Finch orders the t-shirts, and polos, sell them at office and other events. She is willing to continue in this role.

Arts & Music Liaison – Bill Ellsbree, wants to get a parent involved coordinating the Community Center of Boston. Position would work together with a parent with music background. Music program is funded through a myriad of sources, but half come from SPC. Help coordinate the concerts
Volunteers for this are Dave Hamilton, Joe Wardell. Ben Carlson & Arusha Hollister (as a team)

New Parent Welcome Teams: - Plans Kindergarten Welcome Picnic and Playdates
Katie Finch

School Preview Tour: Carrie Fletcher will organize these events again but wants people plan to volunteer as tour guides.

External Communications: Heshan Berents-Weeramuni – currently manages CurleyWebsite, Twitter & FB presence, goggle calendar . Currently 18 people have publishing credentials. Chris Kollett will continue to help – especially with Twitter feed. Beth Bendavid Val, Inci Kaya, have also volunteered to help

Translation: Curley parent Christina Diaz has been helping translate flyers into Spanish. She will continue to help.

Class Parent Liaison: Val Snekvik, Sue Trotts and Arusha Hollister have agreed to work on this. The goal is to better collect family contact information for class lists and have a more formal process for assigning class parents. Possibly work in collaboration with the Family Outreach Coordinators, Maria & Betty.

Grounds & Facilities:

Flo Zimmerman has offered to care of the orchard again.

Volunteer/Community Outreach:

Julie Smith – Bartoloni will continue in this role

Curley After School Program

Susan Trotz spoke about the possible need for a Board for CASP. CASP is actively expanding and including lots of new collaborations such as Tenacity, Sole Train. Need for advertising, more ideas, coordination, etc.

Inci Kaya & Jon Gummer expressed interested in getting involved in CASP

Health & Wellness Committee

Susan Trotz spoke of the accomplishments of this group. News goals include a healthy food environment

Katie Finch, Flo Zimmerman, Amy Sobata volunteered

Technology – A new committee is forming to try to help expand the presence of technology in the school: Sunny Schwartz, Scott Mackintosh, Maria Monteiro-Roby, Connie Redden, are currently in this group. Chris Kollett joined up.

SSC Representatives

Latino:

Jasimina Alverenga

Tanya Castillo

Yolanda Torres

African American:

Nicole Aljoe-

Darryl Elow

Heidi Brooks - Alternate

White:

Leah Barcan

Carrie Fletcher

At-large:

Heshan Berents-Weeramuni

Update on Schoolyard Capital Campaign -

The group working on this has now hired a grant writer & landscape architect.

The website: playingfield.curleyk8.com has all the info.

The fundraising will kick into gear over the summer. We are going to make it happen this year!!! If you are interested in being on the email list, email

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