

SPC MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2013

Review and approve the SPC Budget for this school year —

Current SPC treasurer Melissa Elow and former SPC treasurer Kimberly Rand went through the SPC Budget from last year to show where the SPC money came from and project where this year's money will also come from.

We made \$8,337 on this year's Fall Fling

We made \$1,200 from the Election Day Bake Sale

Upcoming fundraisers that we are planning and hoping for earnings similar to last year:

Friendraiser – A letter to solicit money from friends and family members. This earned \$2,900 last year. Chris Kollett and Lisa Foulger will be working on this.

Centre Street Shopping night – \$1,000 last year...we need parent to take this on if we are doing to do it this year.

Sale of Boston Marathon #s – We sell donated marathon numbers for approx. \$5K Hoping to have them donated again this year.

MLK Day of Service Bakesale – \$1,000 last year we donated the money to a family in need, this year we will keep for the SPC

Silent Auction – Canary Square -- Adults only fundraiser and community building night \$11,750. Planning team head up by Molly Mariano and Heidi Brooks forming now.

May Plant Sale - \$6,000 – Team to be headed up by Kristin J.

Midway Café music event – \$1,500 – Fundraiser where Curley community perform at a Rock Club. Molly Mariano will be running this again. Mr. Gates AKA Rod Stewart will hopefully headline again.

Parent Fundraising Backpack appeal - \$2,500

Matching gifts from employers – \$500

MOS night - \$141

SPC will be spending the money on the same things as last year: Hospitality for meetings, principal's breakfasts, concerts & welcome sessions, class-wide field trips for each grade, k-5 music instruction, stipends to arts teachers for supplies, musical instrument repair, (discussion had about expanding this to all specialists), credit card processing fees, a teacher appreciation lunch, materials & police detail for arts showcase, support of K2 & 8th grade moving up ceremonies, Curley T-shirt production.

There was a one time contribution of \$1k last year to the Playing Field Campaign for a grant-writer and there was a vote this year for a one-year stipend for Connie Redden to head up a technology committee in the school.

Sunny Schwartz – questioned whether grant writing would be a more effective method of fundraising. Kimberly Rand & Inci Kaya volunteered to work more on this sub-committee

There should be a further discussion and assessment of the Community Music of Boston's involvement in the music programming, as it is such a large expense for the SPC. Ideally music education could be funded by the school budget, and Principal Grassa is open new suggestions.

Technology Committee Report - Sunny Schwartz

Sunny presented results of an extensive review done by this committee of the current state of computers in the Curley School. There was good and bad news. There is a great need for more computers and laptop carts. But there was a discovery of an existing laptop cart intended for upper-school use that was being under-utilized. There is also an under-utilized computer lab in the upper-school. SPC recognizes the fact that much of the need in the school is about managing, maintaining and publicizing the current equipment and this led to a vote to pay a stipend to Connie Redden for this school-year to help leverage existing technology. The technology committee is interested in grant-writing to achieve a much broader improvement to the school's technology.

Welcome Family Sessions – There will be a district wide school open house on November 16th. 9 am – 1 pm. There will be other tour dates and volunteers will be needed to conduct tours and answer questions to perspective parents.

Playing field Campaign – This committee is in full-action mode and is hoping to have a playing field for the beginning of next school year. Grants are out and they are starting to work on creating sponsorship levels: sales of benches & trees, etc. They are looking for someone to coordinate this very focused effort. They are also reaching out the businesses who haven't been able to give to the Curley in the past

like, like realtors, El Mundo newspaper and neighborhood association. There is an upcoming meeting on November 18th meeting with BPS and Principal Grassa to get a significant financial commitment from the district. Also there is a partnership developing between the school and Northeastern University's Civil Engineering department, who is interested in this as a community outreach project.

Health and Wellness Committee – Katie Finch This committee will be doing a Nutritional Walkthrough November 15th to assess the nutrition in the school.

Classlist Update– Carrie Fletcher In the past Carrie Fletcher has spear-headed an effort to build google-docs of class-by-class contact information. Changes in access to information has made this effort too daunting for her to take on, as it would mean starting from scratch. The SPC feels that providing class-lists is essential to community building and there is a desire to tackle this issue. Other non-PBS PTO's have built directories of "member's" and charged for the directory as a fundraising tool. Research needs to be done about how other BPS schools handle this, and it should be made a project for next year's SPC to tackle if nobody can solve it for this year.

SSC Update – Heshan

Principal Grassa has presented a Quality School's Plan to address school improvement. There was a plunge in MCAS scores this past year and steps are being taken to address this. SSC will be working with Principal Grassa in the coming months on approving the School budget, as well as other school climate issues. Please note that their meetings are open to all parents (though the voting is restricted to elected reps).

Signage Project - Beth Bendavid-Val

A few SPC parents are working to design some signage to use throughout the school to improve the user-friendliness of the upper school and prevent parents from getting lost when trying to get to the auditorium from the lower school. This is in the early stages, but may require a small, one-time, expenditure from the SPC.