

Stowe Community Group Minutes

September 13, 2018 at 6:30PM

Every 2nd Thursday in School Cafeteria

I. Welcome, Call to Order at 6:35 & Attendance/Introductions including **Board Members:** Co-Presidents: Shawn Gerwig and Whitney Reeves, Co-Vice Presidents: Anne Daniel and Leader Needed, Treasurer: David Robertson (not in attendance), Secretary: Kathleen Funderburk, Community Liaison: Amber Gross, Member-at-Large: Leader Needed and **Staff/Guests:** Heather Blanchard. Additional attendees: Kevin Hanscomb, Kim Shoemaker, Phylis Lisi, Amanda Hennessy, Jennifer Frianty, Becky Kirker, Diane Smith-Howard, Leah Tuite

II. Secretary's Report: Review & approval June 2018 Minutes -- **Minutes voted on and Approved**

III. Principal's Report: - Heather Blanchard

- A. SCG newsletter will no longer use Constant Contact (a savings of \$500-\$700 per year) and will now be sent out by HBS to all student body along with the monthly HBS newsletter.
- B. So far this year there are 661 students enrolled at HBS this year. There is a large 2nd grade enrolment. School board requires no more than 24 students per 2nd grade class.
- C. PE teachers are requesting a parent to help lead Bike/Walk to school days. If interested, reach out to PE teachers or advise SCG board. This is a one time per month event (weather permitting)
- D. Snacks for school snack closet are needed each year. SCG has confirmed that this is a priority for our budget and we will commit to the same amount as last year (\$1,000)
- E. Field trip money raised and donated by SCG to the school is committed at \$12,000. Heather will allocate the money divided up by student headcount per grade cohort for equity. Any additional funds needed for field trips will be raised by individual grade.

IV. Treasurer's Report: David Robertson (not in attendance)

V. New Business

- A. District Volunteer Background Checks are now an annual renewal requirement. the Link is on the HBS web page
- B. Candy Buy-Back by CMPD on Friday, Nov 2nd- Bring in all or some of your Halloween candy and receive a gift bag from Coastal Maine Pediatric Dentistry. They will match our candy \$ per pound and donate the candy to our armed service men and women abroad.
- C. Upcoming review of SCG Bylaw edits- this is in process after the change in Leadership structure to a Board model.

VI. Events & Fundraising

Events

- Read--A--Thon: Whitney Reeves- this is our Fall fundraiser which will be held at the end of October (stay tuned for more details) Co-Presidents will discuss with HBS principals about any special events during this time or any celebrity readers.
- Grade Potlucks: Amanda Hennessey & Whitney Reeves- In years past we have had 4 separate grade potlucks in the fall to welcome families back. This tradition was started due to the merging schools when HBS was opened several years ago and has continued. We are open to changing this fall welcome back tradition for HBS going forward. Send any ideas to Amanda Hennessy or Whitney Reeves for discussion and look forward to our Fall family potlucks or new event.
- All Elementary School Craft Fair & Bake Sale: Becky Kirker & Meg Davis
 1. craft fair budget distributed and reviewed- **Budget voted on and Approved**
 2. Many leads' kids have graduated out of HBS. There is a need for a leader in the dining den, raffle table and glitter tattoos.
 3. much help is needed with different levels of commitment including social media (FB, signs and flyers) decorating on the night before, putting up signage around town
 4. contact the SCG board or Becky with interest in helping out.
- Scholastic Book Fairs: Anne Daniel & Naomi DeCourcy- November 7th-13th
- Bobcat 5K: Potentially Susan Olcott? Kevin Hanscom?- This is a spring event and needs a few leaders to run and coordinate the event
- Memory Book: TBD- conversations are being had with the principals about if/when this might be done at HBS
- End-of-the-Year Ice Cream Social: Amber Gross & Meghan Farrell

Ongoing

- Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Kim Shoemaker & Diane Smith- Make up teacher breakfast Friday Sept. 14th
- Bike/Walk to School Days: Jessica Brassard
- Helping Hands: Terri Cope- This is Terri's last year leading Helping Hands. Anyone who would like to be trained on how to help out and work the laminator and copiers should contact SCG board for a quick training. Any help as little as 1 hour per week is welcome.
- CLYNK & Hannaford Helps Schools: "Kelly" Ceoulette
- Box Tops for Education: Leah Tuite- pages went out to turn in your box tops to the school
- Garden Club: Carol Masterson
- SCG Logo Sales: Kathleen Funderburk- Bobcats and Sport bags need to be replenished. Goal is to utilize sales income for all inventory replenishments. Logo table will be set up at the craft fair and potentially have the logo items for each school as well as raffle sales be managed by same person at the event.

Projects

- Winter Give & Take: Brandon & Becky Dudley
- Movie Night & Teddy Bear Club: Amber Gross & Meghan Farrell
- Coffin/HBS Hockey Game: Amber Gross & Meghan Farrell
- Student Directory: Lisa Connolly- Information requests should be coming soon. Address will not be requested in this year's addition.
- 5-2-1-0 Colors Week: Zoe Reyes?

VII. Open Board positions: Co-VP and At Large

Leah Tuite was voted on and Approved as the Co-VP

Kevin Hanscomb was voted on and Approved as the Member At Large

SCG Current Calendar Dates

August

- 30 Thurs. HBS All School Open House (5:00-6:00 pm) & Logo Sales Table
30 Thurs. Hannaford Helps Schools program begins (Aug 30 - Nov 28)

September

- 3 Mon. No School, Labor Day
4 Tues. First Day of School
13 Thu. SCG Meeting, 6:30 pm
14 Fri. HBS Teacher/Staff Appreciation Kick-off: Welcome Back Brunch
22 Sat. Family work day in Harriet's Haven Garden: 10-12
25 Mon. School Picture Day

VIII. Meeting Adjournment @ 7:30

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 11TH @ 6:30PM