

School of Technology and Arts 1
Steering Committee Agenda
September 11th, 2018

Officers:

President: Judson Steinback (P)

Vice President: Sara Kujak (A)

Secretary: Doris Fauchaux (P)

Treasurer: Kerrie Moore (A)

Ex-Officio/Principal: Ben Burns (P)

Fundraising: Erika Cedergren (P)

Teachers: Jamie Sage (A) and Mike Lawrence (P)

Yearbook: Leah Lachman (P) and Ashley Patros-Kader (P)

District Wide Parent Rep: Doris Fauchaux (P)

Volunteer Coordinator: Tracy Endrizzi (A)

Community Building Coordinator: Clarissa Grover (P) and Rachel Heaton (P)

Hamilton Liaison: Deborah Nerud (P)

GROW Representative: Kari Bersagel-Braley (P)

Also attending: Jennifer Miller and Karen Graham

1. Approve August Minutes
 - a. Follow up - Halloween Party - Pasta Night
 - b. Clarissa approved, Doris seconded
2. Fundraising
 - a. Erika covered full year of Fundraising activities.
 - b. For the Parent's Night
 - i. We need to come up with a new name.
 - ii. We can spend more time marketing.
 - iii. More parent helpers would be great to make this night a more successful.
 - iv. Clarissa suggested having a place that has dancing. We will keep it at Java Vino this year and consider this for a future location.
 - v. This year, could we post flyers in the hallway upstairs and have teachers hand out flyers? Yes!
3. FYI - The Bulletin Board at the top of the stairs is for SOTA.
4. Hamilton Connection
 - a. Deborah Nerud will be the parent that attends both the Hamilton and SOTA I parent meetings with the hope of bridging the gap between the two groups and so that we can collaborate on different things. Hamilton is currently working on marketing their parent group. They are considering changing the name.

- b. Mr. Burns answered the question, “Is SOTA I part of the community school?”
The community school is based on the needs of Hamilton students, but everyone can use the resources provided.
- 5. School Improvement Plan
 - a. 3 Big Rocks (Everything else is sand...aka the small stuff)
 - i. Arts Integration
 - 1. Jud offered to help with this in the winter.
 - ii. Advocacy awareness to generate interest
 - iii. Wednesday time - How is it used?
 - 1. Deborah brought up that they used to have clubs available on Wednesday afternoons. She suggested considering bringing that back.
 - 2. The teachers would like to make it clear to the parents that they are using their Wednesday afternoons to collaborate with each other. It was suggested that they could make a birdhouse (which was talked about during the summer technology meetings) and possibly make a video while they did it. The video could then be shared with students and parents.
 - 3. Mr. Burns will give us updates on this quarterly. (December, March and May)
- 6. Barn Dance - October 11th
 - a. Tim Jenkins will be calling.
 - b. Jud asked for \$300 to cover the cost of the caller and food. Erika made the motion and Doris seconded it.
 - c. Parents and SSC members need to model dancing with their kids.
- 7. Community Building
 - a. Doris brought up that the loss of Erin Dillman means parents need to organize Family Nights if they want them to keep happening. If we brought back the “Community Building Reps” and assigned different SSC members to head up different family nights, this could continue. Clarissa offered to be a Community Building Rep. if Rachel would do it with her. Rachel agreed. Jud will do the Barn Dance. Doris will do the Bike Rodeo. Karen and Jen will get back to us next month on whether or not they are willing to take on a Family Night.
 - b. There may be a concert on the same night as the Celebration of Giving. The store will be during the day.
 - c. Family Night responsibility will be coordinated with Hamilton PTO.
 - d. Jud pointed out that it is great to incorporate the Hmong culture into the Family Nights.
- 8. Technology Curriculum - Marketing
 - a. There have not been many tools dropped off for the Back-to-Tools Drive. Doris said she would post on FB where the drop off bins are. She encouraged others on the SSC to tell SOTA I parents about this and how they can donate. Rachel suggested that a someone be outside with the bin and a poster during drop off so

that parents could bring stuff right from their cars. Mike said he could have kids make posters and we will set up a time for them to be outside with the posters.

9. Forms

- a. Doris will get the directory forms and Tracy will get the volunteer forms from Sue. They will type them up and get them out.

10. Kickapoo Field Trip Funding

- a. Mike will check on the status of this and get back to us with an amount needed next month.

11. Food Pantry Sign Up happening again this year. No one should go without food.

12. Yearbook

- a. With the addition of Mrs. Henry, the yearbook needs more pages, which raises the cost slightly. Also, it is now going to start costing money to have a custom cover. Clarissa motioned for both of these things to be approved. Erika seconded. We will charge more for the yearbooks so that the cost is covered. Leah and Ashley are going to try different ways to get parents to pay for their yearbooks. One option is to send envelopes home early in the year with the option of paying less if you pay now and more if you pay later.