

## SCS Parents Group Meeting Minutes

### 11/3/2008, Seacoast Charter School cafeteria

In attendance: Wendy Jackson, Rebecca Hallisey, Ruth Black, Robert Wise, Julie Wise, Laurie Murray, Sue Bielski, Colleen Dwyer-Valinoti, Hope Batchelder-Roach, Eileen Liponis, Gretchen Sargent, Wendy Falzarano, Amanda Brodtkin

- 1) **Parent's Group Committees** (Colleen) – the group will form committees to achieve various tasks for both the school in general and the group.
  - a) **Fundraising Committee** will raise funds for the Parent's Group through events such as
    - i) Game Night (coordinated by Lara Dubois) to be held at school the evening of 12/5. Families may order pizzas for delivery. Proceeds will go to the school.
    - ii) T-shirt sales – to be coordinated by Robert & Julie Wise
    - iii) Student artwork sales – through Square 1 Arts – to occur in January
    - iv) Car magnets – TBD
  - b) **Communications Committee** will work with Bill on a school newsletter and other information outlets for communications within the school (to families) and community/media (through press releases). Newsletter could begin as a 4x year publication with the goal of monthly publication.
  - c) **Social Committee** will support teachers through supply of refreshments for teachers at staff meetings. "Coffee/tea fairies" will provide meeting refreshments on an occasional basis.
  - d) Colleen distributed a sign-up sheet for the committees and will seek additional participants through sign-up at the next evening parent's group meeting and a sheet to go home in backpacks.
- 2) **Making SCS Green** – Wendy Jordan will coordinate improvements in recycling efforts at the school. Details to come as Wendy could not attend today's meeting.
- 3) **Spotlight Hosts** – Bill needs 2 hosts per Spotlight. Hosts are responsible for inviting interested parties and acting as a personal liaison between the guest and the school. Spotlight date cards and long form invitations are available at the front table. Upcoming Spotlights:
  - a) Nov. 19: theme is business and community leaders
  - b) Dec. 17: theme is education
  - c) Jan 21: theme is food/food service community
- 4) **Winter Gear Swap** (Sue B.) – Sue suggested a free exchange of unused winter gear to be set up in the cafeteria. Bring in stuff you don't need and take what you do need.
  - a) To include coats, boots, skates, etc.
  - b) To be concluded by Winter Concert date.
  - c) Sue will keep it orderly and donate any leftovers to the Exeter coat drive.
- 5) **Winter Concert** – date was originally Dec. 11; now set for Tues, Dec. 16 at 6:30.
  - a) Sandy Smith is coordinating and will need volunteers for set-up/break-down.

- b) Wendy Jackson & Rebecca Hallisey to look into organizing a spaghetti dinner in the cafeteria to precede the concert.
- 6) **Family Game Night** – to be held Friday 12/5 at school.
  - a) Families will play games and eat pizza in the cafeteria. Pizzas may be pre-ordered.
  - b) Games can be purchased (through order) and proceeds will support Parent’s Group fundraising.
  - c) Coordinator is Lara Dubois
- 7) **School Newspaper** – students would like to start a newspaper but need an adult volunteer to provide help and guidance. The group is mostly 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Anyone interested in helping should contact John Dinger.
- 8) **School Council** (Bill) – Seacoast Charter School is looking to form a group of parents and teachers .
  - a) Council is to formalize school policy on issues such as school-family communications, progress reports, discipline issues, etc.
  - b) Council members must be elected
- 9) **Book promotions earnings** (Laurie) – the Usborne book fair and associated readathon earned \$3400 in books for our school.
- 10) **Upcoming Parent’s Group meetings** -- December 1 at 7 pm in the Music Room, January 6 at 2 pm in the cafeteria.