



Pine Hill School CSA Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022, 7PM, Pine Hill Library

Call to Order | *Wendy Eppich, Christine Walsh - Called to order 7:04 PM*

Presidents' Report | *Wendy Eppich, Christine Walsh*

- Board roll call was completed and welcomed board members and guests.
- Motion approved, Wendy Eppich second on September 2022 Meeting Minutes.
- Motion approved, Wendy Eppich Second on 2022-23 CSA Budget.

Update from Dr. Brown

- Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for coming to Back to School Night. There was great attendance.
- The teachers and I meet three times a year as a Data Cycle team. We look at all kinds of ways to quantify the students progression throughout the year for both academics and social and emotional support. The main focus is to ensure we make effective progress. The teachers will be sharing with you all on the progress made throughout the year.
- We have an open position in the school for an Educational Assistant providing inclusion support. College degree is required, please share if you know anyone that is interested in the position.
- On the front playground you will notice the beginning stages of the construction of our Outside Learning Lab, focusing on Sherborn sustainability, built with solar panels, roller lights, life sciences and rain water spickets. Julie Vitale has been leading the development of this project. This concept has been in the works for 3 to 4 years now. The initial fundraising goal for the project is \$40,000. The DS Education Fund was unfortunately not able to contribute this year. We will be looking to raise more money in the spring. This Learning Lab is just the beginning of the vision.
- Tomorrow is the 4th Annual Dover Arts Homecoming. This is made of 25 alumni visual artists and musicians. Our teachers have signed up to have them come into their classrooms and will be coming to All School Meetings. After that they will proceed to the other schools in the district. This is great exposure for the current students to see such talent by former students.

Vice Presidents' Report | *Ariana Delaney, Megha Kadiyala*

- The ice cream social was a success, with beautiful weather and a large turn out. We used up all of the ice cream. Thank you to Lauren for all her help with ordering all the ice creams.
- Monday was Custodian Appreciation Day. We put together gift baskets with treats and gift cards. Dr. Brown had some of the students deliver them.

Treasurer's Report | *Kristina Panettiere*

- Thank you for approving the budget.

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- Reminders to please use the reimbursement form. There is a new folder for receipts. If you run an event, please make sure you use the forms. Reimbursement may take a couple of weeks, so please send them timely.

Pine Hill Gala Update | *Emily Alfano, Elizabeth Wharton*

- We have decided on Silverwood Farms as the location for this year's Gala. Silverwood Farms is on Western Ave in Sherborn. We are in the process of getting a full quote with some discounted rates.
- The event will be held on May 6th.
- We are still actively recruiting volunteers for the different committees and using our community connections to start to focus on fundraising.
- The Gala Theme will be "Festival" you can interpret it anyway you want. We shared our vision board for the theme. We plan to share some examples with the community to give them suggestions on what to wear and give people inspiration.

Pine Hill 5K Report | *Karen Abraham, Kristen Aberle*

- There was a historical turn-out for the 2022 Pine Hill 5K.
- We're grateful to the individuals, community members, local businesses and sponsors that made the event successful.

Pine Hill Directory Launch | *Alison Bihle*

- To date, we have 100 purchases totaling \$1,500 with a profit of \$1,100.
- 273 Families at Pine Hill are in the directory. The largest number of directories (82) were purchased shortly after a dedicated e-blast.
- Another designated e-blast may be forthcoming.

New Families Report | *Yujie Zhang, Rebecca Elsy*

- Meet & Greet on the morning of 9/28 went well. We had about 20 attendees with a good showing of CSA members to welcome new Pine Hill Families.
- THANK YOU to Lauren for the seamless food order. Lots of leftover goodies which went to the teachers lounge.
- We are currently planning and reaching out to new families for our next event, a Playground & Pizza meetup on the evening of 10/18.
- Again all CSA members are welcome to attend and spread the good work about the CSA.
- We have 13 New to Sherborn Families of which half have reached back out to be matched with families.
- The kindergarten families have not requested much matching however we still include them in emails and accommodate as needed.

Family Friend | *Kate Jacob, Irene Saranteas Bassalee*

- We recruited 2 new families recently and held a combined event with Chickering at a rock climbing facility.

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- Our main responsibility is to match our students from Boston with a family for all the half days throughout the year. We have 2 coming up on the 12th and 19th. We are doing a group lunch at the playground then separate play dates.
- We are looking for 2 more families to match at 3rd and 4th grade students - Mary and Kristina volunteered in the meeting.

Restaurants & Rewards Report | *Laura Paradis*

- Last week's fundraiser at Anthony's raised \$478. Thank you to the Comm team and Christine for setting this up.
- We are planning a holiday shopping stroll on the weekend of Dec 2 -3. I've talked to many local Sherborn Markets, Ocean dreams, Heaven on Earth Antiques and Sherborn Gallery and Gifts. We are going to reachout to more shops, like the Heritage wine shop, Rustic Pizza for more participants.

Volunteer Chair Update | *Liz Sarhaddi-Blue*

- Room Parents - We still need one more parent for 5R. All the other classrooms have at least 2 Volunteers.

Monster Mash Event (Fri. 10/28 @6:30PM) | *Nicole Amato, Kara Fleming*

- The event will take place on 10/28 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM - The announcement went out for tickets by the comm team. Liz sent out a sign up sheet for donations and volunteers. We are looking for K and 1st grade parents to volunteer since they will be in attendance.

Book Rewards Week (November 14 – 18) | *Erin Moores*

- Park Street Books and Aesop Fables are participating in our Book Rewards with from November 14th - 18th - 20% of proceeds will be donated to the CSA. We plan to send out links and codes in the next newsletter. Remember that both stores have toys, books, games and great gifts for the holidays.

Holiday Fundraising Effort (November 1) | *Alison Malm*

- We will start planning in November. We will want to know what our goal is for this year. Last spring was a huge success.

Communications Team Update | *Joyce Silvia, Courtney Williams, Brooke Yarborough*

- CSA Communications Request Form
<https://www.pinehillschoolcsa.org/newsletter> Please use the submission form on our website to submit requests to the CSA Communications Team for:
 - Website Updates and/or Event Calendar Updates
 - CSA Newsletter and/or Email Communication
 - The submission Deadline is Wednesday for inclusion in the following week's newsletter. We've continued to receive requests in various ways - by email, personal emails, texts, and even at our kid's games and events - it's incredibly helpful for us when CSA Members

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and those from the community submit their events through this form. Please spread the word to others that may submit to CSA.

- Community News and Events and Website
- The CSA Communications Team is considering alternate approaches to sharing Community News items and events based on feedback that has been shared from CSA Members. The About Us page on the CSA website lists CSA Members, Coordinators/Volunteers, and Room Parents, Newsletter Archive, Ways to Get Involved, and Meeting Minutes, and By-Laws.
<https://www.pinehillschoolcsa.org/about>
- Updated DS Calendar 2022-23
- The CSA Communications Team will include cultural holidays on the CSA Calendar and Newsletter. These were shared with the DS Community on October 4th through the Superintendent's Newsletter.

Enrichment Team Update | *Mary Lowder, Kristin Kohn, Raffaella Agostino*

- ASM: Planning is underway! We have two scheduled, an acrobat on 10/21 and a Capoeira and Brazilian Music group on 1/20, and two more to go for the spring.
- K and 1st grade:
 - Kindergarten has one enrichment program scheduled with the Acton Discovery Museum in early April. We plan to add more programs in the near future, and will update everyone when we know more.
 - 1st grade has three enrichment programs scheduled for this school year! The students will be seeing author, Marty Kelley, on 4/4, Pumpernickel Puppets, on 1/24, and the Discovery Acton Museum on 3/9.
- 2nd and 3rd Grade:
 - 2nd-grade teachers shared the following enrichment programs they are interested in for the school year.
 - Author visit (either virtually or in person).
 - The New England Aquarium tide pool program with animals that the children can touch. Currently researching whether or not the program is running this year.
 - Museum of Science as a field trip. The enrichment team has researched and passed along the info to Stephanie Edleglass. Field trips are typically paid for by parents. There is an open question on funding for buses. Can this come from the enrichment budget?

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- 3rd grade is meeting the week of October 5th to discuss enrichment programming for 2022-2023.
- 4th and 5th Grade:
- Lots of interest in bringing programming to the classroom.
 - 4th grade will be scheduling "Techsploration" in March or April again, an author visit, and a math or STEAM enrichment if the budget allows.
 - 5th grade has plans for an author visit from Gregory Mone, a visit from Paul Revere House, a visit from Royal House and Slave Quarters, and one from Theatre Espresso!

Challenge Success Update | Jennifer Debin, Hessie Sheldon

- The next program is being held at the high school on October 19th called ***Minding your Mind*** which talks about anxiety in students in school and how to mitigate and help navigate through these difficulties. There will be no virtual options, live only.

PH Garden & Outdoor Classroom | Julie Vitale

- The Learning Lab is now up. It needs to be primed and painted. Katherine Head will be picking the color. The spring fundraiser funded the outdoor learning lab with solar panels, organization tools, gardening tools. We are currently working with the district and town on permits for occupancy, we are hoping for a spring time frame.
- The grade level enrichment projects - Kindergarten is doing pumpkins and learning about the stages of growth. We are working on getting grow lamps for the 1st, 2nd and 4th grade to assist with their lessons on plants. The 4th graders are learning about flower dissection and birds. The 5th graders will be doing a Veggieville and determine what to do with the veggies, either donate to teachers, COA or food pantry.

Meeting Adjourn - 8:27 pm

Attendance -

Christine Walsh, Wendy Eppich, Kristina Panettiere, Irene Saranteas Bassalee, Mary Lowder, Megha Kadiyala, Ariana Delaney, Brecken Schneider, Kristin Kohn, Joyce Silvia, Kate Jacob, Sandra Burke, Julie Vitale, Yujie Zhang, Rebecca Elsy, Nikki Miller, Alison Bihle, Laura Paradis, Liz Sarhaddi-Blue, Ranjini Dowley, Dr. Brown, Brooke Yarborough, Courtney Williams, Hessie Sheldon, Kara Fleming, Royale Abrams, Emily Alfano and Elizabeth Wharton.

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