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Pine Hill CSA Meeting, 11/4/21
9:00 A.M. In Person at Pine Hill Library & via Zoom

Attendees in the Pine Hill Library: Peter Rovick, Aimee Cronin, Hessie Sheldon, Wendy Eppich, Yujie Zhang, Royale Abrams, Crista Mahoney, Brooke Yarborough, Alison Malm, Meg Siegal, Rebecca Elsy-Ribeiro, Nicole Amato, Molly Cullum, Brecken Schneider, Irene Saranteas Bassalee

Attendees via Zoom: Jennifer Chapman, Raffaela Agostino, Julie Dreyfus, Kaitlin Dunham, Joanna Sanborn, Rashel Masters

******ATTN: Several CSA Members were absent due to the Diwali holiday.******

Call to Order by Peter Rovick, at 7:07 p.m.

Report from Challenge Success (preceding Agenda): Pine Hill parent Hessie Sheldon was present, on behalf of Challenge Success. Challenge Success is an organization out of Stanford, that has been in Dover Sherborn since 2014 and focuses on student well-being. Hessie and Kristen Susco, also a Pine Hill parent, will alternate coming to CSA meetings so as to not duplicate efforts of the CSA, to hear concerns, and bring in experts to speak on topics of interest (e.g., on bullying). In the winter, Challenge Success will be showing film, "Chasing Childhood." Also, Hessie and Kristen will need help with communication on "Let Go" project.

[After meeting, Hessie emailed link to video of talk by Adolescent Mental Health Expert, Dr. Lisa Damour, for CSA members who may have missed it. "She covered a lot of terrain and touched upon many of Challenge Success's priority areas. Definitely worth watching." https://vimeo.com/637926114 (password: DsVideoDs)

President's Report: Peter Rovick & Monika Acharya

- Approval of October 2021 CSA minutes. Motion made by Meg Siegal and seconded by Molly Cullum. All in favor; minutes approved unanimously.
- Peter thanked everyone who worked on the bylaw revisions, especially co-President Monika Acharya.
- Peter then spoke about institutional memory (e.g. creating event summaries on the Google Drive folder) as a focal point for the year. Aimee Cronin requested photos from Monster Mash and Peter said that he will share the link to the photo folder in Google, where we can add photos. Mrs. Ryan, the school librarian, can also access these photos for displaying on the screen by the main office. Crista Mahoney asked how do we use photos of children if we don't know whether their parents permit use of photos. Julie Dreyfus stated that (1) parents can make a selection on Aspen, which Kristen Diebus (in main office) will see; and (2) As long as no faces are appearing in photos, it's okay.

ACTION ITEM: Peter will speak to Kristen Diebus re. photos.

Vice Presidents' Report: Wendy Eppich and Brecken Schneider
Wendy and Brecken inventoried everything in the CSA closet, and that inventory is now a shared document on Google Drive. They consolidated items (e.g., all napkins, regardless of theme (Monster Mash v. plain ones), will be placed in napkin bin).

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Principal's Report: Dr. Barbara Brown sent in a report by email, which was read by Peter Rovick. She was unable to attend meeting because serving on the DS Superintendent Search Committee and first meeting is tonight. Some happenings at Pine Hill School, which she shared:

- The search for a permanent Superintendent of Schools is underway. Barb is serving on the Search Committee as the DS principal representative.
- A new student is joining PH next week - Emily Labbe (from Belgium) will be joining 1-Aguilar (the class has zoomed a few times to meet in advance).
- A reminder that there is no school for DS students on Monday, November 29 due to a teacher workshop day. Barb plans to use some of the CSA principal stipend to bring in a pizza lunch for staff on that day if that is good with the CSA. Barb will handle the ordering so no worries - esteemed CSA members should digest turkey and enjoy the family time! (Or tell your family you are volunteering at Pine Hill for the day and sneak off for some "me time")
- Great news! We received the go ahead from the Board of Health that we can assemble the whole K-5 student body for the weekly All School Meeting beginning in December. Let the good times roll!
- Mary Lucey (longtime third grade teacher) is retiring on November 30th. Mary worked as an interventionist teacher this fall in order not to disrupt a classroom of students. We are replacing her with an interventionist (a teacher from Natick is coming to PH) to continue the level of support we have for our students who need additional math or literacy boosting.
- Students loved, loved, loved the Monster Mash. I prayed while waiting for our COVID pool testing results the week after. No problems. Thank you for all of the collaboration and creativity that went into planning this milestone event! I regret to inform you that the students are hoping for an Elf Mash :)

Treasurer's Report: Chinar Dara
[Unable to attend meeting]

Secretary's Report: Ariana Delaney
[Unable to attend meeting]

Committee Updates:

Communications: Meg Siegal, Crista Mahoney, Brooke Yarborough
Meg stated that everything is going well, thanks to CSA members using Google form for newsletter additions. Question re. Facebook page – how does Communications team balance with everything. Meg recommends that we lean on power of community to share updates on their social media (with the help of prewritten text sent to parents via the CSA newsletter).

- Aimee: recommend not to kill CSA's Facebook page.
- Crista: maybe we can ghost/hide the Facebook page.

Enrichment: Raffaella Agostino, Jennifer Chapman, Kaitlin Dunham
Jennifer reported the following:

- Have booked a show for ASM on January 7: "The Fourth Wall" - The Fourth Wall blends music, theatre, dance, and acrobatics into a new hybrid art form. In their award-winning variety show *Fruit Flies Like a Banana*, this trio of musicians creates new interdisciplinary works and reinterprets classic repertoire. All performed in an order chosen by the audience - to make music that leaps off the stage. (Back-to-back performances due to limited audience)
- Currently working on additional bookings and speaking with Dr. Brown on when all students can see show together, or have 2 back-to-back performances. [*We let Enrichment Chairs know that Dr. Brown said that starting in December, all students can attend ASM together.*]
- Applied for the Mass Cultural Council Grant.

- Touching base with each grade level, encouraging them to book grade - level programming. 2nd Grade recently had NASCAR, 1st grade has puppets coming up in January
- Also, via CSA newsletter, will be looking for parent volunteers to be grade-level enrichment reps - to attend events for K, 3rd and 5th grades and take notes.

New Families: Yujie Zhang, Gita Rousseau
Yujie stated that 100% of new families (22 new-to-Pine-Hill families and 23 Kindergarten families) have been matched up. Thanks to CSA members, etc., for volunteering to be matched with new families. Had 20 families who signed up and attended pizza party at Sherborn Playground last month, in addition to many CSA members. Thinking of another event in the Spring.

Family Friends: Irene Saranteas Bassalee and Megha Kadiyala
Irene reported that all 9 of our Boston students are now matched with Family Friends. We had another group playdate on October 20: lunch and Unity Farm tour. 3 Boston students attended Monster Mash, with the help of their Family Friends, and CSA did not charge for the Boston students' admission. (Aimee suggested promo code for registration for future events.) No Family Friend playdates until March; may try to plan a winter gathering that folks would feel comfortable/safe attending.

Pine Hill Directory: Molly Cullum
Molly stated that about 92 families (1/3 of Pine Hill population) had purchased the directory, with gross revenues at $1,380, and profit at $955 so far. Directory is less labor intensive than it was in the past.

- CSA members commented on how they loved directory and how it came in handy for ghosting last month.
- Molly on updating address appearing in directory: update on Aspen and let Kristen Diebus know. Kristen will then send changes to Molly.
- Crista: Can send email blast re. directory before the holidays (in time for holiday cards)

Volunteers: Molly Cullum
Molly asked that if anyone on CSA needs volunteers, to let her know.

Rewards Program Coordinator / Amazon Smile: Christine Walsh
Peter read Christine report, which she had also emailed:

- We have held two fundraisers - Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza in September and Papa Gino's in October.
- The cumulative total raised was $1,023 - amazing! Thank you so much for your participation and support! [Peter added that Anthony's ended up giving CSA 20% of all receipts from our night there.]
- The next fundraiser will be on November 18 at Natick's Smashburger. Please consider committing to eat using the link in the CSA newsletter. Many thanks to the Communications Team!
- Many thanks to everyone who has reached out to Christine with connections or recommendations for new fundraising ideas - keep them coming! As the holidays approach, please consider using Amazon Smile for your Amazon purchases and supporting the Pine Hill CSA. If you need help signing up or have any questions, please reach out to Christine.

Pine Hill Garden: Julie Dreyfus and Katherine Head
Julie updated us on the Pine Hill Garden, and also sent a write-up before the meeting:

- Kindergarten: Held a retirement celebration for Bridie Hilperts and formerly dedicated the pumpkin patch in her name. Current Kindergarten classes and all former KH students attended,

along with a few parents/former room parents, and former assistant, Meg Hyde. A plaque was installed on the pumpkin patch with her name.

- 1st grade: provided pansies for students to explore the parts of a plant through dissection. Students also started growing (radish) seeds in the classroom to observe seed germination and the life cycle of a plant. We supplied all necessary materials.
- 4th grade: Students began their controlled variable experiments using mung beans. We supplied the materials and also purchased two sets of grow lights (enough for all 3 classrooms), so students could conduct their experiments safely. Classrooms do not have space for the experiments, with the only option being on the radiator, next to the windows, which violates fire code. The grow lights are very successful and well received! To help pay for the investment we reached out to the Sherborn Garden Club and asked them to partner with the CSA in the purchase. Neither garden club in town offers grants. Have not heard back yet.
- Held a Seed Dispersal Scavenger Hunt for 4th grade in the Michael Lisnow Bird Garden. This is part of an effort to interpret the space and help integrate it with grade level curriculum, so it gets more use.
- Will plant Teacher Appreciation Garden with 5th graders in November using spring bulbs in pots. When they bloom we will put them around the main entrance, which will nicely compliment the roadside teacher appreciation signs in early May.

Events: Aimee Cronin, Nicole Amato

- October Events - Monster Mash Re-cap. Aimee reported that they raised a lot of money, $6000+ after expenses, but don't have exact #s from Chinar yet. 350 kids signed up and 50 parents signed up.
- December Event ideas:
    - Holiday Good Tidings Tree Lighting – We can have families bring holiday cards to hang up on tree and offer hot cocoa during tree lighting ceremony. The event would not be a big moneymaker.
    - Nicole stated that most inside events would be deal-breakers.
    - Pine Hill Parent Holiday Cocktail Party at Community Center?
- Early Spring Event ideas:
    - CSA Pop-up Swap Shop Event (mid-to-end of March): like Buy Nothing page. We would solicit donations (and limit size of items that are donated). For event itself, we would charge entry fee and participants could walk out with as much as they want. Aimee said that we can maybe have Pine Hill Community special hours, but otherwise the event would open to everyone, and the remaining items would be donated, e.g., to Cradles to Crayons.
        - Crista: for scheduling, think about when ECDC yard sale is taking place.
        - Royale: similar event (with $15 admission) was popular in Hopkinton.
- Late Spring Events
    - Aimee and Nicole are suggesting a CSA Golf Tournament in late May/early June, because we are missing the gala again. We could also add a silent auction to event. Aimee has run golf tournaments before and described them as very turn-key events.
        - Meg: Maybe a backyard sport tournament (cornhole, pickleball)
        - Wendy: maybe an outdoor event at the Heritage, using their heaters.
    - Nicole and Aimee are also considering holding a Pine Hill end-of-year fair (mid-June/last day) for 5th graders (with their parents volunteering). Fair could include rides, face painting, and a field day around graduation day.

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- Molly: There was a picnic/spring carnival as a celebration for 5th graders a few years ago.
- Nicole: Now, following Monster Mash, we know how to plan an outdoor event at Pine Hill. (E.g., know where all the power outlets are.)
- Aimee: Lilja Fair in Natick was the biggest fundraiser of the year for their school/PTO.

o Other Spring events/things to think about?
- Molly: Minute to Win it again?
- Luau canceled 2 years ago; can revisit.
- Food trucks – do we need permits?
- Peter: let's take discussion offline (in interest of time); maybe survey the Board on the various event ideas.

Community Outreach: Royale Abrams and Joanna Sanborn
Royale reported that they are planning for a Holiday Giving program, as was organized last year by CSA: (1) Project Just Because has a lot of need – both for bare necessities (e.g., winter boots) and Christmas gifts; and (2) DCF, where Joanna has a contact, for donations of pajamas, toiletries, etc. Royale mentioned that this is also an opportunity for Pine Hill families to regift. Royale and Joanna will collect and send out donated items sooner this year, around Dec. 10.

New Business/Summary of Discussion: Peter Rovick thanked all the CSA members.

Adjournment at approximately 8:05 pm: Motion to adjourn by Crista and seconded by Aimee.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and happy to correct mistakes in these minutes,
Irene Saranteas Bassalee

******NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 2, at 9 a.m. at Pine Hill cafeteria.******