



## **Pine Hill School CSA Meeting Minutes**

**January 4, 2024, 7:00-8:30 PM, Sherborn Library Trustee Room / Zoom**

**Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/96599949944?pwd=YmJkOWdTQWVib2lJbjJDVUNrV1NMdz09>

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**Call to Order 7:03 PM Megha Second by Brecken | Megha Kadiyala, Ariana Delaney**

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

- Board Roll Call Completed. Quorum achieved. Minutes Approved.
- Update on 5th grade contest - We talked to the 350 committee. The contest should be starting this month and the winner will be announced in March for the Logo with Pine Hill and 350th Birthday Celebration. The CSA will narrow it down to 3-5 finalists. The contest will be open to anyone in 5th grade at Pine Hill. We will pass it along to the 350 committee and present it with a short video. The committee will select the winner. It will be announced at the Town Meeting. We are hoping to use the logo on various types of swag for sale.

**Vice Presidents' Report | Irene Saranteas Bassalee, Kara McDermott**

- Open Position in Feb: Rewards Coordinator - We are going to recruit for this position to start in February. We have reached out to multiple people already who may be interested in the positions. Idealing, someone that would be able to stay on for next year as well.
- Non-Profit Night at the Community Center (1/11) - Kara will be attending the event. We are finalizing a pamphlet. We are going to do something with more community based information for this particular event. We may do a sign as well. Something that we can use for future events.
- International night - The sign up went out and already 10 countries have signed up. We recruited a Sherborn police officer to represent a country. More to come on this event.

**Principal's Report | Dr. Brown / Mrs. Gullingsrud**

The kids returned to school with energy! Talks about the incoming snow storm. Shout out to the Communication Team for the message to our new student, David. What a warm welcome.

- Half way day celebration - 91st day is our official half day. We also believe we are on track to celebrate the Disco Party at ASM in January.
- Report cards go out at the end of the first semester.
- Challenge Success is hosting their event next Tuesday.
- Anyone that is considering volunteering - 2 school committee members that are rolling off, so we have two open spots. Deadline to file paperwork is tied to the town caucus 1st week of March.
- Dr. Brown is retiring and many of the students now know the news. Heartfelt thank you's shared to Dr. Brown
- May 8th is early release day, that day we will be providing a welcome meet and greet for incoming Kindergarten students. The co-presidents will be in attendance. 3 full sessions will take place that day and we have about 55-60 total incoming Kindergartners.

**Family Friend Report | Divya Raghavan Molloy, Jane Branch**

- In December, we had some great opportunities like tickets to the Black Nativity and Nutcracker. They were a little last minute but shared for families to use.
- MLK ice skating party is on Jan 15th, Monday - Skates are free for everybody - We will send an updated blast to the community.
- Spring updates for playdates - The middle school is getting out on a half day and we want to try to coordinate the bus schedules so we will talk with all the families to see what is best for them.

- Divya attended the Directors conference which was a great discussion. We were talking about making this more of a larger community support and network. We are working towards getting more people involved and more support.

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

We were approved for 3 grants: \$530 from Sherborn Counsel, \$446 Sherborn Arts - Force in motion - kinder/1st grade. 396 Light and color, 1st grade.

ASM - Jan 19th - Ball in the house will perform. They are an acapella group.

5th Grade enrichment provided by Sawin gift money was the Royal House out of Medfield about the history of enslaved people of this area. That will be part of our social studies enrichment for the 5th grade.

#### **Events | Nicole Amato, Kara Fleming, Samiksha Saxena**

- Spring Event - We decided to cancel the Feb Valentines Day Dance due to limited dates available in Feb. We are working towards planning a mid March event - Spring Solstice - with a potential date of March 22th - It will be a Dance with a Welcoming of Spring Celebration. We plan to br
- We are also planning an End of year celebration - more to come.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Pine Hill Directory & Swag Shop | *Alison Bihrlle*
  - Sherborn 350th Event - 11 t-shirts
- Fundraising Initiatives | *Christine Walsh*
  - Winter Fundraiser - ~\$6,000 raised so far. We are going to connect with Communication about our outreach during the next couple of weeks. We will continue to encourage people to give. On Jan 26th at ASM we will be holding the Disco event regardless of the money raised.
  - We would like to use Thank you notes to donors which includes information about what the CSA does for the school - Paperless post thank you to all donors. We can pull from the square space data and send out to all thank you. The proposed text will be sent to the Presidents for their reviews.
- Rewards | *Laura Paradis*
  - We raised \$550 from the Holiday Stroll Fundraiser. Thank you to all who took part in our town stroll!!
  - On Sunday, January 28, we'll hold another restaurant fundraiser with Ribpublic BBQ. This is a pre-order fundraiser where folks will order by Friday, January 26. The comms copy has been sent to Dave at Ribpublic for review and once he gets the link setup, I will send this over to the comms team.
- Challenge Success | *Christine Walsh*
  - We will be having an event at Chickering on Jan 9th- Well Balanced Child. We are hoping this will bind both Sherborn and Dover families together and thinking. Bring the kids together before middle school. They are live streaming this event. It will be our first Dover Sherborn Event. I will be working with my counterpart. We will have snacks. There will be a Host of presentations in the next couple of months both in person and virtual. More to come.
  - Two open school committees - I will be the chair of the committee and would be happy to talk to anyone that is interested.
- Book Rewards | *Asha Strazzero-Wild, Alissa Albers, Sonia Arenaza*
  - \$2430 made at the Aesop's event - \$250 to CSA. April book fair, more to come, we confirmed the dates during National Reading Week April 1 - 2 with Park Street Books.



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- **Outdoor Classroom & Garden | Julie Vitale, Katherine Head**
  - The school's electrician completed the hardwiring for the shed during December. Invoice pending.
  - Working with Sean McGee, district Facilities Manager, to review permit requirements and seek final approval from the Building Inspector. Once he signs off on the permit, kids and teachers can officially use the shed (aka Learning Lab)!
  - I plan to create a schedule of tasks, timelines, and needs to complete the design vision for OCG this school year. For instance, organizing learning materials in the shed, building raised beds, planting plans along with timeline and budget, signs for interpretation, etc.
  - The goal is to bring the OCG to life this spring, culminating in a "ribbon cutting" event and community celebration.
  - Anyone who wants to help with tiny (i.e. low time commitment) pieces or big pieces of this project are welcome! Contact me!
  - The COA is interested in using the OCG over the summer when school is out, for senior meet-ups. They are also potentially interested in helping maintain our raised beds over the summer. This could be a great opportunity for intergenerational community building. Looking for Board endorsement of this idea.
- **Broadmoor Coordinator | Rashel Masters**
  - 3rd grade is learning about Nocturnal animals on March 19th and 20th. The moon is waxing during this time. They are going to set up the program registration links so we can get that out the teachers and classroom

#### **Treasurer's Report | Mark Williams**

- We raised a total of \$550 from the December Holiday Stroll: Provisions \$100, Ocean Dreams \$200, Sherborn Gallery and Gifts \$150 and Heaven on Earth Antiques \$100.
- We sold - 7 WE are DS t-shirts totaling \$105 at the holiday Fair.
- We raised a total of \$661 from Coffee Pond school photography.
- \$22 in Box Tops Rewards
- \$305 was raised from Biryani and Breads
- At Shaws in Ashland during the month of February - for every \$1 reusable bags, they will donate \$3 to the CSA. Spread the word.
- Lastly, the Pine Hill Directory has raised a total of \$2,014.

Meeting Adjourn at 7:59 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 1st 9am-10:30am - Sherborn Library (Trustees Room) / Zoom

*Brecken Schneider, Mark Williams, Dr. Barbara Brown, Kara McDermott, Irene Saranteas Bassalee, Megha Kadiyala, Ariana Delaney, Courtney Williams, Mary Lowder, Brooke Yarborough, Asha Strazzero-Wild, Jane Branch, Nicole Amato, Kristin Kohn, Divya Raghavan Molloy, Sonia Arenaza, Juliette Bench, Sara Bates, Rashel Masters, Christine Walsh*