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## Academy Parent Council (APC) Meeting Notes: May 21, 2016

**Present:** Phoebe Walker, Diane Bigelow, Katie Boyd, (scribe), Brian Bloomfield, Martha Tirk, Gina O'Brien, Sheryl Waxler, Stephanie Powers, Marguerite Rancourt, Carol Foote, Rebekah Boyd, Melanie Mossman, Peter Boyd, Lida Bihun Forbes, Amy Catanzaro, Trish Parker (Representation from every class but the graduating one, and even two parents of next year's seventh graders!)

### I. Introductions

### II. Finances

#### A. Professional Development support

1. Dr Bloomfield reported that this year PD financial support was not requested due to new staffing, but would be appreciated next year.
2. Suggestions for new funding included a flat of drinking glasses, coffee pumper pot and sports related tents and/or banner to put on the tents at tournaments, plus portable score boards.
  - a. Agreed to two low cost portable score boards (manual, not digital!)
  - b. Carol will research cost of "academy" imprinted tents. Discussion of pros and cons of painting on one or hanging a banner off of one. Agreed it cannot look hokey. Dr. B reported the school is looking to put wooden score boards at both fields. Trish, Carol, and Dr. B will be the subcommittee to decide on this over the summer.
  - c. All approved purchase of pumper pots, if house pots were not functional. School requested to buy more drinking glasses and let us know if school needed funds to purchase. Many of the brown water glasses are scattered around the school (we found at least a dozen at the Work Bee).
  - d. Support was also given for purchase of coffee for staff, as part of our campaign to "show the love."

### III. Overview of jobs for next school year

- A. Review of the Parent Council Tasks (attached)
- a. Current “point people” for each event (that were present at meeting) agreed to continue with prospective positions.
  - b. Diane and Trish offered to help Penny with drama bake sale coordination.
  - c. Auction Melanie Mossman and Amy Catanzaro volunteered to join the planning team. Rebekah pointed out that another volunteer would be needed to help with the item staging, ideally.
  - d. New cochairs are needed for next year. Phoebe explained that the majority of the responsibility was in facilitating meetings and liaison with school and staff. Some present agreed to consider it for a while and get back to the current cochairs, who will both have seniors next year and need to help them apply to college.
  - e. Marguerite and Melanie agreed to take on the "random acts of staff appreciation" function others welcome!
  - f. NEW: Phoebe asked if there was support for having a new task that could be described as: "host a social gathering of some kind for Academy parents" all agreed that having this a more explicit goal was a good idea, since forging connections between our families is part of our mission. Decided that we would ask for volunteers each quarter at the meeting
  - g. NEW: Marguerite and Melanie offered to be a gardening committee to weed /mulch/transplant more often during the year. Others welcomed a chance to join them if they get warning!

B. Event Dates to note

1. Books Sale July 13, 2016 6:00 PM @ AAC Penny Michalak point person. Volunteers, contact Penny you must be free that day.
2. Pie Sale October 8 @ Ashfield Fall Festival Diane Bigelow point person.
3. Auction November 12, 2016 @ AAC
  - a. Auction committee will meet in July and August.
4. Concerts December 15, 2016 & June 2, 2017 Ann Hallenbeck point person
5. Drama Production March 3,4 & 10,11 Christy Knox, Rebekah Boyd
6. Grandparents Day April 14, 2017 @ AAC Rebekah Boyd point person
7. Work Bee May 27 @ AAC Martha Tirk
8. Drama production March 4, 5 & March 11, 12

C. Jobs available:

- Hosting social event (bowling! Movie night! Contra dancing! hike!)
- Sharing the concert reception responsibility with Ann Hallenbeck

- Various Auction jobs, including set up day coordinator, and item staging person
- Additional staff appreciation volunteers
- APC meeting hosts and attendees!

**IV.** Next year's first meeting will be September 27, 2016 location TBD. Catanzaros offered their house in Chesterfield for one meeting, we generally meet at GCC for one, Northampton for one, and the Shelburne Falls/Charlemont area for one.