



Beethoven Ohrenberger School Parent Council Meeting Notes

October 19, 2023 7pm-8:30pm
Zoom

Presidents Opening Remarks

Holly Jordan & Jessica Reinert

- Items accomplished based Feedback received; by-laws, meeting minutes (current and previous year) on the website,
- Binders have been placed at both schools with by-laws, current meeting minutes and previous year minutes

SPC Meeting Norms read aloud:

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Guest Speaker:

Jill Sweeney Ohrenberger school Director of Operations
Student Information System (SIS)

- SIS is where all info on students is kept
- Parents have access and can see child attendance, gradebook, and contact teachers (as well as using talking points)
- Email Jill Sweeney for help setting up SIS or utilizing the system

Elections:

Citywide Parent Council

- Julianne Lee and Rit Kilroy as reps for Citywide Parent Council

Boston Special Education Parent Advisory Council: SpEdPack

- Amanda Inglis and Kathleen Bateman as reps for SpEdPack



- Amanda Inglis- gave an example of timelines and how they run based on her experience being on the council
- Provides resources for parents with children in the program and can bring items of importance back to SPC meetings
- Noel Green is strongly recommending that someone who has a child in the program takes on the role.

District English Learner Advisory Committee: DELAC

- Nancy Kingori and Mirlande Michel Desruisseux as reps for DELAC

Principal's Updates:

Mr. Puliafico: Beethoven Campus

- Shed being built by students from Madison Park behind the school for gardening equipment 10x12 shed and may need to be stained once done being built
- Harvest parade 10/31 at 1 pm, costumes can come to school in their bags
- 11/17 field trip K1, K2, and 2nd grade for BC/BU hockey game
- 11/9 field trip for 1st grade to see Little Red Riding Hood?
- Assembly at the end of October
- OWL costume and having a contest to name the OWL

Mr. Johnson: Ohrenberger Campus

- Harvest Parade at 9:00 am on 10/31 at Ohrenberger
- Nests are for grades 3-8, Meetings: monthly, and big once at beginning, middle, and end of year. Hoping for some competitions.
- International night at Ohrenberger next month

Board Updates:

Amanda Inglis VP of Communication

- Spoke about the updated website
- Volunteer opportunities are on the website and you can sign up to volunteer via the link



Kim Bissett VP of Events

- Boston Tea Party and Plymouth Plantation are currently being worked to have a field trip for this year for the schools
- Giving Tree is being worked on to help the teachers during the holiday season.

Rennetta Brinson VP of Fundraising

- Working on adding more restaurants to do dining for dollars
- Thanksgiving gift cards for homeless in the community
- Meeting with Stop and Shop to donate gift cards

Shana Madjlessi Secretary

- Update on meeting minutes being posted currently and last years on new website
- By-Laws have been posted on new website as well

Rit Kilroy Treasurer

Budget

- Reviewed budget and where expenses were spent
- Discussed merged bank accounts

SPC Overview

- Mette Arnmark reviewed some history of the School Parent Council and how it works. Including:
 - Organizational Development- increased board structure, 501(c)3 status, Bylaws, and formalized budget
 - Special events and volunteer opportunities
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion overview

We want to hear from you!- Menti

- Menti survey with 2 questions to answer for feedback from the group around activities parents would like to see throughout the year
 - International night was the largest

Open Forum

- Remarks by Noel Green, Director-Family School Engagement Practice Team

Important Dates:

October

10/26 High School Showcase

10/23-27 Pumpkin contests at the Ohrenberger **And** Class room decorating at the Beethoven



10/31 Harvest Parade

November:

11/01: Letters to Vets starts

11/07: Bake Sale at the Beethoven Campus 7am-8pm

11/10: No School Veterans Day

11/14: Coffee Hour at the O 9am-10am

11/16: International Night K-8 at the Ohrenberger Campus 5pm-7pm

11/22: Half day

11/23+24 Thanksgiving recess No School

11/30 6pm School Site Council (SSC)

11/30 7pm School Parent Council (SPC)

SPC is always in need of volunteers! Please email Holly Jordan at hjspcbo@gmail.com

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