

**Academic Boosters  
Meeting Minutes  
September 30, 2010**

**Attendance:** Maria Robles, Patrice Welker, Joan Burkhart, Lisa Savage, Krista Vita, Rod Paulini, Lynn David, Cindy McBride, Sofi Cahoon, Jill Feldman, Pamela Fertitta, Lesa Schmidt, Marie Kobayashi, Nancy Boyd-Mattern, Moniquo Daniels, Shannon Tully, Joan Lynch, Kim Shoop

**Discussion of Current Activities:**

**a. FAQ**

Kim developed a survey using Survey Monkey to see if we could get feedback on the FAQ. (We've never asked for any in the recent past.) She was able to send it to the freshman class and got 84 responses. The survey highlights include: 67% read more than 1/2 of the document; only 10% rated it as not useful, and; 60% wanted the document in hard copy or both hard copy and on the web.

**b. Directory**

Directory production is well under way. Trish Smith and Joy Pool have been giving overtime to make it a great document. Trish has sold 55 advertisements and Joy has given countless hours to formatting these along with the extra names/addresses that will be in this year's version.

Directories will be sold this year because we can no longer have the county copy them for free due to budget cuts. Four printers were solicited for quotes and the lowest cost vendor (The Printed Page) was chosen. Approximately 270 directory orders were received to date. Families had until 10/1 to "opt-out" of directory inclusion and the order deadline was 10/4. We are hoping to have the directories ready for delivery in early November.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the directory. If you can do computer work, collect ad \$, proof read, or help with distribution, please contact [joan.lynch1@verizon.net](mailto:joan.lynch1@verizon.net).

**c. College Application Essay Workshops (10/4, 13, 27 & 11/8)**

These workshops are made available to seniors who would like some unbiased (read "not my parent") advise on college essays and applications.

Volunteers are still needed to help on 10/13 from 8-10AM (1 volunteer needed), 10/27 from 2-4PM (1 volunteer needed) and on 11/8 from 2-4PM (3 volunteers needed). If you can help with any of these workshops please contact [kjshoop@aol.com](mailto:kjshoop@aol.com).

## **Discussion of Upcoming Events:**

### **a) Academic Letter Ceremony (11/11)**

The Academic Letter Ceremony recognizes all students who achieved a GPA of 3.8 in the previous year. In addition National Honor Society Inductions occur on the same evening. Recipients receive a letter, lamp or bar (depending on how often they have achieved the 3.8 GPA). The evening starts with NHS inductions, followed by the letter ceremony (which includes a guest speaker) and finally a reception is held in the cafeteria. Families are asked to donate food for the reception.

Volunteers are needed to help with envelope stuffing (one per student with a letter, lamp or bar), invitations, reminder phone calls and program production. If you can help with any of these things please contact [joan.lynch1@verizon.net](mailto:joan.lynch1@verizon.net).

### **b) Writer's Workshop Pilot (10/26 and early/mid November)**

Krista Vita is spearheading a new program that she was involved with in New Jersey. She will pilot this program with Matt Ravenstahl's TOK classes. The objective of the program is to have an outside adult read the prescribed topic essays (1200-1600 words) for clarity and then be able to discuss suggestions with the student. Volunteers must be able to commit to attend the training, to read the essays before class and then to meet with the students during class (which is Wed evenings). This program could provide valuable assistance next year, when the number of students taking TOK is expected to increase significantly.

To volunteer for the Writer's Workshop please contact [kristavita@hotmail.com](mailto:kristavita@hotmail.com).

### **c) College Partnership Support Program (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)**

The CPSP is run through the Career Center for students who will be the 1<sup>st</sup> generation in their families to attend college. It will provide these students with guidance as they negotiate the application/essay process as they may not have anyone at home who can help. No special experience needed, all program materials provided - and it is a great opportunity to learn what is coming down the pike for all of you underclassmen parents!! Volunteers can help with one, two or more sessions.

Volunteers are needed on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:20PM. Please contact [keburke1@fcps.edu](mailto:keburke1@fcps.edu) if you can help.

### **d) 1Q Honor Roll Breakfast (11/19)**

If you are new to SLHS you might want to see this event. Over 600 kids are honored at this "invitation only" event. Because of its

immense size all volunteers, bakers, and donators please put that date on your calendar! We will need all of the usual items: volunteers to set up, work and clean up from 7:30-10:00ish; breakfast food, with doughnuts (iced w/ sprinkles!) being the favorite food of choice for the students and money (we use donations to buy food from Costco, fruit and any fill in juices we need). Contact either [jwestfall16@comcast.net](mailto:jwestfall16@comcast.net) or [Yolanda.Maldonado@fcps.edu](mailto:Yolanda.Maldonado@fcps.edu) for any questions or commitments for volunteering.

*FCPS recognized Honor Rolls are the All A Honor Roll, the A/B Honor Roll and the All B Honor Roll. The Breakfast is for those students that are either on the All A or the A/B Honor Roll.*

MISC: There is some concern that not many parents of freshmen are on the Academic Boosters email distribution list and are therefore left out of the loop. If you know anyone interested in seeing what programs are offered to the students or contributing to the Honor Roll Breakfasts, please forward their email address to [acadboosters@southlakespts.org](mailto:acadboosters@southlakespts.org).

**Next Meeting:** October 28th @ 7:00PM in the Career Center