

**Academic Boosters
Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2010**

Attendance: Maria Robles, Joan Burkhart, Lisa Savage, Krista Vita, Rod Paulini, Sofi Cahoon, Nancy Boyd-Mattern, Moniquo Daniels, Juli Westfall, Joy Pool, Derrick Delahaye, Leslie Showers, Joan Lynch, Kim Shoop

Discussion of Current Activities:

a. Directory

Directory orders to date are about 450. 500 will be ordered and the balance will be sold at Touch Base day, December 2nd. It was a tough push at the end to collect all the money from ads sold but we extra help in that area from Lesa Schmidt and Maria Robles. Thanks again to Joy Pool and Trish Smith for the countless hours they put in to get the directory produced.

*Update since meeting: Directories were delivered on 11/2. The plan is to distribute them to students during 8th period on Monday, 11/8. We missed the KIT deadline to notify parents in advance but sent the message in the hopes that it can still be included this week. If it is too late a message will go out next week telling parents to check backpacks if they have not seen one. Please note: Only students whose parents **pre-ordered** a directory will be getting them this year.*

b. College Application Essay Workshops (11/8, others if interest is there)

These workshops are made available to seniors who would like some unbiased (read "not my parent") advise on college essays and applications. The workshops that have been held have been successful with 20 students at the first one, 40 at the second and 15 at the last one. One more is scheduled but Karen Burke, Career Center Director, is willing to schedule more if students let her know they are interested.

c. Writer's Workshop Pilot

Eight people went to the training on 10/26. Matt Ravenstahl led the group through exercises to help them help the students. In groups the volunteers looked at several TOK essays and discussed the merits and areas that needed work. Volunteers are scheduled to meet with TOK students on 11/17 review their work.

If you have questions about this program please contact Krista Vita at kristavita@hotmail.com.

Discussion of Upcoming Events:

a) Academic Letter Ceremony (11/11)

Details for the ALC are coming together. The reception will be simplified this year and dessert/fruit/coffee and water will be offered.

A volunteer was found to produce the program. Invited guests are asked to provide food for the reception. In an effort to keep costs down we are asking for donations of 8oz bottles of water. Donated water should be brought to the SLHS office Monday – Wednesday so we can determine how much we need to purchase.

Volunteers are needed to help with envelope stuffing (one per student with a letter, lamp or bar) and help produce the programs on Wednesday, November 10, from 9til we're done.

Volunteers are also needed to help with setup (reception area and gym) on Thursday, November 11 from 3-5PM. If you can help on either of these days please contact joan.lynch1@verizon.net.

- b) **College Partnership Program** (3rd Wednesday of each month)
The CPP is run through the Career Center for students in grades 9-12 who will be the 1st generation in their families to attend college. It will provide these students with guidance as they negotiate the application process as they may not have anyone at home who can help. Approximately 120 students are invited to join this program. At any given meeting there will be between 20-60 participants. Volunteers don't need special experience, 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 November 17th from 2:30-3:20PM. Please contact kjshoop@aol.com if you can help.

- c) **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 (about 20 total) 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 or 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.

Comments, Questions and Suggestions for Future Activities

There was a question about tutoring availability for students. The only tutoring program that seems to be in place is with ESOL students. Discussion ensued about possible options (other than private tutoring). Currently there is not a tutoring program in place as most teachers make themselves available to students for extra help after school. If anyone has suggestions or ideas about this please pass them to Kim and/or Joan.

Next Meeting: November 18th @ 9:30APM in the Cafeteria