

**Academic Boosters
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2010**

Attendance: Amy Domsy, Lisa Savage, Jill Feldman, Marie Kobyaski, Aiko Wood, Kim Shoop

Discussion of Current Activities:

a. Directory

The transition to a paid directory was a little rocky. We would like to plan ahead for next year and are looking for anybody who wants to contribute ideas and/or labor. One idea discussed at the meeting is to have an email address, where available, included for each student - that piece of information would make the directory more valuable.

b. College Application Essay Workshops

12/8, 2-4 p.m. in the Career Center, is last one scheduled - encourage your senior to sign up with Ms. Burke. If interested in helping, email kjshoop@aol.com.

c. Writer's Workshop/TOK Pilot

The pilot was successful and will probably be expanded next year. If interested in learning more about TOK, interacting with students, reviewing students' writing (see what they are learning at SLHS!) and being exposed to some great thinking, remember to volunteer next year. If you have questions about this program please contact Krista Vita at kristavita@hotmail.com.

Discussion of Upcoming Events:

a) 1Q HRB (12/10)

Donations will be desperately needed - we grow them smart at SLHS, 734 students were on the All A, All B, or All A/B Honor Roll for first quarter. Please donate donuts, pastries, muffins or fruit - local vendors donate a sufficient number of bagels. Want to see how we pull this large gala off?? Come help with set-up, serving or clean up any time between 7-10 a.m. No minimum time commitment - any volunteer minutes are good minutes!

b) Project Graduation

We heard back from the guidance counselors that they may be able to use support in the following areas: food donations for classroom consumption (need to find out how often, for how many kids and what type of food), gift card drawings (to reward good behavior and academic progress) and book donations (\$ requested, seeing if they

can take book donations (or maybe magazines or Reader's Digest might be a better length??) instead). Discussion included the question of if guidance had reached out to the parents – if volunteers to come in and read might help – and if peer tutoring had been explored. Kim to take the questions/ideas back to guidance and see if we end up with a specific action plan.

c) Bringing Up Grades (Feb 2011)

We discussed how to create more interest from the students. We can ask the teachers to announce/remind the students of the program when they hand out interims and Marilyn will continue with her signs/posters to be put up throughout the school, starting shortly after interims.

Christi Campbell helped us with a survey about gift cards and we came up w/ the following results – net of net, it looks like iTunes will replace the movies and Patrice/Marilyn can decide if they want to replace Best Buy with Target or not. The number after the class is how many kids responded. The number after the gift card "venue" is the percentage of votes it got.

Seniors (25): Sbucks(68), iTunes(64), Chipotle(52), Best Buy(48), Target(48)
Juniors (39): Sbucks(69), Chipotle(61), iTunes(54), Best Buy(51)
Soph (37): Chipotle(65), iTunes(54), Target(51), Sbucks(49)
Fresh (22): Sbucks(59), iTunes(55), Best Buy(55),Target (45), Chipotle(36)

We also asked if they would like to keep the denominations as is or change them – over half said keep as is, then the rest of the votes were split on less gift cards of higher value vs more gift cards of lesser value.

Finally – we talked about the fact that 9 gift cards for over 100 kids (which is how many lottery tickets were submitted per grade last year) is not very many. The committee suggested reaching out to the community to see if anybody would like to donate money directly to buying more gift cards for BUG. We could collect \$ at the directory table at Touch Base Day or create a new PayPal button (although we get charged \$.50/transaction on PP, so it is less preferable).

Comments, Questions and Suggestions for Future Activities

None!

Next Meeting: No December meeting, next one January 27 @ 9:30APM in the Cafeteria