

Math & Science Academy Booster Club Minutes

August 20, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:10PM

Board Members Present: Rama Pakala, Shelley Brough, Smitha Ramachandra, Rina Guha, Sundar Murthy, Urvashi Mehta, Dimpy Koul Graryali, Vasu Santhanam, Indira Bhavaraju, Roopali Goel, Shelley Kumar, Stuart Jackson, Gaurav Jhaveri, Sarika Gandhi, Bindu Vishnu, Meena Mohan, Dali Fu, Maha Ramanan

Non Board Members Present: Birundha Jayaraman, Hazel Dolar, Valerie Ysmael, Tuyen Tran, Atul & Shweta Saxena, Susi Sujato, Aimee Racca, Milan Phatdk, Kalaivani Balakrishnan, Fuzi Piao, Latha Chintalapally, Li Li, Pulkil Bhatia, Rohit Bhat, Nita Patel, Trupti Shah, Vidhya Venkatesan, Chandra Goranthla, Jigisha Doshi, Jonti Venkatesan, Sandi Brunello, Rajani Mahadik, Nora Xiaopeng Qin, Amita Patel, Shyamala Ramalingam, Praseelha Herle, Krishma Chakkarapu, Vipin Sharma, Jianming Sheng, Vijay Devireddy, Mr. Murphy

Academy & Student Update: Mr. Tucker & Shivani Guha

- Largest incoming freshman class
- Parents need to use schoology for information; parents will have access on Sept 5th
- keeping track of Y.E.S. Hours on schoology- Mr. T will keep track of hours and will be awarding students for different milestones
- Shivani Guha: new house system – mentor/mentee - open for all house students to build relationships through the house system
 - 7 houses – spell out mathsci
- next student meeting will be Sept 4th – counts for enrichment activity
- increasing social media presence this year: instagram, FB, twitter

President Update: Rama Pakala

- Using WhatsApp for information to parents
- Rama presented Power point presentation on what the booster club does?
 - Energize
 - Publicize
 - Build DHS infrastructure

Mr. Murphy Presentation: Cheating and Academic Integrity

- Mr. Murphy tutors in the classrooms: focusing on Physics and Chemistry
 - He volunteers at school at 6:45AM to help students every morning
 - Mr. Murphy explained that academic integrity is a big issue at the school

With issues of:

- integrity – adherence to moral and ethical principles
- academic integrity
- goal to : competency

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President Introduction: Rama Pakala

- Introduction of board members:
- Sept 7th – senior parents invited to meet with Trinity University contact;
This will be a presentation on how to write college applications and other helps
- Focus on this year:
 - brag sheet updated
 - find a way to connect with teachers and help support for them
 - Fall Festival
 - Internship review – how to improve and how is it helping the students
 - Pizza fundraiser – 1/x month this year

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Treasurer's Report: Dali Fu

- Current balance : \$12,209.11

Fundraiser:

- Pizza Sales 1x/month

Brag Sheet: Stuart Jackson

- Fall Festival: the obstacle course may be scheduled for Spring 2019
Baines Middle School – Boodoggle obstacle course
a venue to include all of the academies in the event

Wrap Up: Rama Pakala

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40PM