

Parent Organization

General Meeting Minutes

Minutes for September 12, 2008

Opening

Adrienne Poulard, President, opened the meeting at 8:52am.

Budget

Carrie mentioned that the 5th, 8th and 12th grade party budgets were being reviewed so that the PO can determine the appropriate budget for each of these parties. She also said that the cultural club budgets had been reduced.

Carrie requested that parents not pay for things out of their pocket when there are funds available from the PO Budget.

Tom Schwartz made a motion to pass the budget and it was seconded. There was no desire by the membership for discussion. The budget was approved by a show of hands, there were 60 votes "Yes" and 0 votes "No."

Robert Brindley Q & A

Adrienne introduced our Headmaster, Robert Brindley. He reminded the parents of the Town Hall meeting this coming Monday night and Tuesday morning in which Alan Colberg and he would be present to take and answer questions. He announced that the capital campaign goes "public" next week, and that the accreditation people will also be here next week because we are renewing our 10 year accreditation.

Robert then opened the floor for questions.

Q: There are two new three way stops on the streets near the schools. Can we remind parents of these stop signs in the Headmasters Bulletin?

A: Robert is working very closely with the neighborhood and he senses that the North Garden Hills neighbors' patience is wearing thin because of parents being rude and parking in people's driveways and in front of fire hydrants, and at times, saying rude or inconsiderate things to the neighbors who ask them to move their cars.

Q: As a mother and a Garden Hills neighbor, the parking situation has gotten worse. Could we have a police officer out there to help monitor the situation?

A: Robert said that it actually causes more traffic congestion to bring the police in. He said he has told the Garden Hills neighbors that it is fine for them to call the police on

parents who are parked illegally, and said that other AIS parents can bring him the tag number of any car(s) they see parked illegally and that he would deal with it directly.

Q: How many students are driving to school and where do they park?

A: We are trying to ascertain the number of student drivers by issuing them special tags. Students can park on the street but not in the parking lot in front of the school.

Q: Will the signs be changed in front of the school to disallow parking on Delmont earlier in the morning than 9am?

A: Robert said he was looking having the signs changed to an earlier time.

Q: Where can we park?

A: Parents can park on Peachtree Ave. and on North Fulton, but not on the south side of Delmont or on Delmont between 9am and 4pm. With the exception of Delmont, the other streets are open to parking. Robert also reminded people of the Rumson Road access path which allows people to park on Rumson Road and walk to the school using the short cut to Garden Hills Elementary.

Volunteer Booths

Adrienne pointed out the booths around the room that parents could visit to sign up for opportunities. She also reminded parents that cultural clubs are open to everyone. She briefly introduced each of the clubs and committees that had set up a display booth: Art Alliance, Black Parent Harambee (BPH), Deutschvergnügen, Ensemble, WorldFest, Asian Cultural Club, School Fundraisers (Public/Kroger cards, General Mills Box Tops, etc.), 9th Grade, Amigos, Parent Education Committee, Spring Benefit, Book Fair, and Ambassadors Committee (which includes Around Atlanta, Buddy Program, and Admissions support).

Adjournment

Adrienne adjourned the meeting at 9:19am.