

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. We are now entering the time of year when the events sponsored by the Parent Partnership begin to become a lot more active. At the December meeting the following matters were discussed:

Faculty Appreciation Luncheon - Andree Thornton and Patti Capano are co-chairing this event. Andree has been in contact with Laura Toomey to get information on how things were handled in prior years and they are finalizing plans for this year's luncheon. The luncheon will take place in February, during a staff professional day, when students are dismissed early. An update on the arrangements and what is needed will be provided at the January meeting. If anyone has any tickets to a local professional sports team (i.e. - Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, etc) that you are willing to donate to be raffled off to a faculty member it would be much appreciated.

Post Prom Fundraiser-

- There was a good discussion regarding where to have the Post-Prom fundraiser. Options such as Kowloon's & Prince of Pizza were considered but rejected because they are only available on weeknights and the group believes a weekend evening is more desirable. The group decided to commit to the Knights of Columbus hall in Lynn because of size, location, and affordability.
- After much discussion the group chose Saturday, March 27th, as the date for the fundraiser. This date has been confirmed with the Knights of Columbus rental agent and a contract has been mailed. The event will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- A final decision on entertainment has not been made. We discussed hiring a comedian who could also handle the auction as we did last year. Other suggestions included hiring a hypnotist and a trivia competition. Most felt that a comedian was the best option. Final decision to be made in January. Several members are researching various options. **Any suggestions for specific comedians or other entertainment options not yet considered are welcome. Please email me any suggestions.**
- Several in attendance suggested that providing food at the fundraiser would boost ticket sales as most people are looking to eat when they go out for a night of entertainment. After discussion it was agreed that we would seek cost estimates for a Chinese food buffet. Linda Sharkey agreed to research this and report back at January meeting.
- Discussion about whether it was necessary to go to the expense of hiring a DJ. Mike Francis offered to check the availability of a family member who is a DJ and who may be willing to work for the right price! He'll report back in January.
- Raffle Items/Gift Baskets - We will be looking for items to be included in raffles for the fundraiser. In particular, we will be seeking tickets for local professional teams (i.e. - Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, etc). A lottery ticket board, gift baskets, and other items will also be sought. More on that after the January meeting.

Prom/Post Prom -

- Parents agree that transportation to the prom will be by coach bus once again. Cost estimates to be sought. Last year it was approximately \$600 per bus for 7 buses.
- Discussion about a venue for the post prom. Many feel that Bostonville offers the best value and appropriate entertainment options while also having a location that is easy for parents to reach for pickup. However, there is strong consensus that student input should be considered before a final decision is made. Chris Reddy and Jill Dalfonso agreed to contact Mr. DiMaiti to discuss distributing a survey to students in the Senior class to seek input on venue, live entertainment, games, food, etc. A survey was prepared and Jill will distribute it. After discussion with Mr. Dimaiti it was decided to wait till after the Christmas break to distribute the survey. Jill is doing that this week and we should have results for the January meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 11th @ 6:30 in the O'Brien Lecture Hall