

Tandem Parent Association Meeting November 3, 2005

Our meeting began with our traditional moment of silence and introductions. Parent Association President, Edith McHenry, then asked for announcements.

Announcements: The Parent Association Holiday Party will be at the Hanson home on Sunday, December 11th, beginning at 5:00. All staff, faculty, and Tandem parents are welcome. This is an adult only pot luck. Class reps are to pass the invitation on to their respective classes.

Refreshments for teachers on parent- teacher conference days have been arranged. Several additional crocks of soup were requested.

There will be a first round game in the boy's soccer tournament on Friday. Middle School students will be attending, and there will be no work crew that day. A Middle School dance follows the game. David Slezak will serve dinner to anyone wanting to eat.

The October Parent Association minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Virginia Knight, our treasurer, told us there had not been much activity in the last month. \$60.05 had been given out for the wish list from leftover Spring Fundraiser monies. As of November 3, there remains \$2,477.75 in uncommitted Parent Association funds.

If there is any additional income from the Tag Sale, it should be given to Stephanie Corbell in the business office. Please let Virginia know about it. It will go to the EE Ford Diversity Fund. There may be several outstanding bills remaining from the Tag Sale.

Middle School Division Rep Report: Mindy Barber informed us that the main goal for this year is to have improved communication between Tandem's administration and parents of students.

Susan Banks relayed concerns of several middle school parents who thought the Upper School production of Grease should have carried a rating for bad language and mature subject matter. Discussion followed. Taylor Randolph suggested a solution of having one of the yearly Upper School plays be appropriate for all ages and having one that is rated. This is definitely a question for the Upper School Division reps to bring up for discussion with Nura.

Spring Fundraiser: Chairwoman, Barb Bousquet, announced a Cabaret fundraiser presenting Tandem students, parents, and faculty performing as musicians, clowns, singers, dancers, jugglers, etc. It will take place in the Community Hall on March 4. Sign ups for performing have begun. The evening will include a buffet dinner and small auction. Kim Dukes, manager of the Four

County Players, will be stage director for the event. A Master of Ceremonies is still needed.

The goal for the evening is to raise \$10,000 for the John Howard Teacher Enrichment Fund. Another goal for the event is to involve volunteers and other participants who aren't usually involved in the Spring Fundraiser. Ticket prices will be kept low for this family event. It has yet to be determined whether or not alcoholic beverages will be served. Historically they are not served for family events at Tandem. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteering and performing.

pARTisans: Peggy Shaker, head of pARTisans, said the group is currently trying to determine a direction. She urged anyone wanting to support the music program at Tandem to come talk with her.

Upper School Division Representatives: Anne Brune said if anyone has anything to be discussed with Nura to let her know. Discussion of upper school play ratings will be on the agenda for her next meeting with Nura.

The business portion of our meeting concluded. Sharon Deal followed with a description of immediate impact grants and the Interdisciplinary Institute. Our meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Rinehart, Parent Association Secretary