

PLA Meeting Minutes
(December 6, 2006)

Items	Follow-up	Assignment
Math night/Annual Campaign Village Night	none	none
There was a lot of discussion on this topic. Several people felt that it was not well attended. There was some thought that perhaps the humanities teachers should always attend these but Amy and Ms. Arch pointed out that Village's were not just about humanities classes and that each Village also had other teacher leaders besides the humanity teacher. Amy pointed out that the Village idea it a good idea but still a little fuzzy around the edges and that the Village meetings would ideally belong to the parents. The math portion was outstanding and all that attended agreed. The annual campaign portion was maybe to scripted and less needs to be made of keeping to agenda and more on the social bonding idea of a Village.		
Parking lot development meeting held on November 9th		
8 interested people attended and the discussed ideas. They also took a tour of the facilities. Next step will be to take the ideas to the landlord for discussion.	none	Amy to approach the landlord with ideas.
My Space Presentation		
A very good presentation with a small but interested parent/guardian group met. The 7th and 8th graders will be receiving a different presentation on internet safety.	none	none
Parking Lot Safety		
The feeling is that around 85% of the parents are obeying the laws and making the drop off - pick up a safe procedure but the other 15% are not. Rhonda will put out a request on parent link to get parents to volunteer during this the high traffic times to police the parking lot.	get parent volunteers to help keep the area around the school safe periodically during the remaining school year.	Rhonda to send out request and coordinate volunteers.
Lunch Room Improvements		
The lunch room has been offering items that students my purchase for lunches other then the usual Thursday pizza. Amy is requesting PLA support in making purchases at Costco.	Buy products to sell to students at lunch time.	John and Lita will work out details with Shellee on using the school's Costco card for purchases.
January's Village Meetings		
It was decided not to have a VL training but instead encourage the VL's to make personnel phone calls encouraging parents/guardians to attend the meeting. The meetings will be held on Jan 18th 5th & 6th Grades and Jan 25th 7th & 8th Grades, again	Define how the meeting will look and feel. Notify VL's of the plan and have them make personnel phone calls	Amy, Ann and Stacey Jo.

<p>at the school. The starting time for these meetings will be 5:30 this time has been changed in the hopes that if it is earlier more people will attend. All meetings will be held in the lunch room space with possible using name tags to separate out the Villages. Besides talking about the upcoming Gala there will be a presentation on the Schools science programs. Work still needs to be done to prepare how the evenings will work so as to bond parents/guardians and Villages. These suggestions were made to increase the success of all Village meetings; good food, less agenda, more social time, change of meeting time to earlier, humanities teachers in attendance, other teachers in attendance, keep meeting in lunch room so as not to necessarily identify Village meetings to humanities rooms and teachers, back to school night has a theme everyone understands-how can all Village meetings capitalize on this idea, make sure the meetings belong to the parents, recommend carpools so parents can get to meeting and offer an incentive if they do use carpools. All of these ideas will be looked at and discussed to shape the January meeting.</p>	<p>to get parents to this meeting.</p>	
<p>Community Service</p> <p>Amy pointed out that there are several families in the SLArts community that are really struggling to make ends meet. She suggested that we request donations from the School community and that gift cards to Smith's be purchased. The School does make sure that students from families at need are not doing without, such as fee wavers for the UTA and Science Olympiad. Ann pointed out that it would be great to incorporate Community Service more in the future perhaps even offering a club next year that students can join and help make positive changes in the community. John mentioned that there should be some way of showing how many are helped to show that SLArts encourages Community Service. Amy said it was about 20% and that she will work on how this information can be reflected in material that sent out from the school.</p>	<p>Send out on parent link a request for donations</p> <p>Show how the School is involved with giving back</p>	<p>Ann and Amy</p>
<p>Collecting Volunteer Hours</p> <p>Amy would like to put together a procedure on how volunteer hours for SLArts from parents/guardians/students/faculty/staff can be recorded. Katy pointed out that this information helps when applying for grant money. Ann offered to start this program up. Amy wants people to estimate what they have already done this year.</p>	<p>Set up some way of tracking volunteer hours.</p>	<p>Ann to work with Daphne</p>

School Support Network		
There are still three different lists of information that need to be able to work together. Lita does have some concerns on how the registration card is inputted into the system. Alumni still need to be identified. Shellee is still the go to person on the systems.	none	none
Communications Committee		
Newsletter is almost finished and will be mailed out shortly.	none	none
Family/Student Support - What is next?		
Next forum is set for February	none	none
Development		
Welcome SLArts new Director of Development Daphne Williams. She has 21 years experience in development and is excited to be working for the School. Annual giving is at \$22,000.00 and a pledge card will be mailed out with the newsletter to catch those that have been missed.	none	none
Other		
Rhonda needs to know how the emergency kits have been organized so the Safety Committee can get started on proper drills and maintenance of the kits. Amy suggested a separate meeting to start working on details that need to take place-that meeting will be Dec. in Amy's office - Ann, Amy, Rhonda and Carol will attend.	meeting set for Dec. 12th @ 8:30am in Amy's office to work on emergency kits and ideas.	Amy, Ann, Rhonda and Carol