

## Hamishpacha Minutes – November 3, 2011

1. SCRIP – Kerri is the school's point person for SCRIP cards. James Uzdarwin has volunteered to be the parent point person. He'll write an email to send to parents explaining the SCRIP program and its benefits. Examples are the reduction in Share and the fact that the school made \$1,500 last year. He's going to find out what the money will be used for and talk that up as well. He'll especially publicize it in advance of Chanukah, and perhaps at the Shabbat Dinner.
2. Shabbat Dinner – An all school Shabbat dinner will be on December 16. Laurie is asking Marla to cook. Marla will send us some options and costs. Ken will implement a short service, as some families had asked for more spiritual content. We'll have games and art projects in some classrooms in order to alleviate chaos in the MPR after dinner. It was suggested that parents be urged to accompany their children to the activities in order to supervise. Room parents and eighth graders will be asked to help out. We should also talk up Hamishpacha more during the dinner.
3. Sunday Football – Ken wants to set this up in the MPR. We'd serve snacks and drinks. Can we do beer? It was agreed it would be nice to do something for the dads. We'd suggest that people bring their own comfy chairs.
4. Chanukah Fair – not this year
5. Taste of Hillel – Ken had an idea of people bringing in a parve or dairy dish from home for people to sample. However, Hamishpacha feels that, while it sounds fun, it would exclude people who keep strictly kosher and therefore doesn't contribute to our mission of building community.

6. Infinity – Pauline Spirto has been in talks with us about having a shopping night at Infinity, possibly with wine and cheese and/or makeovers. It was decided this would be a nice event for moms and would be scheduled for an evening in January. We'd do some sort of icebreaker at the beginning, so people aren't just talking to the same friends all the time.
7. Hip Hop Open House – Barbara asked for Hamishpacha's help on November 13. While we don't have the resources to help out officially, we suggested some people she could ask. Jamie has some volunteer names and Laurie will create a spreadsheet of them.
8. Box Tops – this session brought in approximately \$70 worth. We need someone to publicize it more. Jamie will look for someone with marketing or PR experience to help out.
9. Chanukah planning- With Chanukah so late this year, there will only be three days at school. Alex will design a CHA shirt. Jamie will contact Michele Cohen for information about ordering. Should we ask room parents to collect their class's sizes? Laurie can make a spreadsheet for ordering. On the first day, we'll serve latkes for snack. At the Kabbalat Shabbat, we'll serve cookies from Newman's and Trader Joe's. The third day, Hamishpacha will distribute gelt. We'll also do a teacher meal. Jamie will ask Stacey Comito to lead the effort to collect money from families for teacher/staff gifts. We'll purchase SCRIP cards for everyone.
10. Chanukah Toy Drive – Susan Weinstein has offered to do it again, but it was a lot of work and we're not sure there was enough demand. Jamie will ask her to contact Jewish Family Services to see if there's the need. We can do the canned food drive to benefit the kosher food pantry.

11. Next Hamishpacha meeting will be Monday, December 5 at 3 pm. Ellen will provide childcare at the Place for whoever needs it, she would need to know numbers in advance.