St. Paul's School 1970

Mid – reunion gathering
Great Mountain Forest
June 8-10 2012

Saturday afternoon session: Mentoring and other engagements with SPS

Know the stakeholders:
- Administration is working flat out.
- Students are fully scheduled.
- Alumni feel less important as parents demand more time and presence.
- Parents are shorter term, but important, constituents, focused on college acceptance.
- Annual fund increasingly important to running the school. Parents provide considerable percentage of support.

Mentoring:
- The premise that many talented alumni would like to give back in ways other than/beyond financial support.

Speaker areas:
- career tracks
- areas of interest
- personal experiences
- businesses.

Ways to execute:
- Off campus intern - hosting a one-week live/work.
- Conroy lite - several days visiting at the school.
- Tuck equivalent - alumni networking, coordinated through the school.

Guy's Sandbox Concept:
- Online matching of alumni, students and funds.
- Learning from the students - a two way street.
- Interactive site where all SPS stakeholders can meet, share ideas, network and engage.

Past SPS experiences:
- Tried several similar initiatives with little traction over the last 15 years.
  - CAP - Career Awareness Program-mentor/person of influence database.
  - Internship database.
  - Time may be right for this now.

Resource:

- Alan Khazei, SPS '79, founder of City Year, job training for disadvantaged youth.

Sense of direction:
- move from mentoring to networking.
- Set up a template now, preferably with school involvement, but recognizing they are flat out.
- Tie into SPS Alumni app (Mac and Android, linked to Alumni database).
- Salisbury idea - dump Alumni lists from The Raiser's Edge into LinkedIn. Build an app on top.
- **One of our formmates is interested in his family's charitable trust contributing $25,000 to seed a program to sponsor a mentorship program for SPS students. He will discuss his thoughts with the trustees (three of whom are alumni of SPS) of the trust.**
- Bob offered to arrange a meeting of interested group from SPS '70 with counterparts at SPS.

Engage directly:
- Community day of service.
- On campus or off campus.
- Simultaneously at different locations.
- Logistics arranged by event leaders.
- Management by several lead volunteers (i.e. Del, Brooke, Dave and others in RI).

The group was asked to consider serving on a committee to discuss these ideas further, and many of those present indicated a willingness to participate. Similarly, volunteers were asked to consider doing a community day of service, and the response was virtually unanimous.

NGH
12 June 2012