

Guidelines for General SOS:

1. Since General SOS is not supposed to promote political campaign or religious ideology, we should not allow speakers to speak at General SOS meetings to promote their political agendas.
2. At the end of the 2003-2004 school General SOS should reevaluated the percentage of operating expenses kept on hand. The current guideline is 100%, but as the organization has grown that conservative amount may not be necessary. The schools need to spend funds in excess of one years annual budget.
3. General SOS voted to allow charitable donations only to other charities for the benefit of a Southborough student. General SOS voted for this not to exceed \$500 in any given year. The donations would come out of General SOS's account.
4. The contract for School Pictures should be reviewed every three years. It was last reviewed in the 2002-2003 school year.
5. General SOS will make gifts in memory of children or parents in the community who have passed away. These gifts will not exceed \$150 per person and will be a gift to one of the Southborough schools as is the wish of the family of the deceased.
6. Fees for memberships, i.e. Cultural Arts Commission, will be taken from the General SOS funds.
7. SOS voted to fund the CARE program for a minimum of three years in 2001-2002, for the amount of \$12,000 year. 2002-2003 was the first year. Excess funds from 2002-2003 will be spent in 2003-2004 (Trottier had no expenses).
8. General SOS approved \$300 for taxi vouchers for homeless students going to our schools. General SOS had written a letter to town taxi authorizing billing to the General SOS treasurer. The precedent and that letter should be evaluated and updated every year.
9. General SOS did not take an official vote, but discussed earmarking excess General SOS fund (\$8,000) for the Woodward playground. Subsequent fund-raisers will fund the rest of the project. General SOS has made a commitment to the building committee to raise these funds.