

Spoede School Association General Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 by Kristen Wild.

In Attendance

SSA Executive Board Members: Stacey Acree, Dr. Connie Brawley, Jennifer Deutsch, Sarah Friesen, Rebecca Goldman, Jill Hunt, Charlotte Kelley, Susan Kemppainen, Maureen McGinnis, Katie Otto, Kari Vincent, and Kristen Wild.

Other Members Who Signed In

Please see "9/8/09 SSA GMM Attachment A" for the sign-in sheet.

Approval of the Minutes

Melissa Pesce made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, April 28, 2009. Sarah Early seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Please see "9/8/09 SSA GMM Attachment B" for the copy of the minutes.

I. Principal's Report – Dr. Connie Brawley

- A. Dr. Brawley just wanted to share what great energy there has been at the school so far this year, and the school year has started off very well. The new carpool system is in place and working, and the new "right turn only" sign has been installed.

II. Technology Grant – Trina Petty-Rice

- A. Trina Petty-Rice, Instructional Technology Coordinator, provided a presentation on the Apple MacBook Mobile Lab. She explained that the mobile lab is where we should be headed with technology. It enhances student achievement and engages students in their classwork.
- B. Marjie Chuchola made a motion to approve the \$24,099.00 grant for the Apple MacBook Learning Lab. Lisa Goebel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Trina Petty-Rice will place the order tomorrow and the mobile lab should be here within a week.

III. Presidents' Report – Kristen Wild & Jill Hunt

- A. Grant Request
 1. Tony Arnold requested \$1050.00 for babysitting during the Love & Logic Series
 - a. Visa gift cards for teacher assistant volunteers
 - b. \$50/week for 7 weeks for snacks
 - c. Yana Hotter made a motion to approve the grant, Kari Vincent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 2. Grant submitted by Mrs. Wiedl on behalf of all of the 5th grade teachers.
 - a. Cost of grant: \$1,500
 - b. The grant passed unanimously.
- B. Grant Re-cap
 1. During the SSA Exec Board meeting, a \$350 grant was approved for Jan Cami and the 4th graders to participate in "Inquiry Through a Scientist's Eye."
- C. eScrip
 2. Jill Hunt reminded everyone to get their eScrip cards to fundraise for Spoede
 - a. Possibly raise \$4000
 - b. Very easy to participate- just request card and then swipe it when paying for your groceries at Schnucks

IV. Vice-Presidents' Report – Stacey Acree & Susan Kemppainen

- A. Susan spoke about the Spoede Marketplace/Plant Sale/Yard Sale on May 1st – looking for a Publicity Chairperson to publicize the event.
- B. Committee chair meeting on September 22nd
- C. Gift Wrap Sale- Susie Brandt reminded everyone to go on-line to place orders. Last year Spoede families sold \$14,000.00; raised \$7,000 for SSA. Deadline is this Friday- but will be extended.

- D. Fall Family Fun Day

1. Chaired by Tracy Berg, Susie Horowitz, & Lisa Deustch
2. Thies Farm – Sunday, Oct. 11th, probably 3:00-5:00

V. Treasurers' Report – Sarah Friesen & Maureen McGinnis

- A. Sarah talked about how we raise money: dues, Box Tops, eScrip, Gift Wrap, Spring Fundraiser/Auction. Many of SSA's expenses come from community activities.
- B. Projected budget includes an increase in Fall Fundraiser, and there are also a few new items.
- C. Kari Vincent made motion to approve, Jennifer Deutsch seconded, and the budget was approved unanimously.

VI. Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Deutsch

- A. Grade Level Parties- Need volunteers. This is a fun way to create community among the grade level parents. Volunteers are needed to host the parties. Jennifer said it is important for everyone to bring a dish and keep the party low key. It was suggested to call the parties "Parent Potluck Parties". The parties would be staggered throughout September, October, and November. Jennifer requested that SSA provide \$50.00 to the host families to offset costs. Jill Hunt motioned to approve the \$50.00 be given to the host families, Kristen seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.
- B. Turtle Tribute Fund- Last year raised \$500.00. If someone does not want to sell gift wrap, they could make a donation to Turtle Tribute; the SSA is a 501(c)3.
- C. Mrs. Fischer's class is tonight's winner for the Attendance Showdown and will receive a \$50 grant from the SSA.

VII. Webmaster's Report – Melissa Pesce

- A. New Features- SSA Forms, Fundraising
- B. Kari Vincent suggested that a link go out with all the SSA Buzz communications
- C. Website Contest- Mrs. Fischer's class is in the lead, followed by Mrs. Storm and Mrs. Moeckel
- D. Paypal- Melissa explained that we can add Paypal as a payment option on the website for donations and to purchase spirit wear. Transaction reports are available for the Treasurers.

VIII. Electronic Voting – Kari Vincent

- A. Online voting for election will be implemented because of such low voter turn-out in the past.
- B. Could also possibly be used for surveys etc.
- C. Up to 100 responses at no cost

Next meeting November 17th, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 by Jill Hunt.