

Spoele School Association General Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Jill Hunt.

In Attendance

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

Other Members Who Signed In

Please see “11/17/09 SSA GMM Attachment A” for the sign-in sheet.

Approval of the Minutes

Ashley Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, September 8, 2009. Rebecca Goldman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

I. Grant Request – I-pod Nanos - 2nd Grade Teachers

- A. The second grade teachers provided a presentation on the use of the I-pod Nanos to enhance the learning experience for their students, and provide students the opportunity to learn the latest technology. (See attached handout for more information.)
- B. Becci Goldman made a motion to approve the grant for the 6 I-pod Nanos. Yana Hotter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Superintendent Report – Dr. Marsha Chappelow

- A. Discussed the Strategic Plan 2009-2014: Preparing Our Students for a Global Economy. See “11/17/09 SSA GMM Attachment B” for a detailed brochure.

III. Outdoor Learning Center – Sharon Buchanan and Sarah Martin

- A. Place-Based Learning- Hands on, “doing” and learning at the same time. Provides a sense of ownership for the students. The Woodland Area on Spoele grounds also provides a sense of community.
- B. Volunteers from each grade level are needed – 2 or 3 from each grade level. No knowledge of plants or insects necessary. Place-based activity guides are available for each grade. Training opportunities for team members in winter by MDC & Litzsinger.
- C. Organization meeting will take place on Dec. 9th at 7:00 p.m., to plan for the spring activities.

IV. Principal’s Report – Dr. Connie Brawley

- A. Current enrollment: 498 students.
- B. H1N1 vaccines will begin on Friday, during the school day.
- C. PLC- Professional Learning Community- Stakeholder Meeting Dec. 14th, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. – will learn about PLC’s. Teachers are excited; they are taking the time to analyze data and determine what it is telling us.

V. Presidents' Report – Kristen Wild & Jill Hunt

- A. Grant Requests
 - 1. Spoede University
 - a) Tony Arnold submitted a grant requesting \$700 to cover the cost of childcare during second semester of Spoede University. Snack costs will be covered by grant money leftover from the first semester.
 - b) Sally Heller made a motion to approve the grant, Stacy Acree seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. USB Flash Drives
 - a) Tracy Ward submitted a grant requesting \$175 to purchase 25 USB drives for the fourth grade. The goal is to simplify the process of saving and transferring files, and also to teach students how to use the device.
 - b) The grant was already approved by the executive board, because the amount requested was less than \$500.
- B. Playground Planning
 - 1. Capital Campaign & Spring Fundraiser to fund the cost of the new playground. District will match \$40,000.
- C. Innisbrook Fundraiser Wrap Up
 - 1. 164 students participated
 - 2. Raised over \$7000 profit
- D. Microwave
 - 1. There is a request from the teachers for a microwave to be donated to the teachers' lounge.

VI. Treasurers' Report – Sarah Friesen & Maureen McGinnis

- A. Sarah talked about the tax-exempt letter/status.

VII. Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Deutsch

- A. Grade Level Parties- Dates and info will be provided in Gazette. All grades have hosts/dates except kindergarten.
- B. SSA received many thank you notes from Mrs. Fishers' students for her classroom grant and from teachers/students for the MAC book grants. There are a large number of letters showing appreciation for the SSA grants.
- C. Mr. Joachimstaler's and Ms. Cadieux's classes are tonight's winners for the Attendance Showdown and will each receive a \$50 grant from the SSA.

VIII. PDC Report – Rebecca Goldman & Charlotte Kelley

- A. Parent Institute – Saturday, March 6th, 8:00 a.m. to noon
- B. Question arose about buzzbook being sent out electronically. Legally yes, but ethically we probably do not want that sent out in electronic format. Permission slips for the buzzbook can be completed one time for the entire duration that the student is in the district.
- C. Spoede parent has come into a lot of streamers & balloons. These are available for school parties or other needs.

Next meeting: February 2, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 by Jill Hunt.