

MINUTES

Spoeede Elementary School Association General Meeting Minutes *February 2, 2010*

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, Kari Vincent, and Kristen Wild.

Other Members Who Signed In

Please see "02/02/10 SSA GMM Attachment A" for the sign-in sheet.

Approval of the Minutes

Jennifer Deutsch made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, November 17, 2009. Melissa Pesce seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

I. Welcome

II. Principal's Report

- A. Dr. Brawley spoke about communication between her and Mike Noonan regarding moving forward with plans for a new playground at Spoeede. At this time it looks as though the \$40,000 in district funds is available, but it would require matching funds raised by Spoeede. Some of the playground equipment is not safe and changes need to be made, but those changes may have to be made in phases rather than all at once.
- B. Based on the budget/economy at this time, Dr. Brawley suggested that if it came down to teacher grants vs. fundraising for a new playground that we should primarily use SSA fundraising for teacher grants. Some fundraising could be done for the playground, but the playground should not be the sole issue.

III. Presidents' Report – Kristen Wild & Jill Hunt

- A. Grant requests passed by the Exec. Board
 - 1. St. Louis Symphony Orchestra – Kinder Konzerts (\$356)
 - 2. Membership to Reading A-Z requested by Ms. Picco for all nine primary classes (\$84.95)
 - 3. MLK Assembly- African Storyteller (\$325)
 - 4. Clothing for Nurse's Office (\$350)
- B. Grants requiring vote of general membership
 - 1. Third Grade Field Trip to Daniel Boone's Home (\$670)
Marjie Chucola motioned to approve the grant, Stacey Acree seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. 2nd Grade Incubators/Egg Hatchers at \$240/class (\$960)
Marjie Chucola motioned to approve the grant, Becci Goldman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Upcoming Events

- A. Marjie Chuchola talked about the success of the Restaurant Fun-Raisers
 - 1. Sweet Tomatoes made over \$100
 - 2. CPK made approximately \$440
 - 3. Feb. 10th is the upcoming Fun-Raiser at Chevy's- all day event for lunch or dinner
 - 4. Possible summertime Fun-Raiser being planned as well
- B. Katie Otto and Ashley Schneider discussed the upcoming Spring Soiree
 - 1. March 6th at Cardwell's- awesome dinner buffet menu
 - 2. Still looking for donations/parties hosted by Spoede families
- C. Book Fair, March 8-12
- D. Parent/Child Breakfast, March 12th, 7:45 to 8:30 a.m.
- E. Passport Night, April 16th
 - 1. Friday evening
 - 2. Watch for info about a meeting for parents
- F. Kari Vincent discussed the Election of 2010-2011 SSA Executive Board Officers, April 27th
 - 1. The positions are 2 Presidents, 2 Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, 2 Parent District Council Reps
 - 2. Kari is hoping to have the vacant spots filled by spring break
 - 3. Voting will take place April 27th; electronic voting will also be offered
- G. Marketplace, May 1
 - 1. Booths-vendors are charged and also required to donate an auction item
 - 2. Student groups – no charge for booth space

V. Outdoor Learning Center – Sarah Martin

- A. Sarah talked about all the hard work that Sharon Buchanan has done for the OLC over the past 9 years.
- B. Grade assignments; parents are needed to assist teachers with the OLC at each grade level
- C. Plant Sale will take place May 1st

VI. Treasurers' Report – Sarah Friesen & Maureen McGinnis

- A. Budget update – see attached budget
- B. Tax receipts- letters will be sent out
- C. Matching gift contributions- please check with your employer to see if you can do a matching gift to SSA- it is an easy way to increase contributions to the SSA
- D. E-scrip for Schnucks- family members can also participate

VII. Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Deutsch

- A. Grade Level Potlucks are a success so far- there are a few more to go
- B. Thank you notes have been received for various events and grants
- C. Ms. Kleisen's and Ms. Fischer's classes were winners of the Grade Level Showdown and will each receive a \$50.00 classroom grant

VIII. Proposition O – Dr. Marsha Chappelow

- A. Prop O addresses the following issues: increasing enrollment and need for a new Early Childhood Center
- B. Prop O is a bond levy
- C. District enrollment has increased 18% over the last 6 years
- D. LECC building was built in 1936- improvements not cost effective at this point
- E. Why do we need more land? Ladue is a land-locked district with few opportunities for suitable/affordable land to become available
- F. District will start building the new LECC on Westminster property in fall of 2010 and complete it in time for the start of the 2011 school year
- G. Cost- 14 million for new LECC and 18 million for Westminster Property = 32 million

IX. Campaign for Prop O- Commit2Ladue.org – Community Representatives

- A. Prop O- for Opportunity
- B. This should be looked at from a business perspective, and a tremendous opportunity that might not be available again in the near future
- C. Townhall meetings to be held at LECC and Westminster in March

X. Vote for Prop O funds to made to the campaign for Prop O

- A. Jennifer Deutsch made a motion for \$1500 to be donated to the Campaign for Prop O, Melissa Pesce seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously

Next meeting April 27th, 2010

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