

# MINUTES

## **Spoede Elementary School Association General Meeting Minutes**

*February 08, 2011*

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Susan Kemppainen.

### **In Attendance**

SSA Executive Board Members: Katie Otto, Ashley Schneider, Lisa Fister, Stacey Acree, Dr. Connie Brawley, Jill Hunt, Maureen McGinnis, Susan Kemppainen, Melissa Pesce and Kristen Wild.

### **Other Members Who Signed In**

Please see "02/08/11 SSA GMM Attachment A" for the sign-in sheet

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Yana Hotter made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, November 16, 2010. Lisa Fister seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **I. Welcome**

## **II. Principal's Report**

- A. Dr. Brawley reported on the recent Professional Development day at Spoede. Teachers discussed assessments and how to create formative assessments, and the importance of having the data to back up the assessments. The day was a success. Ms. Petty-Rice added that three of the district elementary schools participated. She also shared that teachers evaluated target areas and expectations for the schools. Lunch was provided by SSA volunteers, and appreciated.

## **III. Nominations/Elections for the 2011-2012 SSA Executive Board – Kristen Wild**

- A. Kristen reported that nomination forms will be going to the Spoede community, and in March a nomination committee will be formed to review the nominations. Online voting will be conducted in April using Survey Monkey.

## **IV. Presidents' Report –Jill Hunt & Susan Kemppainen**

- A. Grant Requests passed by the Exec Board
  - 1. Spanish Speaking Family night food/drink grant- A \$75 grant was passed at the Executive Board Meeting for Spanish Speaking Family night at Spoede which was attended by approx 12-13 families.
  - 2. Spoede Families in Need- A \$175 grant was passed at the Executive Board Meeting for a grant request from Dr. Brawley.
  - 3. Chinese New Year Dance Troupe Grant- A \$200 grant request from Tammy MacLean was passed at the Executive Board Meeting for a Chinese New Year Dance troupe to perform at a February assembly.
  - 4. "Always Changing" Program Grant- A \$100 grant request from Spoede Nurse Cindy Woodruff was passed at the Executive Board Meeting to purchase hygiene products (sample/travel size deodorants) for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders "Always Changing" lesson in May.

## **V. Vice Presidents' Report – Stacey Acree and Lisa Fister**

### **A. Current & Upcoming Events**

1. Blues Hockey Night – There was one in December and there will be another at the end of March.
2. Winter Peace Celebration- Held just before Christmas break and was a successful event.
3. Teacher Appreciation week- The snow days affected the week of 1/31-2/4 but it was still successful! Monday- Bagel breakfast, Thursday- Trail mix day, Friday- Staff Appreciation luncheon with lottery tickets and candy gifts.
4. Passport Night- Friday 2/11/2011- 26 countries will be represented with an Israeli Dance troupe performance at 8:00 in the gym.
5. Book Fair- week of 2/28- 3/4/2011- Family night on March 1<sup>st</sup> 6-8 pm.
6. Parent- Child Breakfast- on the morning of 3/4/2011
7. Conference Hospitality- 3/15 & 3/17
8. Spring Soiree- 4/2/2011 will be held at Cardwell's in Clayton again this year.
9. Yearbook committee- request to send photos (esp. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

## **VI. Treasurers' Report –Marjie Chuchola & Maureen McGinnis**

- A. Marjie reported on the SSA's financial status. (see attached budget)

## **VII. PDC Report- Ashley Schneider and Charlotte Kelley**

- A. Ladue is asking for parent feedback on having late start days or a snow schedule instead of snow days when applicable. Questions were brought up about how that would affect children that ride the bus or attend BASK.
- B. Budget- Currently the district is looking at ways to save on transportation expenses.

## **VIII. Playground Report – Melissa Pesce**

- A. Melissa was excited to report that the playground equipment will be shipping on February 14<sup>th</sup> and should arrive on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of February.
- B. The playground will have the all the things were needed/wanted for the new playground. It will be accessible, safe and fun to all Spoede students. The drainage issues will be addressed and the coach's will have fitness equipment.
- C. In order to save money there will be a community build which will save \$15, 000. Melissa is hoping this will be during the first week of March, and volunteers are needed.
- D. Demolition will probably be the last week of February.
- E. The surfacing needs time to set but the project should be completed by the end of Spring Break so that it is ready for the children to enjoy when they return from Spring Break.

## **IX. Superintendent Report- Dr. Chappelow (Dr. Jason Buckner, Finance and Susan Dielmann, Communications)**

- A. Dr. Chappelow gave a presentation on the financial state of the district along with the choices for how the Westminster property will be used.
- B. Detailed information regarding the presentation can be found on the district's website <http://beta.ladue.k12.mo.us/district/content/main/home.shtml>.
- C. Dr. Chappelow discussed how the district has had rapid enrollment increase and that Ladue is currently the fastest growing district (%) in St. Louis County.
- D. The Facility Planning committee went through a rigorous process to determine options for the Westminster property and pared the list down to four which the district has posted on the website and sent a survey to get feedback from the community.
- E. The Board will be meeting on 2/14/2011 to review the feedback from the community and hopefully make a decision on what the best use for the Westminster property will be.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Susan Kemppainen.

Next meeting April 26, 2011