

MINUTES

Spoede Elementary School Association General Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Jill Hunt.

In Attendance

SSA Executive Board Members: Jennifer Deutsch, Dr. Connie Brawley, Charlotte Kelley, Jill Hunt, Maureen McGinnis, Susan Kempainen, Melissa Pesce and Kristen Wild.

Other Members Who Signed In

Please see "09/14/10 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, April 27, 2010. Lisa Goebel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

I. Welcome

II. Principal's Report

- A. Dr. Brawley announced that the year is off to a great start. She is really noticing what has been put in place as far as improvements go and teachers have noticed a difference as well, especially how prepared the kids are and what they are coming into the new year with.
- B. Great feedback on test scores! Data is being studied to drive instruction. Monitoring and assessing is ongoing to put in interventions as quickly as possible.
- C. Dr. Brawley is looking for parent volunteers on regular 1 or 2 hour a week basis to help kids in the Rave program (1st grade). Also, looking for volunteers for the SEED program. She has a list of parents but is looking for more for this group that will start meeting in October.

III. Presidents' Report –Jill Hunt & Susan Kempainen

- A. Grant Requests passed by the Exec Board
 - 1. Love & Logic Grant (\$700) - Requested by Paula McMaster for babysitting during Love & Logic programs. A motion was made by to approve the grant by Eleanor Perkins. Yana Hotter seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Current & Upcoming Events
 - 1. Gift Wrap & Mum Sales – Gift wrap sale will be extended another week. Total to date: \$11,962. (Last year was closer to \$14,000) SSA receives: Gifts 50%; Candy 45%. SSA Total to date: approx. \$5,026 (budgeted \$7,000). Mum sales are at \$800 with all proceeds going to the Outdoor Learning Center.
 - 2. Fall Family Fun Day- Theis Farm, October 3rd. Free for Spoede families. Raffle and Teacher kiss a mystery animal. This is an event that is covered by SSA Dues.
- C. Spoede Rock Shop! Grand Opening Sept. 24th. Exciting new merchandise includes new water bottles. Open during lunch on Fridays by the cafeteria. Proceeds go to the SSA.
- D. Buchanan Woods – Susan reported that the ceremony was very nice. It was held indoors due to the weather. A plaque is now displayed naming the area Buchanan Woods, which Sharon worked to create with plants indigenous to Missouri. Sharon was very touched and grateful.
- E. Playground
 - 1. Campaign is moving quickly- Kicks off October 1st! We will not be selling items to raise funds.
 - 2. Met with Dr. Chappelow and Mike Noonan, and the plans were approved to move forward. Do not need further District Board approval until ready for final purchase.

3. Walk-a-thon or Dance-a-thon- something that a corporate sponsor could be involved with.
4. Corporate sponsors can place plaques.
5. Melissa has been researching Employee Match programs and asks everyone to do the same as well as check with any corporate connections especially in the immediate area.
6. Brian Kearns works with playground companies and started helping last year. Monica Zigo is an architect and is working on the plan.
7. The playground will be constructed over four Phases. Phase 1 includes surfacing as well as traditional playground and physical education equipment. Hopefully Phase 1 will begin by the end of the calendar year.

IV. Vice Presidents' Report – Stacey Acree and Lisa Fister

- A. Committee Chair Meeting- changed to Thursday September 23
- B. Committee Openings- Hospitality needs volunteers. Passport Night needs co-chairs. Spring Fundraiser needs volunteers to shadow current Chairs to take over next year. Spoede Marketplace needs a Chair.
- C. Password Protected Webpage

V. Treasurers' Report –Marjie Chuchola & Maureen McGinnis

- A. Review of 2009-2010 income and expenses
- B. 2010-2011 budget review and approval. Kristen Wild made a motion to pass the budget and Rebecca Goldman seconded, and the budget motion passed unanimously.
- C. Allocation of funds of Playground. Kristen Wild made a motion to allocate \$33,000 to the playground fund with \$23,500 to be released for immediate use to get the match from the district, Jen Deutsch seconded and the motion passed unanimously. It was discussed that many parents who had been supporting SSA and fundraising for the past few years, did so knowing that funds were probably going to be used for playground purposes and current Spoede parents would want the funds to be used for something tangible that the kids could begin using this year.
- D. Dues Participation Levels are now at approximately 50%. It was discussed that sending out information to donate throughout the year and at times when not so much information was coming home.

VI. Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Deutsch

- A. Turtle Tribute Fund- This year will be selling packs of 5.
- B. Grade Level Parties are scheduled for this year. Three will occur before winter break with three scheduled for after winter break.
- C. Showdown winner is Ms. Roton's class. The showdown is going to be decided a little differently, there will be a drawing for a winner...rather than just strictly on the percentage of attendance.

VII. Webmaster's Report – Melissa Pesce

- A. Virtual Wish Tree Store is up and running online. Get online and check to see what teachers need.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. by Susan Kempainen.

Next meeting November 16, 2010