

**SWARTHMORE-RUTLEDGE SCHOOL
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Meeting of September 13, 2006**

Attendees

Beth Resweber, Kate Dickey, Ellen Pierce, Jean Tierno, Diane Shaffer, Kristin Ross, Alisa Herman-Liu, Paula DeRosa, Laura Maola, Susan Ganbari, Emy Starankovic, Tracy Federico, Robin Sumner, Lisa Starr, Marcia Hiehle, Dorothy Getty, Robin Boyer, Gina Ripley, Linda Armour, Jen Govannicci, Christine Stockman, Leeann McCullough, Beth DeBruyn, Jodi Dawes, Margaret Hoch, Jill Gaiieski, May Lynn Rossi, Linda Martin, Juan Chen, Sumei Meung, Susan Brake, MC Petras, and Gary Davis.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of June 6, 2006 were approved.

Principal's Report

Dr. Davis opened with a comment on SRS's "wonderful beginning." There have been some personnel changes this year (he will discuss them in detail at Back to School Night.) Dr. Davis is enthused about the new Layered Learning Support Room and excited that Neuman College and Elwyn Institute are continuing last year's project, which provides support for teaching autistic children.

There are some exciting new programs this year. Bully Prevention Week is in January, and Walnut Street Theatre and the Spice Ensemble will participate in this theme as well. WSSD has a new math curriculum, called "Everyday Math," and will offer several inforamatory sessions to parents throughout the school year. SRS has almost finished its "National School of Character" application and will submit it in December.

Upcoming Events/Announcements

The new SRS Home and School website is completed! It is available at www.srskids.org. Many thanks to its creators, Doug Hasbrouck, Jeff Sumner, and Tony Liu. Tony gave a brief presentation and suggests that any comments be sent to him as web administrator. (Please note that this site is separate from the site maintained by WSSD for SRS.)

Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 14.

Alisa Herman Liu reported that the Back to School Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, September 21. Flyers have gone home. This year's picnic is being held in the field behind SRS. Christine Stockman could use three more volunteers for the bake sale.

The Hospitality Committee has organized dinner for the teachers before Back to School Night. Many parents have volunteered to provide a dish.

Home and School co-presidents Beth Resweber and Kate Dickey commended the Safety and Grounds Committee, and specifically Stacy Clements and Sharon Mester, for their diligent upkeep of the school gardens. They look wonderful.

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Committee reports

Jen Govannicci and Eileen Dougherty reported that the KidStuff coupon book will be available at Back to School Night. This fundraiser netted about \$1,800 last year.

The Sally Foster Gift Wrap sales, headed this year by Kristin Ross, will begin on September 22. Kristin could use some more volunteers to help with sorting the orders during conference week.

Hands on Science flyers should have arrived home. May Lynn Rossi suggested alternating the days it is offered so that more children can take advantage of the program.

Lisa Starr reported that the SRS school directory should be finished soon. It is a bargain at \$7 – buy one for your car, too!

Jodi Dawes gave a brief summary of corporate sales fundraising programs – Boxtops for Education, Acme receipts, Genuardi's funding through eScripts, and other on-line fundraising opportunities. She will send home details on these programs.

Financial Update

The 2006-07 budget was reviewed and passed. Beth and Kate pointed out the allocation of monies for the Bully Prevention Program, for these were not included in the proposed budget

Old Business

Kate has tallied the results of last spring's Parent Survey. The response was very good (172) and the budget reflects some of the opinions expressed in the surveys about the programs which were highly valued. Kate plans to make the data available on the SRS Home and School website.

Linda Martin is looking for a new editor for The Rising Star, SRS's monthly newsletter. Robin Boyer volunteered to take over from her.

New Business

Eve Walters gave a short presentation on her new after school art program, "Artworks." Sign up sheets should be coming home soon.

Member Comments

It was suggested that the SAC develop guidelines for the after school programs that Home and School sponsors.

Next meeting: October 11, 2006.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Pierce