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**SWARTHMORE-RUTLEDGE SCHOOL
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Meeting of November 15, 2006**

Attendees

Beth Resweber, Kate Dickey, Ellen Pierce, Ginger Smith, Beatrice Dickinson, Linda Martin, Laura Maola, Mary Gay Scanlon, Gary Davis, and MC Petras.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2006 were approved.

Principal's Report

Dr. Davis reports that it's been a really fast transition from Halloween to Thanksgiving! The mood at SRS is generally upbeat, with a very positive response to the new Everyday Math program. (The next E.M. workshop is on December 6 at WES.) Other issues: Two out of the four scheduled Bully Prevention training sessions have been completed. Budget time has come earlier this year to the district because of Act I and its timing demands. Dr. Davis loves the new SRS website, and encourages us to use it (new items are posted really quickly!)

After school programs are quite popular, with Hands on Science, Artworks, and Spanish programs offered. (The SAC is developing guidelines for all future after school programs.) Volunteers have been coming in to join the children at lunch, and the noise level seems to have fallen (although Dr. Davis assures everyone that it is not an unpleasant place to eat lunch.) A Wellness Committee has been formed at each school, consisting of the gym teachers, nurses, Dr. Davis, and two parents. It will explore and promote health, nutrition, and fitness issues, like the Jogging Club held in the spring and the menu selection at lunch.

Finally, the National Character Award for which SRS is applying is due on December 4. Dr. Davis plans to post the application and the portfolio which accompanies it on the SRS website (www.srskids.org.)

Upcoming Events/Announcements

The annual SRS Food Drive will continue until November 22.

Parent –Teacher conferences will be held on half-days from November 16 through November 22. Dismissal on these days is at 12:30 p.m.

Committee reports

The Fall Fair was a huge success, and even profitable (although it is not designed as a fund raiser.) We have gotten a recommendation to sell pizza next year.

Kate Dickey reported for Jen Govannicci that the KidStuff coupon book has made about \$1,462 so far. There are still a few more books available.

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Committee reports (continued)

Although the Sally Foster Gift Wrap sales have been wrapped up (!) it is still possible to buy products on-line.

The SRS school directory has made about \$5,800. A few additional copies remain – contact Lisa Starr.

Old Business

Last year SRS had a spirit wear coordinator, and H & S sold long sleeved SRS t-shirts. We will discuss this again at our next meeting – possibly a short-sleeved t-shirt this year? We are open to other ideas.

It has been suggested that a Dimensions in Technology program be developed to join the other Dimensions programs. Parent volunteers would be appreciated!

The Mumm Puppetheater has developed two Greek Mythology programs for elementary students: the Golden Lyre and Chariots of Fire. We discussed funding these, possibly as part of a 4th grade art project.

New Business

Mary Gay Scanlon briefly went over of the provisions of Pennsylvania's Act I referendum. There will be a meeting on November 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of SHHS to apprise residents of the issues.

The SRS Blue Rocks game is scheduled for April 29, 2007 at 1:35 p.m. Although another school is singing the national anthem at this game, we hope that the SRS fifth graders can sing an additional song.

Next meeting: February 14, 2007.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Pierce