

**SWARTHMORE-RUTLEDGE SCHOOL
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Meeting of October 11, 2006**

Attendees

Beth Resweber, Kate Dickey, Ellen Pierce, Robin Sumner, Doug Hasbrouck, Sharon Graham, Ruth Bock, Stacy Clements, Jen Govannicci, Beth De Bruyn, and MC Petras.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2006 were approved.

Principal's Report

Dr. Davis was not able to attend this meeting, but he left his notes with Beth Resweber and Kate Dickey. (He also has a long letter in "The Rising Star" which discusses these topics in greater depth.)

WSSD's new math curriculum, "Everyday Math," is up and running. Several informatory sessions are available to parents throughout the year; the dates are listed on our new website, www.srskid.org. SRS students did very well on last year's PSSA tests. A couple of grants have been obtained to help fund the African Dance program and the Walnut Street Theatre residency.

Upcoming Events/Announcements

The Fall Fair scheduled for Friday, October 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Flyers have gone home. There are many activities: a book swap, ice cream social, pumpkin sale, bake sale, and the opportunity to stuff your own scarecrow. (Please note that all scarecrow materials except clothes will be provided - you must bring your own clothes to stuff.)

The Halloween Parade is scheduled for October 31 at 2:00 p.m.

Committee reports

Jen Govannicci reported that the KidStuff coupon book, which was available at Back to School Night, has grossed about \$2,100 so far. There are still a few more books available.

The Sally Foster Gift Wrap sales are underway, and continue until October 16.

The SRS school directory is available for sale at \$7 – order forms should have arrived home to you.

Although the Boxtops for Education fundraising activity continues all year, the first submission is on October 31. Please send in any boxtops before then. Also, internet shopping through the Boxtops site earns SRS some money as well. There are several merchants on the site – please check it out!

Financial Update

The funding for the Spice Ensemble program is short \$564. A motion was passed to provide the shortage from H & S funds freed up by the shortened poetry project.

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Old Business

PC Petras reported that the Teachers Union and the Support Union have started a memorial fund for the son of Jerry Boyer, SRS's recently deceased custodian. Donations can be made out to his wife, Dorita Boyer, and sent to Steve Staubaugh at SHHS. Stacy Clements also suggested that an auditorium seat be given in his honor; Beth is going to talk to Dr. Davis about it.

Last year SRS had a spirit wear coordinator, and H & S sold long sleeved SRS t-shirts. The group discussed whether to continue this fundraiser, or to allow Student Council to take it over. MC suggested that t-shirt sales could be tied to an event (like the Sparrow House in the past.) Beth DeBruyn thought that other SRS items, such as pencils, could also be sold.

The teachers wrote thank you notes for the H & S-supplied start-up funds for classroom supplies.

New Business

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

The noise in the cafeteria has become quite loud, especially during first lunch with the younger children. Laura Maola, the volunteer coordinator, has met with Dr. Davis and is developing a form to solicit parent volunteers to come and help with lunch.

The Lius enjoyed their recent visit to Mumm Puppetheater, and thought that its Greek Mythology program would be a great addition to SRS's programs. Beth is contacting Susan Smythe to find out more.

Member Comments

MC reported that the teachers would like to use the funds from last Christmas's Holiday Fund to spruce up the Teachers' Room. Claudia Kearney, a local architect, is helping with the space planning and reorganization.

Next meeting: November 15, 2006.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Pierce