

**SWARTHMORE-RUTLEDGE SCHOOL
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2007**

Attendees

Beth Resweber, Kate Dickey, Ellen Pierce, Sharon Mester, Lauren McKinney, Eileen Dougherty, Ginger Smith, Linda Armour, Linda Martin, Beth De Bruyn, Margaret Bergstrom, Mary Murray, Marcia Hiehle, Jodi Dawes, Sharon Graham, Stacy Clements, Jen Govannicci, Gary Davis, Nicola Jefferson, and MC Petras.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2007 were approved.

Principal's Report

Dr. Davis reported that the fifth grade fundraiser, Pillo Polo, was a big success.

Unfortunately, SRS did not win the official "National School of Character" Award for which it applied, but after collecting and analyzing the data for the application process Dr. Davis feels that SRS is indeed a school of character.

SRS has applied for a Pennsylvania state program called PANA (Pennsylvania Nutritional Awareness.) The Wellness Committee is examining other activities and the Diabetes Walk-a-thon is being held soon. There is a possibility that the food service in the cafeteria may change next year.

National Autism Awareness Month is coming up. There will be efforts to raise awareness (see, especially, the bulletin board in the front lobby.)

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is in May. Last year SRS raised over \$4,000. Raffle tickets are available, and the fifth graders may hold a car wash.

The Primary Orientation meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19.

Upcoming Events/Announcements

The Blue Rocks game is scheduled for Sunday, April 29 at 1:35 p.m. The fifth graders will be singing.

"Jamac'in Me Dance," our spring social, will be held on May 5. More information will follow.

The Mumm Puppet Theatre will be giving two performances on Greek mythology. The funds for this came out of the speaker allotment that was not used this year.

Field Day is May 11. The instrumental concert is May 24, and the fifth graders' concert is May 31.

Committee reports

Sharon Mester handed out the slate of proposed Home and School officers for the 2007-2008 school year. A motion was made and passed to approve the slate. (Note: One more person is needed for Dimensions in Science and the Book Fair.)

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Committee Reports (continued)

Marcia Hiehle reported that the Scholastic Book Fair netted about \$2,400. The kindergarten book fair was also held at the same time as the one for the older children, yet both did well. This year's selection of books was much broader too.

The Teacher Luncheon given during conferences was creative, delicious, and much appreciated by the teachers.

This year's Math Night had several new activities and was deemed quite successful.

Student Council will be selling SRS t-shirts as a fundraiser this year, so the Spirit wear design previously discussed will be offered next year.

The note card templates for the note card fundraising activity will be sent home in backpacks next week. They can be completed at home and returned to school with the order form.

On the Safety and Grounds Committee front, the WSSD Facilities Dept. must approve a new plug in the faculty room so that the new refrigerator (purchased with funds from last Christmas's Holiday Fund) can be installed. S & G could use some help spreading mulch on Saturday in April or May. Tom Hopson, a local landscaper, is renovating the Butterfly Garden in front of the school by dividing the perennials and resetting the bricks. The cost for this is covered by the fund established for the upkeep of the Garden.

The SAC, the site-based management team designed to facilitate communication between parents and faculty, consists of seven parents, six teachers, and Gary Davis. It is looking for a parent volunteer.

New Business

The Dimensions in Technology group has a meeting on Thursday, April 12. It is basically a "grassroots" organization now, but initial thoughts are to address technology as not just computer literacy, but a major part of life.

In light of WSSD's decision to cancel the FLES program next year, some discussion was held on strengthening the after school language programs at SRS.

Member Comments

Lauren McKinney announced that a group is meeting to start a local chapter of PAGE (Pennsylvania Association of Gifted Education), an advocacy group for gifted children. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Helen Furness Library in Wallingford.

Next meeting: May 9, 2007.

Respectively submitted,

Ellen Pierce