

**Swarthmore Rutledge School
Home and School Association Meeting
May 9, 2007**

ATTENDEES

Gary Davis, Sharon Graham, Kate Dickey, Mary Murray, Sharon Mester, Tony Liu, Jodi Dawes, Ellen Pierce, MC Petras, Stacy Clements, Linda Martin, Beth DeBruyn.

MINUTES

- The minutes of the April 11, 2007 meeting were not available to vote on.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Primary school orientation and the Arbor Day Celebration have both been successfully completed
- We raised approximately \$4,000 at the Walk for Diabetes
- J'makin Me Dance was a great success
- Based on classroom reporting, there was a very successful "Turn off TV" week at SRS. Other wellness initiatives will be explored in the new year.
- The SAC is losing people this year, but new names/faces are being added as we speak
- Bully Prevention Kickoff will begin in September/October with Bully Awareness Week scheduled for January, 2008
- May 17 is "Caps for a Cure"
- Thanks go out to Mark Linkins, head of curriculum, for the successful transition to Every Day Math..
- We received another grant from the Walnut Street Theatre Company to work with the primary grades
- Poet In Residence Joanne Sutton-Smith is conducting 4-week workshops with the primary grades this month.
- Two students at SRS won the Delaware County Young Author award – that is a first for SRS.
- Class picnics will be held the week of June 4
- Placement meetings are ongoing
- Over the summer, a committee of teachers will be developing guidelines for preparing children for the PSSA tests.
- The support staff contract is coming up and hope to have it finalized on May 23 or 24th. 5th grade is beginning to work on their art project!
- Move up day is coming quickly, as is a 5th grade car wash and the talent show.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dimensions in Foreign Language – FLES has been discontinued by the School Board; however, it may take on a whole new look as an after-school program. Current obstacle is cost, but is being investigated to follow a format similar to WES where a parent is in charge. The cost there is \$5 for each class; it is organized by the Home and School Assn. with teacher support.

There is a program at Friends School on Chinese Culture...Michael Haines is coordinating it but it is unclear how that might fit into the Dimensions program as the curriculum is different.

Survey - Should we do a survey again? Yes. Ask about the Dimensions program. How about feedback on Home and School meetings...should we have speakers? Should we revamp how Home and School meetings are run and organized? Daytime? Food? Babysitters?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dimensions in Technology – Currently trying to figure out how to work with the children, parents, teachers, and do follow up from home. Putting together a 5th grade slide show...pictures can be electronic or can be scanned in. It is a good idea to actually start the slide show project at the beginning of the year and get the kids involved regularly.

SRSKids website - We need to start looking for someone to begin posting things on our website. The website needs a marketing plan (www.srskids.org)

Notecards – lower response than last year when it was done as a part of the art class. You can order more cards with last year's artwork. Thoughts about bringing this project back into the art class or perhaps do a booth at the Fall Fair.

Safety and Grounds – more weeding needs to be done and mulching is set for next week. A playground representative will be here next week to see about what other things can be done on the playground.

DISS – Blue Rocks game....we were stuck with 40 extra tickets.

NEW BUSINESS

Teacher Initiative Fund – balance (\$1,350) will be used to update the faculty room. Money will be used for a new refrigerator, paint, tables with matching chairs, other furniture. The overall look will be cleaner and warmer.

Motion – to use the balance of the fund to update the faculty room. Motion passes.

Dimensions in Art – most of the line item for this budget goes to the 5th grade art project. About \$1000 is used for other grade projects.

Budget Discussion - For next year, the Coupon Book will not be used as a fundraiser; a new item added will be the Mom's Night Out.

The surplus in the Home and School account is not reflected on the current budget sheet.

Spirit Wear – it was decided to not do spirit wear at this time but at the beginning of the year. Tracey Federico will spearhead the project.

Home and School Closet – who knew? We need to check on it and do an inventory of what is there.

OPEN ISSUES

None

ADJOURN

8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Sharon Graham