

**Swarthmore Rutledge School**  
**Home and School Association Meeting**  
**December 12, 2007**

**ATTENDEES:**

Beth DeBruyn, Linda Martin, Sharon Graham, MC Petras, Linda Armour, Susan Brake, Leann McCullough, Anne Campanella, Deborah Hoffman

**MINUTES**

Due to a lack of a quorum, the minutes of the November 14, 2007 could not be approved.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- No report. Dr. Davis presented two requests for funding of initiatives – see Treasurer's report, below.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SAC:**

- The committee is looking into facilitating a strong educational partnership with the College. A suggestion was raised to match a teacher wish list with a list of college professors who might be able to assist.
- There are some concerns on the multi-age classes; there needs to be a better explanation for parents on the goals and benefits of multi-age.
- The state is mandating certain guidelines on wellness. Right now, every state has different mandates for food in schools and it is difficult for larger corporations to meet the needs of all states. Pennsylvania has adopted a 3-year program that starts with liberal guidelines that get gradually more stringent on in-school snacks. We need to begin to build a discussion to establish the context for these changes so that families understand the history and impact. There was a suggestion to communicate the changes in the Rising Star regularly so that parents receive the information.

**Treasurer:**

- The big fundraisers for the year are on target to bring in budgeted amounts. This includes Sally Foster, the directory, and Spirit Wear is expected to catch up as there was a large initial outlay.
- The Mom's Night Out met their fundraising goal of \$1500. There needs to be a discussion on whether this is an annual event.
- Dr. Davis made two funding requests. Payment for these would be out of Home and School surplus, although approval cannot be made at this time without a quorum.
  - Quiet Riot – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leaders. Focus on the qualities in a school to foster conflict resolution: Belonging, Choice, Fun, and Respect. There was a discussion around the need for there to be a clear link established with the goals of this program and our SRS Four Cornerstones.
  - The Value of Values – by Jerry Brown. Program stresses the importance of making good choices.
- There was a discussion on possibly having teachers submit a wish list for items at the beginning of the year that we can target fundraising for and work into the budget so as to be proactive with the funds received.

Dimensions in Art

- Muralist has been selected. Work will begin shortly.

Dimension in Social Studies

- No report

Dimensions in Science

- For the visiting scientists, there will be 2 days of scientists with three presentations. There needs to be someone brought on to spearhead this program for the next year. Posters need to be created to support the program...what should happen to the posters after the program? Do they go to the scientists? Should they hang in the cafeteria?

Dimensions in Technology

- No report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Art cards will be coming out after the holiday

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- No reports

**NEXT MEETING:**

- The next Home and School meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on January 9, 2008 in the Teacher Lounge.

Meeting adjourned, 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sharon Graham