

**SRS HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING**  
**APRIL 14, 2010**

**ATTENDEES:** Elma Jones, Kim Scott, Beth DeBruyn, Kathryn Mehan, Marj Hatzell, Laura Maola, Stephenie Bailey, Linda Armour, Linda Martin, Brooke Penders, Sally Fullam, Tracy Federico, Vippy Yee, Carlin McCoy, Katie Crawford, Denise Disney, Sharon Graham

**MOTION:** to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Motion carries

Follow up question for Dr. Rubeis - Did the School Board agree to pay for the AP tests based on need?

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- There have not yet been deposits for the Book Fair, but the check had to be written to cover the initial expenses. It appears that that net profit will be \$2600, which is \$600 over the goal.
- Cookbook – All expenses have been paid, including paying for extra copies to help us reach our goal.
- To date, Corporate retail is down, but there is still one more box top “deposit” to make so that we should end up around breakeven
- Some final budget line items are now being spent.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*SAC Report – Marj Hatzell*

- SAC will be restructured a bit next year. Dr. Davis asked for more parents to be added to the committee, and this will be accomplished by using the grade reps on SAC. There will be five grade reps, and five parents. Dr. Davis will continue as moderator.
- The Playground grant has come in and the plan was to start construction when school let out. But now SRA is using SRS now, so construction may be pushed into August when SRA is finished.
- Dr. Davis also mentioned a pedometer contest in May at SRS where all kids will wear pedometers to count their steps.
- Mr. Kane is looking for volunteers for Field Day for the upper grades.

*Dimensions in Art – Laura Maola*

- This year there is a Primary art project this year. Sally Paynter is leading the effort to make kaleidoscopes. Sally has visited every classroom and did a demonstration; now she is preparing the materials at her home. A lot of math and science involved too in the project as well. The kaleidoscopes will be constructed in the classrooms in the next few weeks.

- Tomorrow (April 15<sup>th</sup>) starts the first “paint day” for the mural 5<sup>th</sup> grade art project. Each class is doing its own panel to the theme of Native America. Each class will pick a specific area of Native America to focus on. The artist has designed the background for each panel and every child has sketched a design in the shape of a medallion featuring an image that is important to them; the medallions will be affixed onto the panels. The panels will then be mounted on wood and hung in hallway between library and office. The target unveiling is May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5<sup>th</sup> grade choral concert. There has been great support all around for this project, from the artist to the custodial staff. Julie Kroon will put together a slide show documenting the project from start to finish and hopes to make a CD that will be shown at the choral concert so that all can experience the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Discussion of Proposed Bylaws Changes*

- The last time any changes were made was May, 2001. Some of the proposed changes are to reflect the way we currently do business. Tonight we can talk about the proposed changes but not vote. The changes will be posted on the website [www.srskids.org](http://www.srskids.org) next week and the vote will happen at the May meeting.
  - Article III – defines executive board. The Old bylaws had no definitive list of people that comprise the executive committee. The proposed changes are defined by position. There was a discussion on the definition of executive board and how it impacts voting rights. If someone is holding a position jointly, is it one vote or two? What does one vote mean? In the General Assembly everyone has one vote; it is only in the definition of a quorum that a position being held jointly is considered “one”; five is needed for a quorum. It was suggested that there be a statement added that should the executive committee ever vote by itself on anything, that each executive committee member get one vote per position.
  - Article IV, Section II - Fundraising process. There has historically been a lot of pressure in fifth grade and for targeted events to raise funds. Going forward, there would be no earmarked fundraisers, which means that all funds raised by H&S would go into general fund and be used to support all events. We will still have fifth grade fundraisers, and the fourth grade pumpkin sale, for example, but the money raised would go to the general fund and the general fund would pay out to support their events. This way everyone is supporting everything. Next year’s budget will be presented this way in May. This would not eliminate an earmarked fundraiser, as in the silent auction earmarked for technology. There is a discussion on grants received as being considered “earmarked” and how that would be built into this new understanding. Grants are not considered fundraising and need to remain targeted because we typically apply for a very specific grant. It was suggested that grants have its own section in the budget. It was clarified that the entire General Assembly at a H&S meeting would vote on approving the use of general funds for targeted events.

- Section 5 – surplus. Suggestion to amend the 1998 attachment into the bylaws so that it can be found in one place. We typically carry a 20% contingency each year. Can we define more above that? Beth DeBruyn is planning improvements for next year.
  - Article IX – web communication. This change simplifies who we say yes and no to when people ask to use our distribution list; there needs to be a direct connection to H&S activities. There was a suggestion that when we collect emails at the beginning of the year, to add a check box that would allow people to opt in to have their email shared for events/activities outside of H&S. In this instance, H&S wouldn't push the email out, but we would share emails with other groups. Another suggestion was that H&S should support community events such as SRA and Swarthmore College with email distributions; one person reminded the attendees that SRS pulls from Wallingford and Rutledge, so we don't want to feed into segmenting the school by supporting only certain community events. There was a suggestion to create a community bulletin board/link connection at the srskids.org website.
- The Bylaws will be reviewed in March of every year by the Executive Board; changes will be suggested at April's meeting and voted on at May's meeting. However, amendments can be proposed at any time and voted on after one month's review time.
  - There was a suggestion that the changes be marked up as "tracked changes" so it is easier to compare the old and new versions of the bylaws.

#### *Voting on slate of officers*

(see [www.srskids.org](http://www.srskids.org) for a full list of proposed officers for the 2010-2011 school year)

**MOTION** – table voting for five fifth grade reps at this time. Currently, it appears that Veronica Olzewski is the point person, but this needs to be confirmed. Motion carries

**MOTION** – approve slate of officers, minus the fifth grade representatives. Motion carries.

#### *Walk to school day.*

- The Pedestrian and Bike task force in town approached H&S about sponsoring the children to walk to SRS on April 19<sup>th</sup>. SRS will support this event so come to the Clock Tower at 8:15 a.m. to walk with Dr. Davis and Chief Craig to school.

#### *H&S Fundraising Night on the Ville:*

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last Kids Night Out sponsored by Swarthmore College athletics. Kids Night Out has agreed to donate a portion of its proceeds to H&S; in addition, The Creative Living Room, Aria, and Hobbs have also agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds that night to support H&S. The Creative Living Room is hosting an acoustic concert. Families can drop children off at Kids Night Out, have dinner at Aria or Hobbs, and attend the concert at 8 p.m. Kids Night Out ends at 10 p.m.



*Family Dinner Dance*

- This is not a fundraiser; H&S hosts this event for fun. It will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. The theme is a Sock Hop; we will have a Classic Car Club coming, a dunk tank, music from a jukebox, 5<sup>th</sup> graders selling root beer floats. There will be games and prizes. The event happens rain or shine. Volunteers are needed! Need volunteers – contact Kristine Miller.

*SRS at the Phillies*

- 79 tickets sold to date. While this is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser to clear expenses, everyone at SRS is invited to attend the June 8<sup>th</sup> game. Buy tickets \$22 by May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Three children at SRS won the county Young Authors Contest – the most of any school.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Next meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the library

**MOTION**- to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Graham