

**Springdale Park
PTO Board Meeting
January 11, 2010**

Attendees: Yolanda Brown, Elizabeth Lieberman, David Rein, Jenna Mobley, Guido Sacchi, Lynne Kushner, Clare Richie, Aaron Danzig, Elizabeth Mothershed, Kris White

Good and Welfare/Ups and Downs: Personal info about thoughts, feelings and impressions about the year thus far, upcoming events, personal events, etc.

Immediate Action Items:

Ms. Rouso Request – She has put in a request for \$100 for 400 pins for “no name calling” week. She wants the kids to work with them and wear them to show their support of the week’s theme. EM made an action to accept, Lynne second the motion and we approved her request.

Teacher Lounge Request – EM asking for \$1000 budget to finish out the creation of the teacher’s lounge – need a couch, fabric for window panels, lamps and stock supplies (plates, mugs, utensils, coffees, etc.). Do not want to get physical donations any longer - they have enough and do not want more used items. Will still accept monetary donations. Through any donations they will get in the future, the PTO can theoretically get reimbursed if we donate an additional \$1000 now. PTO expressed some concerns with once again asking for donations to help support this lounge on a monthly basis. KW suggested class donations, each class “stocking” the lounge one week per calendar year. All liked the idea. EL suggested perhaps the jar on the 20th event could go to raise funds for the teacher’s lounge – a designated donation event. All agreed. DR made motion to approve max \$1000, AD second and all approved.

Reimbursement Request Tonya – AD The woman who took over the teacher appreciation luncheon – cooking the food and organizing the luncheon before the holidays should get some sort of monetary reimbursement for the food she prepared. AD proposes \$100 reimbursement even though it will probably not cover all she spent but it is given in goodwill, in hopes she signs on as teacher appreciation coordinator. EM puts forth the motion, CR second the motion and all approved. She does need to provide an “invoice”/documentation that she received the money to cover those costs. Motion passed.

Communication Plan Approval – DR’s plan with the input and help of many is ready for approval. There are some changes to how we have been handling things in the first semester. 1.) LIMIT paper trail and amount of handouts going home in backpacks, etc. We want to remain green and reserve resources in our offices. A lot of paper is cumbersome, costly and confusion. We want to use electronic vehicles verses paper. Want to limit the PTO papers sent home to 4 for this semester – weening ourselves down to zero over the next 2-3 semesters. 2.) No longer going to use room parent tree for

dissemination of information. It is controversial and not sufficient checks and balances in place to control its distribution. 3.) Bulletins and TV ads in the school common areas.

They came up with a one form policy. You submit a form to have something announced and the communications committee will get it to the right venue for distribution.

STAR – We have accelerated reader and want to have STAR reader. Request is for \$1000 to go towards the purchase of STAR reader. The actual cost is \$1800 and the school will pony up the rest of the price. It is a diagnostic system that APS does not pay for. Allows teacher to determine how well the students are doing in accelerated reader. They will be able to generate analysis of the students' abilities in order to determine if they are at the right level, etc. Allows teachers to get immediate feedback on how your kids are doing in reading, on what levels they are reading in real time. This program also includes RTI – response to intervention programs. Teachers can become more prescriptive. This initial \$1800 is a one time initial start up cost and then the program will cost \$200 every year thereafter which the school will pay. GS has some concerns from the Tech committee standpoint – they need to be involved in these decisions so as to avoid an “overload” of applications on our school computer systems with no cohesive overview. Much discussion about how technology is used, analyzed, etc. In the end, it became clear that the tech committee needs to be brought in on software and applications requests.

GS made a motion to accept the request with the caveat that any software purchase request be run through the technology committee for their review and input. We need to make sure the software and applications “fit” into our technology plan and programs. CR second the request approval and all agreed.

Upcoming Events:

SPARK Spectacular – ERL Went through the evening program timeline.

5pm Start time people will check in (all SPARK people in spark wear), spark winter gear will be there for purchase. We will give all kids 2 tickets to invite a max of 2 friends and any immediate family members.

5 to 6:00 The people can “roam” the building and kids can show their friends their classrooms, etc. There will be no guided tours. Jenna and Clare suggested that for those classrooms where the teacher will not be present that we have room parents volunteer to stand in the classroom during the tour times....Parents will be expected to escort their kids – we will tell each parent at check in time.

5 to 6:00 Dinner will be set up in the back of the cafeteria in buffet style. Need to figure out where the kids will eat, where the parents will eat and listen to the meeting.

6:00 Movie Start – There will be Up in the media center and G-Force in the band room. Parents will eat and settle into the Cafeteria for the PTO meeting and themed topic on family nutrition. Mrs. Brown will go first as she needs to go to the CNIS meeting. PTO issues will just be informational – events, upcoming themes and school updates.

7:30 Movie ends – parents meet their kids and slowly leave the school.

PARKING – it is being checked into. DHUMP calendar is empty that night...

Open Topics:

SPARK after Dark – 7 – 9 pm. Dawn Bell is the chair. Has done this type of event before. She had 80 couples and made just under \$10k....Idea is to have levels of giving, levels of donations, food and 1 drink per person (all donated by the warren). Our expenses are to be \$500 or less. Tickets will be sold and price determined later. It is for anyone – SPARK and more...EL we need to get dawn bell's info and ideas so we can discuss this as a board and volunteer to make this work for a HUGE fundraiser. By our next meeting, LK is to post event ideas from dawn on NING for discussion.

Playground Update and Board Input:

See handout

Wanted to get out buy in on the scope, timeline, ideas, etc. To share the survey results with us and the initial plans for location, size, etc.

AD need to get the money for the rubber surface even if that is at a later date. Need to locate at expandability and flexibility to stay with the times and expand as the years past and needs changes.