

SPARK 2010/11 PTO BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 20, 2011
6:30-8:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Pending items, intra-meeting votes or new small requests needing a vote
 - a. None.
2. Report of Principal Brown/Administration
 - a. Ms. Brown discussed the lockdown resulting from the neighborhood incident. Ms. Brown told all children that there was an unsafe situation in one of our neighborhoods and that in order to keep the children safe, we were going to lock all of the doors. The emergency process worked well.
 - b. Ms. Brown then discussed the items requested in order to support the children's educational needs next year and distributed a projected funding request. Ms. Brown explained that we implemented Saxon Phonics in K through 2 this school year and that we will need a maintenance program for third grade next year. Based on projections for student and staff, the request for funding for refurbishments and additional new kits totaled the current estimate of \$8,606.52. Ms. Brown additionally requested \$3,610.00 for Study Island (for one year for second, third, fourth, and fifth grades). There were additional requests for \$4,200 for teacher gift cards based on current projections, \$1,500 for Principal's Discretionary Fund (primarily for teacher appreciation), \$1,365 for Art Curriculum/Materials to serve children K through fifth grade, \$1,562 for Music Curriculum/Materials, and \$15,000 for Everyday Math Curriculum

Materials (this is a high estimate for the components). The total for all requests is \$35,778.52. Ms. Brown will report back with additional information regarding the need for Everyday Math and ask the art and music teachers to prioritize their requests. **The Board approved the first four requests as proposed and will consider the music and art requests when prioritized lists are presented.**

- c. We have revamped the registration process. All students must reregister. New kindergarten and fifth grade students can register between May 9th and May 13th. Returning students will register between May 17th through 19th and on May 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. A SPARKe will go out about registration.
- d. Input forms for student placement will likely come out at the end of the week for recommendations to Ms. Brown. The due date is May 27, 2011.
- e. We have appealed several staffing decisions for next school year to the district: (1) the loss of a teacher; (2) loss of 5th grade teacher; and (3) paraprofessional allotment for the kindergarten classes.
- f. No state CRCT for first and second grade students. Dr. Hall, for SRT 3 and some SRT4 schools, has developed an end-of-year assessment for first and second grade. This test will be administered May 2, 3, and 4, and the CRCT is the week before. First and second graders will be assessed using the district-created instrument. We hope to have the results back prior to the end of the school year, and parents will get the results of their children's testing.

3. Director Reports

a. President (David)

1. APS leadership issues – David will be speaking with the President of the School Board.
2. Elections – We have 8 people for 8 spots. Elections will be at the May meeting.
3. Construction Committee – No change. They plan to do a green demolition.
4. No gym update.

b. Treasurer (Cameron)

1. The Playground Committee raised \$97,000. The Board approved spending up to \$98,000. The Committee raised \$7,000 more through brick sales and the like. Committee has asked to install benches and bricks. Estimated cost is \$100,000. The PTO previously approved approximately \$8,000 additional funds to cover any gap, but we now believe the gap will be close to \$3,000 or \$4,000. Everything will be done except for the Phase III spider climber.
2. With respect to the general fund, which includes everything other than the playground, we have raised \$73,000 and have spent \$65,000. We have additional expenses that will come in. We likely will end the year where we started, with approximately

\$58,000. Even with reserves, we have approximately \$35,000 to allocate for the next school year.

c. Director of Student Enrichment (PK)

1. Models have been fitted for the fashion show on Friday. Osteria is giving us food. After the fashion show, we will go across the street for the movie. The PTO meeting will be held between the fashion show and the movie.
2. PK requested funds to print programs.

d. Director of Operations/Technology (Guido)

1. No playground update. The Playground Committee received an anonymous donation that will cover surfacing. We hope that it will be complete by mid-May.
2. The promethean board was installed in the Hirsch Building.

e. VP/Communications (Aleta)

1. No update.

f. Teachers (Ms. Mobley)

1. An update was given regarding grants and allocations.
2. Field Day and Earth Day are being planned for May 13, 2011.

g. Secretary/5th Grade Committee (Deborah)

1. No update.

h. Fundraising (Elizabeth)

1. May Day will be at The Park Tavern. You can buy family tickets on-line now. Volunteers are in charge of the activities.

i. Community Building (Liam)

1. Fashion show and movie are on Friday, April 22, 2011.

3. Committee Presentations

a. No Committee or other representatives made presentations.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.