

PTO BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Springdale Park Elementary School

6:30 p.m. EDT

Monday, November 14, 2011

- Welcome and old business

In attendance: Deborah Danzig, Nicole Foerschler Horn, Morna Gailor, Heather Hallett, Aleta Mills-Stubin, Liam Pelot, Maria Rein, Cameron Stoeckel, Ms. Brown, Jenna Mobley. Guest: Teresa Groshans

- Report of Principal Brown/Administration
 - Valerie English will be our new EIP teacher for 3rd – 5th grades and will start 11/28. She is a current teacher in Henry County.
 - Ms. Haines and Ms. Red are currently teaching EIP for K – 2nd grades on a substitute basis. Ms. Brown is continuing to explore staffing options for EIP.
 - ASP – Atlanta Support Program: each school must implement this program for 3rd – 5th grade students who currently need extra attention. Students will be served 90 minutes / week.
 - Georgia Accrediting Commission will be visiting SPARK after Thanksgiving. They will be examining our physical plant, instructional program, teaching staff, etc. They will be visiting each elementary and middle school in APS. This is through the state department of education.
 - Enrollment is 544 students. All classroom spaces are being utilized.
 - Ms. Cofield broke her foot and will be replaced by a sub until Dec. 8.
 - Tomorrow there is a 3rd grade parent meeting to discuss homework.
 - State Department of Education will be visiting our cafeteria later this year.
- Report of Teachers/Ms. Mobley
 - Grant Allocations – We have almost finalized our grant allocations. The grants will likely be: Rigsby assessment tool, Ms. Blassingame Kindergarten materials, mobile kitchen for garden, 3rd grade Scholastic News. Teacher grants will be allocated once we have determined a new treasury protocol (see Treasurer section below). We will evaluate additional grant possibilities in the spring.
- Presidents items
 - We have determined that we do not yet have the infrastructure in place to become at PTA. We will continue to operate as a PTO as of now.
- Pending Items/Intra-Meeting Items Needing a Vote/ Discussion
 - \$75 for playground sod / pine straw to help with drainage issues. Approved by Presidents via e-mail 10/24

- Green Team requested, via e-mail, a clothing collection box to be placed in the parking lot. Not approved due to negative publicity of the organization.
- Request for \$394 for Chattahoochee Nature Center presentation for Family Science Night. Approved via e-mail on 10/28.
- Request to repair laminator at a cost of \$204 plus \$150 / hour for labor. Approved via e-mail 11/14.
- Committee Updates –
 - Community Building - Student Enrichment
 - Family Science Night is Thursday. On line registration worked very well. Have 175 students registered to date.
 - Wellness Committee – There was a misperception last week that certain foods have been banned at the school. Although this is not correct, we did receive a grant from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, and there are certain guidelines we should to follow.
 - Operations/Technology
 - Sod has been installed on the playground
 - Lockers have been installed and are now in use
 - Druid Hills neighbors are not pleased with our carpool lane. A survey will go out to parents that currently use carpool to determine next steps.
 - Fifth Grade Committee
 - Ms. Rousso, Ms. Brown, and Karen Woodward are planning a date for a 5th grade parent meeting to discuss the Wasega trip.
 - Liam suggested that the initial parent form have a place where parents can contribute an extra amount toward the scholarship fund.
 - Fundraising
 - Book Fair: Attendance and participation was great. There was a miscommunication regarding scholarship students, but this was straightened out and all kids got a book. Family Night was successful but was very crowded. Maria is working on the financials with Scholastic and will have information for us at a future meeting. Preliminary numbers show \$16K in sales.
 - Art Show Dec 6th – the event will be more of a community event this year. Little Kids Rock will play, advanced chorus will perform, and the Bubble Man will be there. There will be munchies from Whole Foods. 5th graders will sell hot chocolate. Spirit Gear, Children Inspiring Hope bracelets, and Sparket merchandise will be for sale. Beth Gustafson and Allyson Cummings are chairing the event. Motion to move this from Fundraising to a Community Building Event for next year. Seconded. Approved.
 - SPARK After Dark Committee will present their plan at our December meeting

- Big ticket item? Leveled reading room is the biggest desire, but we currently do not have space for it. We still need to come up with a plan.
- Communications
 - Decorating committee – Aleta has requested a total decorating budget of \$900 for the year. Seconded. Approved. The committee will decorate for winter.
 - Directory – this should be coming out soon. Aleta is waiting for an update from the committee head
 - Yearbook – Aleta is waiting for an update from the committee head
- Treasurer
 - If you need reimbursement by the end of the year, please request it from Heather this week
 - Debbie Wood has volunteered to help Heather to offload some of the treasurer tasks
 - We have to figure out a system that will start to make the treasurer position more manageable.