

## **PTO BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

### **Springdale Park Elementary School**

**6:30 p.m. EDT**

**Monday, February 27, 2012**

1. Welcome and old business: Deborah Danzig, Heather Hallett, Aleta Mills-Stubin, Liam Pelot, Maria Rein, Cameron Stoeckel. Yolanda Brown, Jenna Mobley. Guests: Dawn Bell, Anna Palmer, Maria Zufall.
2. Report of Principal Brown/Administration
  - Errol Davis made a surprise visit to SPARK this morning. He watched the traffic on Ponce, he watched the traffic patterns at carpool, and he walked the building to understand the campus. He wanted information on enrollment, class sizes, what % of kids walk vs. ride the bus, etc. He was here 45 minutes to an hour. He was given an overview of parent involvement and the things the PTO pays for.
  - LSC Redistricting Letter – we received a copy of the LSC letter dated 2/22/12
  - Current enrollment is 543. First grade is largest with 108 kids – each class has 22 kids.
  - Kindergarten Open House – cancelled the open house scheduled for this week and will focus on the scheduled March date. The school would like more information on redistricting, potential school/class size, and the new common core standards before hosting this event.
  - This is testing season. 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing assessment will be March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. All Georgia 5<sup>th</sup> graders must take and this will be scored by the state. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade assessment week of March 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be scored by the teachers but not by the state. Computer-based adaptive testing will occur for all 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders. It is a projection of how children will do on the CRCT. The data will be sent back to the school so that teachers can understand learning gaps. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders being tested for Challenge will also take the computer-based adaptive testing. CRCT is April 17 – 27. Any student who does not pass the test in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will re-take the test the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>. This is different than in prior years when children would go to summer school and then re-take the test.
  - Registration dates for next year are still to be determined. LSC will be discussing recommended dates at their March meeting. Ms. Brown is suggesting the week after the CRCT. We may have a contest for the class with the highest percent of re-registrations.
  - Cafeteria – Currently do not have consequences for inappropriate behavior in the cafeteria. Kids will have training in the classroom re: cafeteria decorum. Administration and parent cafeteria monitors are currently brainstorming ideas to keep noise level and movement down. Part of the issue is lack of monitors. The noise level gets very loud for classrooms located near the cafeteria. Deborah and Liam will meet with Megan McCloskey who is heading up the committee.

3. Report of Teachers/Ms. Mobley
  - The Valentine's flowers and lunch were a big hit with the teachers.
  - Green Ribbon Schools – Each state gets a chance to enter 4 schools in a national competition. SPARK was asked to apply by Lt. Governor Casey Cagle. Ms. Mobley was part of a team to submit an application for SPARK. We were the only APS school to apply.
  - Motion to purchase two banners (one for last year, one for this year) to recognize SPARK's Platinum achievement awards. Seconded. Approved. Heather will get the details from Ms. Brown
4. Presidents items
  - Update on nominations for 2012-2013 board: 6 interested people confirmed, we are reaching out to 5 or 6 more people, nomination form will go out via SPARK-e on March 4.
  - Discuss current board members positions for next year - everyone is serving a 2nd term.
  - Motion to renew Olmstead Park sponsorship for another year. Second. Approved.
5. Pending Items/Intra-Meeting Items Needing a Vote/ Discussion
  - Proposed via e-mail on 2/7/12 that the LSC review and the Board review and approve all substantive SPARKe communications regarding redistricting. The Board should commit to review and approve any communication within 24 hours. Redistricting message sent out on 2/8/12 was approved by the Board via e-mail.
  - Request via e-mail on 2/7/12 for banner for Boosterthon. Approximately \$150-200. Approved.
  - Proposed via e-mail on 2/8/12 that we have lunch catered for teachers and staff on February 14th to show appreciation. Amount not to exceed \$500. Approved.
  - Proposed via e-mail on 2/15/12 to provide water for the Jump Rope for Heart Event. Approved.
6. Committee Updates –
  - a. Community Building - Student Enrichment
    - Robotics Club has secured space and will begin 3/8.
  - b. Operations/Technology/SPARK task force
    - SPARK Task Force - Since last board meeting there was a SPARK Community meeting and the LSC issued a letter. There is a community meeting at Inman tonight. The maps from the Superintendent will be out before the next Board of Education meeting on 3/5. Depending on what the maps say, the Task Force will either issue a statement that we believe

will reflect consensus within the community, or if that cannot be accomplished, serve to keep the community informed about the proposed plan and its impact on our school.

c. Fifth Grade Committee

- Valentine's Flower Sale - Sold \$456 in flowers (\$335 profit). We ran out of flowers at 7:55. Ms. Brown went to Kroger and purchased more so no kids would be disappointed. Thank you, Ms. Brown!!! We are keeping notes for next year so they will have a better idea of potential sales.
- The 5th grade created a piece of art, led by parent Christy Holmes, to be sold at SPARK After Dark. This piece of art raised \$135.
- Fundraising goal for rest of year is \$500 to ensure we can cover all trip scholarships, can pay for the 5th grade dance and party and will allow us to leave a starting balance for next year's 5th grade class.
- We still have a Dine Out at Genki, another Hat Day, 3 more SPARKets and the Basketball Challenge.
- Basketball Challenge is coming up on Friday March 16 at 6pm at Inman. This is a school-wide event. Tickets are \$5 with a \$20 family maximum. We will have raffles and concessions.

d. Fundraising

- Spark After Dark – Committee update: Raised around \$36K, had \$23K in profit. The committee received lots of supportive comments. We had more people than last year – in fact we sold out at 225. Recommend a venue with greater capacity for next year.
- Committee heads will be rolling off for next year. Feedback for next year based on two years of experience: 1) Increase ticket price from \$35 (\$12K in revenue from ticket sales). MES ticket price is \$60, 2) Space – site access at Paris on Ponce was very limited ahead of time, 3) Consider sound system – this is crucial to the live auction and a big part of our fundraising – it was difficult to hear the live auction and get attention, 4) Emphasize sponsorships – this warrants more attention next year, 5) Continue to get live auction items (this was 1/3 of the total auction revenue), 6) Number of auction items – focus on high dollar items – we had lots of items that went for \$30-\$40 and these smaller items require just as much volunteer effort as larger ticket items, 7) Alcohol sales – it really streamlines things if alcohol can be included in the price vs. having to sell tickets at the event.
- Thank you to the committee for all the hard work. What a great event!!!
- Farmer D Plant Sale to benefit the garden through March 2nd
- Boosterthon 3/19 - 3/29. Maria handed out a schedule of events.

e. Communications

- Directory is out and includes a handbook. The system worked well and should be used again next year.

- Yearbook – Aleta is defacto heading up the yearbook again this year. There is a committee in place and progress is being made.

7. Calendar – Upcoming Board Meeting, Date of elections for 2012/2013 board, and Date of next general meeting. Potential PTO General Meeting – tossed around the idea of an adult mixer at Warren Club on April 13 with PTO General Meeting and election. Aleta will follow up with Lynne Kushner to see if the spring social event is still on the calendar. If it is, we will try to tie in with this instead. NOTE: Post meeting the date was confirmed as Friday 4/28 at The Warren.