

Springdale Park Elementary School

PTO Board Meeting

Date

SPARK PTO OPEN BOARD MEETING MINUTES 11/16/2016	
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Board Members (Present represented by X)

X	Mr. Terry Harness, Principal
X	Dr. Dawn Stoner, Assistant Principal
X	Jennifer Lockwood, Teacher Representative
X	Mary Thurman, Teacher Representative
	Jeff Anderson, Co-President via phone in
X	Karin Greeson, Co-President
	Catherine Lewis, Vice President
X	Carla Lee, Secretary
X	Susan Lin, Treasurer
X	Traci Sinitiere, Director - Communications
X	Brooke Talley, Director – Community Outreach
X	Steve Gregg, Director - Operations
X	Suzanne Macpherson, Director - Fundraising
	Emily Heberlein, Director - Enrichment

Others Present

X	General PTO members
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Proceedings

1.	Call to Order was by Karin Greeson
2.	<p>GO TEAM PRESENTATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by <u>Nicole Foerschler Horn</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the GO TEAM? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Made of parents, teachers and community members, Principle Harness joins the discussion but does not lead. • Strategic Plan (aligns with Grady cluster topics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Academic Program</u>: Increase rigor and relevance(support teachers, increase gifted endorsements), increase student involvement in goal setting (start with 5th grade, next year expand to 4th, Suggestion made to incorporate organization skills), improve utilization of common assessments at each grade level, improve and protect classroom time (improve utilization of testing). - <u>Talent Management</u>: Improve use of differentiation strategies, non-mandatory professional development - <u>Systems & Resources</u>: Align asset allocation to better align with strategic goals, leverage gifted endorsements for increased budget from APS - <u>Culture</u>: Increase parent time & talent participation, increase school presence within community, improve the social, emotional and physical well being of Spark students (SEL), Increase opportunities for parents to learn strategies, Decrease absenteeism and tardies, Improve teacher balance.

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3.	<p>2016-17 BUDGET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented by Karin Greeson and Susan Lin• They noted there is a big difference between last years budget and this years and that that is on purpose in keeping with the present purpose of the PTO.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continued and approved legacy spending over the summer 2016, efficacy will be evaluated for the 2017-18 school year.- Do not want to over-fundraise, resulting in a huge increase in parent participation.- Must meet the needs of the school as laid out by the GO Team (below)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Academic Program</u>: Increase rigor and relevance, increase student involvement in goal setting, improve utilization of common assessments at each grade level, improve and protect classroom time (esp utilizing master schedule).- <u>Talent Management</u>: Improve use of differentiation strategies through content, process, product and learning environment- <u>Systems & Resources</u>: Improve the implementation of processes and resource allocation to better align with strategic goals- <u>Culture</u>: Increase school presence within community, improve the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of Spark students (SEL), Increase opportunities for parents to learn strategies.• Revenue<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lowered budget from 2015-16 year (a banner year)- Fun Run- not holding the Fun Run- Reserves-will not hold reserves party this year.• Expenses<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Increase in expenses<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Picnic tables, sound system, walkies (safety), seating on rooftop garden, school spirit/community (Streets alive, etc), Media center (below)- APS did not fund the Media Center this year due to a glitch, so PTO will invest \$15,000 in the media center for 2016-17<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Will not come from reserves because books are consumable resource and therefore not eligible as a capital resource.• Waterfall chart<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Net expenses:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Health & Wellness-biodegradable wipes and teacher incentives.- Academics-STEAM week, etc- Physical Resources- Awning for garden, garden seating- Program Resources/Curriculum- curriculum (like Saxon, etc), teacher grants- School Spirit- Spark-e, Small Tail Ball, Streets Alive, Switch Witch- Transportation- Bag tags, Identikid, signs- General Administration- bookkeeper, dropbox- One Time Expenses<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Media Center support (APS oversight)- Website Redesign- Reserves Investments<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Walkies & Sound System- Garden Seating- Picnic Tables• Reserves<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Allowances dictated: \$40,000 Start-up Funds<ul style="list-style-type: none">10% Playground25% Unrestricted65% Technology <p>-We are down \$7000 after 2016-17 year</p>
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4	• See Budget Overview for details
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7	Meeting Adjourned by KARIN GREESON
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