

The Summit Preparatory School of Southwest Missouri

SPO Minutes

February 24, 2011

Present:

Becky Breckner
Sandy Frye
Jennifer Grace-Duran
Nicole Keech
Terianne Love
Anne Mason
Pat Misterovich
Anessa Musgrave
Jill Nieman
Jody Schaad
Natalie Shimizu
Arlene Stenger

Absent:

Jennifer Johnson
Kim Jones
Nicole Lawrence
Sue Massey
Amy Meriweather
Jason Ward
Kristin Walker

Faculty and Guests:

Lara Garrett
Karen Sweeney
Greg Walker
Anne Winkler
Angie Workman

Opening: Anne Mason called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Mason reported that our current 2010/2011 SPO operating fund has a balance of \$1946.86.

Recently the SPO spent \$1,664 for Teacher Development courses and materials. Katie Heet, 3rd Grade Teacher passed along a big "Thank You" to the SPO for providing the funds for the 3rd and 4th Grade Teachers to attend a SDE conference on Singapore math model drawing. She said the conference was "fabulous and very worthwhile".

Old Business

Recap of Family Fundraiser Nights: Jody Schaad reported that the Garbo's Fundraiser night earned \$34.31. This money goes to the general SPO operating fund. The Prima's Fundraiser night earned \$185 in Scrip. This equates to \$74 in rebates going back to family's accounts and \$111 going towards the Teacher's Retirement account.

Capitol Campaign Update: Angie Workman reported that the Capitol Campaign – has current pledges of \$737, 610 plus \$100,000 donated by an outside donor/friend of the school. According to Angie, the school would like to have \$1.5 million in pledges before we apply for Bond money.

Spirit Wear Update: Pat Misterovich reported that Spirit Wear is now available. Prices range from \$10 for a t-shirt to \$30, other clothing options include hoodies and flannel pants. Sales end on 3/17/11. Delivery is 2-3 weeks after the order is placed.

School Contracts/FACTS Enrollment: Karen Sweeney reported that school contracts are available through the FACTS system on the school website and are due no later than 3/31/11 for existing students. Contracts completed by 3/1/11 will receive a \$200 per child credit on their account for the 2011/2012 school year. If you have any questions or feedback, contact Kate Wilcox.

Chili Cook-Off: Anne Mason reported that we will have a Chili Cook-Off this year which will be at St. John's look for more information to come soon.

New Business

Meeting Summary: Jody Schaad reported starting from the February meeting moving forward the SPO Secretary will be responsible to provide all Class Representatives with the SPO Board Summary on the Monday following the SPO Board Meeting. The Class Reps will then forward this to their classes so that all information being communicated is the same and families with multiple students will know they only have to read one email.

Upcoming Events:

The Scrapbooking Retreat/Fundraiser previously scheduled for 2/26/11 has been postponed until further notice.

Trivia Night is scheduled for 3/11/11 at 425 Downtown at 6:30pm. Summit Students will be presenting the questions and answers via video recording. This is a fun and relaxed evening. David Oliver from KSPR is the emcee. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Bistro Catering. Live entertainment provided by Pearl Nation and a full cash bar. Forms and payment are due by March 7th, you may charge tickets to your school account or pay by check.

The Academic Fair is 3/18/11 at the school all families are encouraged to come and see what our students have accomplished.

Spring Concert on 4/21/11 will be held at Drury

Springfield Arts-Fest is the first weekend in May and The Summit will have a select group of students performing.

Teacher Appreciation Week 5/2/11 – 5/6/11

Mothers Tea is 5/6/11

Garage Sale has a new date of 5/7/11

Annual Golf Tournament is set for 6/24/11 at Island Green in Republic. We still need food purveyors, golfers and sponsors.

Other Business

Board of Trustees Report: Anne Winkler reported that the audit is done and there are just a few items left to complete for the self study portion of the accreditation process for this year.

Anne also reported that we currently have 30 new enrollment applications filled out for the 2011/2012 school year with approximately another 30 students in the pipeline.

According to Anne, Billy Kimmons is heading the Advisory Board which has already met once. The Advisory Board is in place to help expand parental involvement in some of the bigger issues of the school/things that need to be attended to especially as the school grows. Two areas currently being looked at are communication between the teachers and parents and marketing of the school. If you are interested in being on this board, contact Billy Kimmons at billykimmons@yahoo.com.

Head of School Report: Karen Sweeney told us with regard to Snow Days it is school policy that these days are not made up. Karen explained when she came to the school she added 10 days to the school calendar and that compared to the National Average, The Summit has 25 extra days of classroom teaching. Karen also explained that Independent schools generally do not adjust their schedules once they are published.

Karen also reminded parents that there are numerous resources on our school website for each class that parents can use to supplement their child's education at any time.

The accreditation team will visit the school in the fall of 2011.

Mock Trial Competition: Teacher Lara Garrett stopped by to tell us the exciting news that 6 of our students (ages 13 – 15) competed against other area High School juniors and seniors in a Mock Trial and won! These students now advance to the state competition in St Louis in two weeks. The Springfield Bar Association will also honor our students at a luncheon at The Tower Club.