

The Summit Preparatory School of Southwest Missouri
SPO Minutes
December 16, 2010

Present:

Becky Breckner
Nicole Keech
April Krenn
Terianne Love
Anne Mason
Amy Meriweather
Pat Misterovich
Kathy Reynolds
Natalie Shimizu
Arlene Stenger
Karen Sweeney
Sara Thompson
Amy Vaughn
Anne Winkler

Absent:

Leah Blakey
Jennifer Grace Duran
Sandy Frye
Jennifer Johnson
Kim Jones
Nicole Lawrence
Sue Massey
Anessa Musgrave
Jill Nieman
Jody Schaad
Kristin Walker
Jason Ward

Faculty and Guests:

Becky Alexander
Sheri Ballard
Andrea Ebbrecht
Terry Ebbrecht
Louis Krenn
Lela Panagides
Steve Marshall
Mike Massey
Hope Misterovich
Marty Smith
Shelley Washam
Greg Walker

Opening: Anne Mason called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. and presented the agenda. Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Tuition Management Program: Chris Gahan, Regional Vice President of FACTS Management gave a presentation on the new tuition program for the school.

Board of Trustees Report: Anne Winkler reported that getting the new Board Members in place is at the top of the Board's goals right now. There are currently 5 nominees that have completed the interview process and have been offered a position on the Board. We are waiting for responses before we know how many parent positions will be available. There are currently 3 other non-parent nominees still in the mix who have not yet completed the interview process. With regard to parent nominees, the Board is looking for skills that currently don't exist on the Board. The Board of Trustees' Bylaws provide for a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 15 members.

The Board of Trustees wants to restart an Advisory Board and have parents participate on this Advisory Board.

Dr. Winkler reported that there will be a small increase in tuition for the next school year.

Regarding the changes to the Upper School director position that were recently announced, Dr. Winkler expressed the Board's appreciation of the Director's willingness to look at what's best for the functioning of the school.

Head of School Report: Karen Sweeney reported that the playground should be completed by January 4th.

Recap of Past Events:

Community Open House: Kathy Reynolds reported on the Open House held on 11/20/10. We had a good turnout resulting in four new Summit families.

Chesterfield Village Business Open House: Kathy Reynolds reported on the 11/22/10 Open House and said that several businesses attended and were impressed with how we turned the building into a school.

Silpada Jewelry Party: Anne Mason reported for the event held 12/4/10 we made \$500.

Panera Bread Family Night: Anne Mason reported for the event held 12/9/10. Student artwork was displayed. Net proceeds are not yet in from Panera.

Spirit Wear Update: Shelley Washam reported that she and Kim Jones had been considering a company called Café Press, but though they have many options available, some think their prices are too expensive, so local companies are being considered. Hope Misterovich volunteered to help with local vendors.

Teacher Requests for SPO Funding: Becky Alexander asked the SPO for funding of Professional Development Materials in the amount of \$290 to pay for a Love and Logic Lending Library consisting of 12 books and a video entitled Practical Applications of Love and Logic in Today's Classroom. The expenditure was approved by the Board.

Upcoming Events Update:

Class Holiday Parties will be held on 12/17/10

Talent Show will be held on 1/7/11, 2:00 p.m. at the School

Community Open House will be held on 1/8/11, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the school – Kathy Reynolds asked that everyone invite friends and family to this open house and reminded everyone of the referral program. Any Summit family that refers another family to the school that results in a newly enrolled student will receive a \$300 credit to their account.

Financial Presentation on Investing for College 1/11/11 at the school, time TBA

Culture Night 1/18/11, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the school

January Dining Fundraiser at Prima's 1/18/11 – Anne Mason reported that Scrip cards will be used with a 20% contribution to the school. This event will be the kickoff to Prima's joining our Scrip program.

Parent Mixer, 2/4/11 – Kathy Reynolds reported that we are asking parents to invite prospective parents out to dinner and then come to the Summit for dessert, a tour of the school and to learn more about The Summit.

Chili Cook-Off, 2/8/11 at the school – Kathy Reynolds reported that the event may not be chili this year. The faculty is suggesting that we have a pancake supper/cook-off involving the students instead of chili.

Scrapbooking Retreat Fundraiser 2/26/11 at the school

Trivia Night 3/11/11 at 425 Downtown

Golf Tournament Update – Kathy Reynolds reported that we have narrowed the selection down to three golf courses. The tournament will probably be held the first week of June. We are encouraging every family to put together a team and participate.

Summer Camp Update – Kathy Reynolds distributed a handout outlining planned summer camps. Camps will be offered for 8 weeks June 6th through July 29th. Camps are Monday through Friday for children entering 1st through 8th Grade. Camps include:

Around the World directed by Katie Heet

Art Camp directed by Sarah Shivler

Science Camp directed by Laura Stroup

Music Performance Camp directed by Shawn Keech

Sports Camp directed by Amanda Cowart

Harry Potter Inspired Camp directed by Laura Stroup

Math Camp directed by Christie Bowerman

Music Camp directed by Nathaniel Carrol

Performing Arts Camp directed by Springfield Little Theater

A Kindergarten Preview Camp will be offered for 4 and 5 year olds.

Next SPO Meeting is scheduled for 1/20/11 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Anne Mason 2010/2011 SPO President and

Jody Schaad 2010/2011 SPO Secretary