

**Springer PTA  
Association Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm in the multipurpose room. Attendance sheet is attached.

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Kathleen Stukenborg, PTA Co-President, called the meeting to order.

**First Grade Reading Presentation**

Chris Goldner and Gail Sanchez gave a presentation on the first grade reading program and first grade computer lab programs. Chris emphasized that reading is a full morning program and is integrated into everything that the students do throughout the day. This program includes the following components:

- Shared reading – vocabulary, sight words, comprehension (story sequence, predicting, cues), summarizing, teachers modeling
- Partner reading – children reading to each other
- Silent reading
- Small group reading instruction – guided reading approach uses leveled readers; children discuss cover, title, take a picture walk; story-related vocabulary; repetition
- MSA (multi-sensory approach)
- Phonemic awareness
- Writing – journals, Writer’s Workshop, Step Up To Writing
- Reading aloud in class
- Parents reading aloud at home – parents modeling expression, tone, vocabulary

While half of the first graders are working in small reading groups, the other half are working in the computer lab. The Read, Write and Type program reinforces the reading curriculum through:

- letter and sound recognition
- phonics skills
- blending sounds
- writing simple stories and emails
- typing speed and accuracy

**Student Council Update**

Champi Lucca and Ben Hacker reported that the student council is selling Springer bags for \$5 and notebooks for \$1. Half of the proceeds from the sales will be donated to troops overseas.

**Committee Reports**

*Spring Event (Jeanette Somo)*

The multicultural fair will be held on Friday, May 18, 5:00 – 7:30 pm. There will be good, games, crafts and costumes. There is funding available for each cultural table that signs up. Rosie Richardson is in charge of the talent show. Each act will be allowed two minutes.

### *Junior Olympics (Joanne Reed)*

The students have been practicing during PE classes and after school. Electronic timing will be available for the races this year. Springer School is organizing all of the food this year; there are 80 volunteers so far and 15 more are needed. The emphasis for the Springer students is teamwork.

### *Girls Night Out (Celandra Hamilton)*

The Girls Night Out event was held at Winterlodge in Palo Alto. Approximately 125 girls and parents showed up to enjoy ice skating, pizza and desserts.

### *LASD Redrawing of School Boundaries (Joanne Reed)*

The district is looking into redrawing the school boundaries due to overcrowding in some of the schools and the reopening of the Bullis school. Santa Rita school is the most impacted currently. Issues to be considered include grandfathering and neighborhood stability. The district will use nine equally weighted criteria to determine how the boundary lines will be redrawn.

### **PTA Elections**

The following officers were elected to the 2007-08 Springer PTA:

- President                                      Deborah Baker
- Executive Vice-President                Kathleen Stukenborg
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President                         Wendy Sarathy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President                         Tish McKernan
- Treasurer                                      Tina Klaassen
- Financial Secretary                        Diana Rudolph
- Secretary                                      Amy Connell
- Auditor                                         Celandra Hamilton
- Historian                                        Kim Guesman

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tina Klaassen reviewed the treasurer's report for the month ending March 31, 2007; this report will be filed for audit. **MSC** (Rich Siegel, Cathy Rosen) to ratify the checks for March.

### **Budget Approval**

Tina Klaassen presented the proposed additions to the current PTA budget. These include \$360 to replenish the emergency food supply and up to \$5000 for a new school sign. **MSC** (Tish McKernan, Celandra Hamilton) to approve the budget changes.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The March 2007 minutes were approved and will be filed as is.

### **One Liners**

- Andrew Towell thanked everyone who participated on the PTA board nominating committee.
- Judy Hultberg thanked all of the parents for the wonderful Staff Appreciation Week.

### **Principal's Report**

Bob Celeste discussed support for the students in the form of aides and programs at Springer. The first grade students have literacy aides and other aides who assist with the small group reading instruction. There are also four intervention aides for kids who need additional time or a different

approach to specific subjects. Bob also discussed the After School Academy and the special education instructional groups.

For the 2007-08 school year, Springer is anticipating 508 enrolled students. The school will be full next year and will most likely have to expand to portable classrooms for the year following. The upper grades will not go above 29 students per class.

Springer will have the following class structure for the 2007-08 school year:

- Kindergarten – four classes
- First grade – three classes
- Second grade – four classes
- Third grade – three classes
- Fourth grade – three classes
- Fifth grade – three classes
- Sixth grade – two classes

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Liz Malone  
Secretary