

**Springer PTA
Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm in the multipurpose room. Attendance sheet is attached.

Call to Order and Welcome

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

Principal's Report

Bob Celeste highlighted several year-end activities that have been taking place around the school:

- Springer Singers concert, Thursday evening 5/10/07 at 7:00 pm
- Basketball tournament at Blach Middle School, Friday 5/11/07 at 3:00 pm
- Talent show at the Multicultural Fair, Friday evening 5/18/07 at 5:00 pm
- Four Springer students won prizes in the History House essay contest
- Nicholas and Kevin Crispie will be taking their science project to the L.A. science fair

Two new teachers will join the Springer staff for the 2007-08 school year and several other teachers will be moving around to different grades. More news about the teaching staff will be available at the end of May.

Student Writing Assessment

This year marks the first attempt at a district-wide writing assessment. The activity: assess fourth grade writing in a "cold write" where the children are given a prompt and then write an essay within a time limit. These essays are then graded against a 16-point writing rubric.

The staff was trained in the rubric and used an anchor paper to help judge. Two staff members graded each paper. They read each paper without talking to their partner, scored that paper, and then traded and evaluated the other paper

This is not a judgment of the entire writing program. The essays represent a snapshot or piece of a larger judgment for each child. This writing sample is done once a year in March.

Committee Reports

Spring Event (Jeanette Somo)

The multicultural fair will be held on Friday, May 18, 5:00 – 7:30 pm. Currently there is a need for more sponsors and more food booths. There is currently money in the budget if anyone wants to sponsor a booth. The Springer Singers will perform, followed by grades 1-3 dancing, the talent show, and an East Indian dancing demonstration.

Junior Olympics (Joanne Reed)

The Junior Olympics was a great community event and a big thank you to everyone who participated. The electronic timers made timing the races much easier. The fourth graders did very well in their first Junior Olympics competition and the fifth graders also did well. Unfortunately, many of the sixth graders got sick and weren't able to participate. There were 50 PE volunteers who helped with relays, 134 parent volunteers, 84 volunteers on the day of the event. The food brought in \$6000 and Safeway and Starbucks made big donations.

Bricks (Ginger Case)

Pictures of sample bricks were passed around. This is a self-funded project if the committee can sell enough bricks to pay for it. The project was started three years ago and will make another appeal during the upcoming school year.

LASD Redrawing of School Boundaries (Joanne Reed)

There are no conclusions yet about redrawing the school boundaries. It is a very emotional topic with lots of parents weighing in. Currently there are four proposals being discussed. Upcoming committee meetings will be held on May 7 and May 21. Upcoming LASD school board meetings will be held on June 4 and June 18. Changes in the boundaries will be implemented in the fall of 2008. The board wants people to change to their new schools right away rather than wait and grandfathering probably will not be honored as it has been in the past.

Treasurer's Report

Tina Klaassen reviewed the treasurer's report for the month ending April 30, 2007; this report will be filed for audit. MSC (Karey Gutierrez, Joanne Reed) to ratify the checks for April.

Approval of Minutes

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

One Liners

- Beth Rubenstein thanked everyone for helping out with the Junior Olympics and making it a truly incredible day.
- Judy Hultberg reminded everyone about the volunteer appreciation event on May 30
- Bob Celeste said that the PTA awards will be handed out following the volunteer appreciation event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Liz Malone
Secretary