

**Springer PTA**  
**Association Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in the staff lounge. Attendance sheet is attached.

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Kathleen Stukenborg, PTA Co-President, called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone to the first PTA meeting, and introduced the PTA officers.

**Principal's Report**

- Parent P.E. Update – focus changing to a more fitness-based approach. New programs include aerobics classes on Thursdays (by grade level), playground games, and dance instruction.
- Ability Aware Project – created by Bob Celeste to reduce the amount of bullying on the playground. Focuses on positive instead of negative and encourages students to recognize the abilities of others by using “put ups” rather than “put downs”.
- Star Test Results – Bob Celeste presented an overview of Springer School test results. He encouraged everyone to look at how students are growing as they progress through each grade level and compare changes in test results to changes in the curriculum.
- API Score for Springer – For the 2005-06 school year, Springer achieved an API score of 963, its highest score ever and a three point increase from the previous year.

**President's Report**

- Approval of Minutes – copies of the minutes were distributed (see attached); MSC (Ginger Case, Mike Milliken) to approve May 2006 Association Board Meeting minutes<sup>1</sup>
- Approval of PTA Goals – copies of the proposed goals were distributed (see attached); MSC (Tina Klaassen, Cathy Rosen) to approve the proposed PTA goals for 2006-07
- Approval of Committee Chairs – copies of the list of committee chairs were distributed (see attached); MSC (Trinka Dyer, Deborah Baker) to approve the committee chairs for 2006-07

**Committee Reports**

- Walkathon (Rich Siegel) – the T-shirt and water bottle designs will be promoting technology. The goal is to double past efforts and raise more money for computers and the computer lab.
- School Supplies (Stephanie Towell) – sold 331 boxes (72% of students) and made \$1100. Looking into possible classroom delivery next year as well as Kindergarten bulk purchases.
- Family Picnic (Celandra Hamilton, Kathy Fisher-Colbrie) – the picnic came in under budget and brought in \$1429.50, including the teacher dinners. The picnic was moved closer to the playground this year, allowing parents to keep a closer eye on their kids.
- Membership (Diana Rudolph) – 276 families out of 327 (84%) signed up to join the PTA. One teacher/staff member signed up. Members receive a free directory and one Walkathon lap.
- Library Book Program (Karey Gutierrez) – the program has raised \$4732 so far and will bring in some more money as the year progresses. Mrs. Leadingham is very excited as this will allow her to buy books throughout the year as needed.

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<sup>1</sup> MSC: refers to motion made, seconded and carried

- LAEF (Gil Porat, Jim Stroud, Mike Milliken) – the fundraising goal for this year is \$1.55 million. The phonathon will start on October 17; the group is still looking for volunteers.
- Legislation (Charles Amsden)
  - There will be a meeting with the Board of Education on 12/7 about the redistricting effort
  - Enrollment in the district is up by 5%
  - Use of the Bullis-Purissima site is being discussed. Final use of the site is not yet decided as information and demographics are still being collected. The plan and approval process will take place this year, construction next year.
  - The long-term location for the Bullis Charter School to be decided in the next 2-3 meetings
  - The district budget for the 2005-06 school year has been closed
  - The district technology program is looking to digital technology in the future; wants to integrate technology into the classrooms, not keep it segregated in the labs
  - Asst. Superintendent Patty Weisman discussed API test results
- Technology Report (Andrew Towell)
  - The lease for the laptop cart has been signed
  - Old computer lab machines need to be upgraded, but no decision has been made yet about how to do it
  - The smartboard is up in the lab but has not yet been deployed to classrooms. Teachers and students need training, need to start thinking about how to use it. The sixth grade teachers received extra training over the summer.
  - Fourth through sixth grades have teaching stations (laptop and projector) in each classroom
- Parcel Tax (Trinka Dyer) – Measure H on the November ballot is a renewal of the tax already in place; provides 20% (\$7.1 million) of the district’s operating budget. Encourage everyone to get out and vote. Requires 51% to pass; exemption for those over 65.
- Accept 2004-05 Audit (Ginger Case) – MSC (Tina Klaassen, Cathy Rosen) to accept auditor’s report

**Treasurer’s Report (Tina Klaassen)**

- Reviewed treasurer’s reports for May and June 2006 (see attached). These reports will be filed for audit. MSC (Emi Ishida-Chui, Trinka Dyer) to approve the reports.
- Reviewed treasurer’s report for the two months ended August 2006 (see attached). This report will be filed for audit. MSC (Cathy Rosen, Jim Stroud) to approve the report.
- Proposed PTA budget for 2006-07 was distributed and reviewed. Minor changes to proposed budget were made to increase computer hardware by \$10,000 and add \$150 to Family Picnic for teacher dinners. MSC (Risi Vera, Emi Ishida-Chui) to approve the 2006-07 PTA budget with changes.
- MSC (Ginger Case, Cathy Rosen) to release funds
- MSC (Trinka Dyer, Deborah Baker) for the PTA to officially endorse Measure H
- MSC (Tina Klaassen, Wendy Sarathy) for the PTA to make a \$1000 donation to Measure H

### **One Liners**

- Teacher representatives introduced: Beth Rubenstein, Judi Hultberg, Sarah Koh
- School board member Bill Cooper urged everyone to support Measure H
- Cathy Rosen encouraged everyone to renew Safeway, Andronico's, Macy's descrip cards
- Judi Hultberg thanked the PTA on behalf of the teaching staff for the staff appreciation lunch
- Beth Rubenstein thanked the PTA for the teacher dinner at the Family Picnic
- Judi and Beth effusively thanked the PTA for the new teacher laptops and the support of the technology program
- Bob Celeste thanked the PTA on behalf of the first through fourth graders for the umbrellas at the lunch tables
- Deborah Baker will be covering tables with oilcloth this weekend
- Kathleen Stukenborg introduced Brooke Schiller for ????
- Coffee with Bob has been changed to October 5<sup>th</sup>
- Tim Justus will be attending the October PTA meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Liz Malone  
Secretary