

**Springville Elementary School PTO
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm. Executive Officers in attendance were Colleen Ventrella, Leigh Ann Erlanger, Chris Dickson, and Tracey McCarthy.

Pledge of Allegiance- Colleen Ventrella

President's Report – Colleen reported:

- The Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election will take place on Tuesday, April 15, 2008.
- Marie Reynolds has requested the PTO host a coffee at Springville for Dr. Rath to present the budget for the 2008-2009 School Year and then have a Q&A session. She is requesting dates prior to April 15th.
- Colleen thanked Chris Dickson for all her wonderful work on Ladies Night Out. It was extremely successful.
- Colleen thanked Leigh Ann Erlanger for all her hard work on Theatre Week. The performance was great with more than 100 students participating.
- Colleen is stepping down as President of the PTO next year since her daughter, Tara, is moving on to fifth grade. The PTO Board is looking to fill the position.

Vice President's Report – Events – Leigh Ann Erlanger reported:

- Theatre Week was a great success. However the new sound system didn't benefit the performance. The microphones were hung behind the curtain and didn't amplify the kids' voices.
- Family Bingo: there was a great turnout with many winners and prizes.
- Scooter's also had a great turnout with approximately 150 kids. Normally there are 80 or 90. There may have been kids from other Mt. Laurel schools who attended.
- Family Bowling was held on March 16th. There were 50 kids and 11 lanes used.
- The Staff Luncheon is scheduled April 3rd. Notices have been sent out.

- The Fourth Grade fundraising event “Hoops Legacy” will be held on April 4th in the gym. Everyone is allowed to participate and collect pledges. The PTO is providing water ice.

Vice President’s Report – Fundraisers – Chris Dickson reported:

- Ladies Night Out was a great event. The only negative was that it ran too long. Marco’s didn’t charge us for the extra hour. We sold just under 240 tickets and had 140 baskets. The event grossed \$13,000 and we should probably net \$12,000. Chris gave a special thanks to all of the volunteers including Stacie Burgos, Stephanie Blackburn and Jill Gordon for all their hard work the night of the event and the weeks leading up to the event. There are suggestions coming in regarding how we want to spend the money. One suggestion was playground equipment for the preschool. Stephanie Blackburn had one suggestion regarding Ladies Night Out which was regarding the large crowd at check-in. We need to work on logistics; maybe move tables around for better flow. Otherwise it was a fantastic night.
- Spirit Clothes were sold during Kindergarten Round-up and will be sold again at Kindergarten Orientation.
- Shop Rite- we are continuing to sell pre-purchased cards. The PTO receives a 5% return.
- Plant Sale – Linda Schwartz is researching new vendors or we may do a fundraiser with The Blue Tulip instead. They may offer 10% off any purchase made on the date of the fundraiser in honor of Mother’s Day.

Treasurer’s Report – Colleen Ventrella reported for Linda Schwartz in her absence:

- The Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement for March 31, 2008 are attached. The current checkbook balance is \$37, 928.01; however it is a little overstated since we haven’t paid the book fair expenses yet.

Secretary’s Report – Tracey McCarthy called for a motion to approve the February 20, 2008 PTO meeting minutes. Colleen Ventrella motioned; Stephanie Blackburn seconded. Vote taken: 11 approved, 0 opposed. Motion approved.

Teacher Representative – Present at the meeting was Mrs. Brown. She reported Ladies Night Out was very, very nice. Everyone worked really hard on the event. She has received good feedback on the evening except that it ran too late. Maybe raffle ticket numbers could be called out during dinner also. Mrs. Brown also reported that the ticket price was fine and that it wasn't too high.

Principal's Report- Mr. Cohen reported:

- He offered thanks to the PTO for two incredibly successful fundraising efforts: Book Fair and Ladies Night Out.
- He thanked the PTO and parent volunteers that gave so much of their time and energy to make our annual Theatre Week a huge success.
- He thanked Mrs. Disler for acting in the capacity of liaison with Lenape High School to bring our kids two Foreign Language Plays.
- Quarters for Kindness campaign raised \$120 for the American Red Cross.
- Channel 3 News covered Mrs. DePew's Kindergarten class during Read Across America Week.
- ASK3 and ASK4 testing wrapped up today. (March 19th)
- The 3rd marking period ends April 9th.
- The Board Election and Annual Budget Vote is April 15th
- Report Cards will be issued April 21st
- The Board of Education Reorganization Meeting is April 22nd
- Tiger Talk submission deadline is April 25th
- Spring Picture Day is April 28th
- Springville Enrollment is as follows:

- Pre-School	39
- Kindergarten	56
- Pre-first	13
- First Grade	71
- Second Grade	74
- Third Grade	87
- Fourth Grade	112
Total	452
- Kindergarten Round-up went well. Mr. Cohen is projecting two morning and two afternoon classes.
- Need approximately 8-10 more students for four 1st grade classes.
- The deadline for am/pm kindergarten requests is May 12th.
- There will be a shifting of teachers due to lower enrollment. The deadline for this is August 27, 2008. There is a high probability of losing

one 3rd grade teacher and one 4th grade teacher. These teachers would be shifted within the district.

New Business:

- Stephanie Blackburn made a request that Tiger Talk return to print and be sent home in the Wednesday folder as done in the past. She believes posting the newsletter on the website is inconvenient because it is “out of site out of mind”. Mr. Cohen agreed to go back to the old format of hardcopy.
- Stephanie Blackburn asked if Mt. Laurel would be shifting to full day kindergarten in the future? Mr. Cohen explained that it is decided by district and not state and that it has been cost prohibitive for Mt. Laurel.
- Colleen Ventrella asked Mr. Cohen if the Automated Announcement feature within Power School is available to the 3rd and 4th graders? Mr. Cohen explained that Springville is working on activating that feature.

The next meeting will be April 16th.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 pm.

Tracey McCarthy
Recording Secretary

Date approved