

SHREWSBURY PARENT TEACHER GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Sue Berbrick at 7:40pm.

Meeting minutes from September 10, 2007 were approved.

Mr. Ambrosino's Report: Thanked SPTG for Back to School night refreshments and for the money budgeted for class trips for each grade. Thanked the Foundation Committee for the money raised to purchase SmartBoards for the upper grades, Media Center and Library. He will remind SBS faculty to continue to support SPTG . He will also encourage faculty to support the Shrewsbury 5K Race which will be raising money for the purchase of more SmartBoards for classrooms.

Readers Are Leaders read over 5000 books this summer. The Readers Are Leaders assembly will be on October 23rd. The Greater Red Bank Kiwanis Club (who has sponsored our Readers Are Leaders program for the past nine years) is hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the firehouse on 10/28. Please come on out.

November 2, is the 100th Anniversary celebration of SBS. Information to follow in backpacks.

November 12, is the Salute to Veterans assembly. Info to follow.

Red Ribbon week kicks off October 15th. The Americana Diner and Drug Alliance are hosting Pajama Day from 5-9pm.

The Halloween parade will be on October 31st in the gym. Costumes for upper grades are optional.

He will be scheduling meetings for 6th, 7th and 8th grades the end of October to discuss their trips.

****There will not be an emergency phone chain this year. Please be sure to register your information with the **TigerText Alert program**. Go to the school website and click on Tiger Text Alert icon. This will be in place of the emergency phone chain. If there is a school emergency or closing the TigerText Alert program will contact you. **You must be registered with TigerText in order to be contacted!!** You can also find school closings on tv, our website and the radio.**

Executive Board Report (Sue Berbrick) :

SPTG membership is up to 274, including approx. 30 faculty.

Budget increase (\$500) for the Drug Alliance was voted on by show of hands and passed.

Thank you to In School Programs for Birds of Prey assembly. This was an excellent program that the children all enjoyed.

Fundraising Happenings: Mum sale to support the 6th grade. Shrewsburyopoly to support the 6th grade. Magazine sale to support the 8th grade. Clothing Drive 10/25 to support the 8th grade.

**** We are in need of a few parents to run the January After School programs. This is a great program that is open to all children ages K-5. This is a great committee to join and become involved with the school. If you are interested please contact Sue Berbrick.**

Foundation Liaison Report (Kim Brockway):

Preparing for the 13th Annual Shrewsbury 5K Classic on Sunday October 21. Sponsorship opportunities are available, please check the website for forms. One of the biggest fundraisers, it has helped purchase SmartBoards for the 6th, 7th, 8th grades as well as the Media Center. Their goal is to purchase more SmartBoards for the school. Trying to have a SmartBoard demo in November so we can all understand this great addition to our classrooms. Also looking into online books for the school.

Committee Reports:

Block Parent (Karen Lloyd) – Thanks to Nancy Cody and Marianne Quirk for volunteering to co-chair.

Box Tops (Monica Geiger) – First submission will be on 10/31. We earned over \$600 last year in boxtops. Please keep collecting!!

Fingerprinting (Angela McAvoy/Sue Drzewiecki) - Looking to see if the entire student body can participate.

Friends of Different Learners (Cecilia Kodama/Robin Long) – hosted an informative evening with Lynn Muller-Guiser from the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network of NJ on 9/25 that was well received. Trying to involve more parents and more collaboration with other schools. Next meeting in Fair Haven on 10/16.

Gala (Lori Lane/Diane McCarthy) – Tentative date of 4/25. Planning on having a live auction this year. We would like to have each grade make an art project that can be auctioned off in the live auction. This will be in addition to the class baskets. We are looking for one parent from each grade to be responsible for that grade's art project and basket. The "gala parent" will work with the class mother in coordinating one art project per grade, one basket per grade. We will provide the parents with ideas for the art projects and baskets. This is a medium level commitment. If you are interested in being a "gala parent" please contact either Lori or Diane or leave a note in the SPTG box. Also, looking for volunteers in general to help work on different committees.

Gift Wrap (Sharon DeVita) - Last day 10/12. Can order online anytime.

Greenpoints (Sue Berbrick) – FoodTown donation cards are available from SPTG so you may donate points to our school. Please pick one up at our next meeting.

In School Programs (M. Ansell/M. Prestininzi) –

October 12th grades K-5 Mark Rothstein's World of Rope Jumping (part of Red Ribbon Week).

Author Day with Marge Palatini on 10/25, grades K-4. This is our 4th annual Author Day!

Vermi Composting grade 5 on Tuesday 11/13 – interactive program of "how worms eat your garbage". Students will create and maintain their own compost unit in the classroom.

Concrete Poetry w/ John Grandits grades 6/7 on 12/18. He will entertain and inspire our students with his poetry.

Note Cards (Sue Drzewiecki) – Ms. Carr (art teacher) has been selecting art projects for notecards. Spring date.

Project Planning (Lucy Bogdon) – Getting the committee to plan new project. Thanks to the Board of Ed for having their parking lot contractor paint four square and hopscotch games on the blacktop.

SpiritWear (Susan Svikart) – Samples of clothing were looked at. Athletes Alley will be providing the clothing this year. Order forms will be going home soon.

Sunshine (Lori Gannon) – Forms are in the SPTG box or at meetings to fill out, or email Lori at lorigannon@yahoo.com. Please keep us informed of any losses, illnesses or births within the families of SBS so that we may send the proper acknowledgement.

Teacher Liaison Report (not present)

Board Liaison Report (Sue Patterson)

In the process of policies being reviewed. The Board went to Brookdale College for self evaluation workshops that were very helpful. Every three years the Board must review and evaluate.

The 100 year celebration is on 11/2 and 11/3.

- Next BOE meeting on 10/16.

100 Year Celebration (Kelly Kachinski) - November 2nd and 3rd. The Historical Society will be present with lots of interesting information. There will be goodies to eat, petting zoo, and much fun. Students will be treated to apple crisps in school.

Please check backpacks for volunteer sheets to bake items and sell. We need lots of volunteers. Contact Kelly if interested.

Shrewsbury Drug Alliance Liaison Report (Karen Lloyd) – Red Ribbon week begins October 15th. The theme this year is Character Education.

We are partnering with Americana Diner on Wednesday, October 17 5-9pm. for Pajama Program. Come out and have dinner at the diner! Americana Diner will be graciously donating 15% of their proceeds. Please try to donate new pajamas (up to size 16).

Next SPTG meeting will be November 6, 2007, 7:30 pm, Media Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15p.m.

MEETING MINUTES ARE NOW POSTED ON THE SHREWSBURY BOROUGH SCHOOL SPTG WEBSITE. PLEASE ACCESS THE WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: <http://www.sptg.org>

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