

Proposed Minutes
Sunset Ridge PTA Meeting
November 16, 2010

I. Introductions: The call to order was made by President Kelsey Stetzenbach at 7:00 p.m. Introductions were given by the 14 adults in attendance:

Todd Mann	Andi Heidenreich	Jessica Block	Amy Michie
Diane Reeber Lin	Kellie Close	Natalie Senecal	Kelsey Stetzenbach
Kristin Martin	Rhonda French	Tyson Hall	Joan Nelson
Carrie Weaver	Karen Weaver		

II. Speaker: Jessica Block, a Reading Specialist at Sunset Ridge gave a presentation on the Guided Reading Program, the Read-On program at SSR, and Literacy Week.

Each student is assessed by his/her teacher on a one-on-one basis, three times throughout the year, to assist in guiding instruction. They want to make sure that all students are progressing no matter where their starting points are. Small reading groups are put in place based on the needs of the class, and books can be selected from the Guided Reading Room. There are about six copies of each book that can be checked out based on the small group's needs. This room is funded by the school budget, as well as some additional funds from the PTA. During the meeting, Jess Block gave us a tour of the room that holds these book choices. Ms. Block was given \$900.00, which was raised by the book fair last year, to supplement the ongoing need to offer books for all students at all reading levels.

She also showed us the Read-On books that a student can select from and keep if he/she reaches the reading goal established for the class each month. Ms. Block holds a silent auction each year during the Science Fair/Spaghetti Dinner event at SSR. The money earned from the auction helps to supply the books that the students are able to select each month.

Jess Block mentioned that "Literacy Week" will be held at SSR from about February 28-March 4, 2011. There will be several activities and events planned by a committee for this week, including an author/illustrator visit and a book fair. We also talked about the "Read" shirts that are available for \$5 to support the reading initiatives at SSR. Keep up the great work Ms. Block!

III. Secretary's Report: The proposed minutes were approved from the September 14, 2010 meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report: About \$15,000 was raised by the PTA annual fundraiser this year. Responses are still trickling in. Thank you to all of you for your strong support of this worthy cause!

V. Principal's Report: Mr. Todd Mann gave a SmartBoard update. He indicated that all classrooms have wall-mounted projection units, and there are SmartBoards in 11 out of 22 classes. The goal is to have one in every classroom. There is an interactive portion that can be utilized for most of our curriculum. Four additional SmartBoards are being brought in utilizing the school budget and one that was raised via Scholastic book funds. This will bring us up to 16 out of 22 classes. Mr. Mann hopes to be able to fund one or two more by the end of the year as well.

The second thing that Mr. Mann discussed was school wellness and the food allergy focus. The school is really trying to manage the health and dietary needs of students, as well as the numerous different food allergies that are so common now. We will be bringing in speakers to discuss this further at our next PTA meeting in January.

VI. Old Business: Family Fun Night was a big success. The kids really enjoyed the DJ, bouncy house, crafts, snacks, and karate with the Infinity Martial Arts instructors. Thanks to all that helped with this event.

VII. Committee Reports:

The Collections Committee reported that we have 14,000 soup label points that will be applied towards the purchase of additional playground equipment.

Keith Davey will be taking over as Chair for the Winter Carnival Committee. Contact Keith if you are interested in assisting this committee. There will be many ways to volunteer for the night of the event as well. Watch for further communications.

Square One Art raised about \$3500 this year. Funds will be used toward school field trips. Orders will be available for pick up soon (especially if it is breakable), or they can be sent home with your student at the end of the pickup day.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned: The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunset Ridge library.