

Derenne Avenue PTF  
March 5, 2014

In attendance: Jan Starling, Kris Tindol, Mrs. Van Puffelen, Dr. Palmer, Malena Stone, Elizabeth Witherington, Allison Kelly, Molly Goodman, Corrie Gee, Elizabeth DeWitt.

1. Welcome and Prayer from Dr. Palmer.
2. Treasurer's Report - Thank you to Clark. We still have \$7,261 in our account. The PTF did not spend any money during the month of February 2014.

3. Old Business:

a. Georgia Day was once again a huge success. Many thanks to Molly Sims for all of her hard work in pulling Georgia Day together. There was a request to change the supplies used in the Pre-K class craft next year so that they hold together better. Kris Tindol will be taking over the task of planning Georgia Day for the 2014-2015 school year.

b. Box Tops – Thank you to Jennifer Haddad for counting box tops again! This submission will earn \$563.20 for our school!

c. Snack Basket in Teacher's Lounge – The teachers are very appreciative of the snacks that have been provided for them so far this year. Currently there is an abundance of K-Cups. They have requested (if possible) more healthy snacks.

4. New Business

a. Bylaws – The PTF Bylaws have been revised. There is a draft copy online at [savcps.com/lspft/lspft\\_proposed\\_bylaws.pdf](http://savcps.com/lspft/lspft_proposed_bylaws.pdf). Please review. If you have any suggestions for additions or deletions to the bylaws or comments please feel free to email Dr. Palmer or Mrs. Van Puffelen so that your suggestions can be reviewed. PTF will be voting on the proposed bylaws at our next meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

b. PTF Treasury Balance – There was a discussion at today's meeting regarding the balance in the PTF account and why it is so large at this point. Several parents showed interest in purchasing technology for classrooms such as new computers for each class so that each teacher would have between 2 and 3 computers that could be dedicated for Reading Counts tests.

In order to get a better picture as to why we have not allocated more money to technology this year (we did spend \$4500 at the end of last year for iPads), Dr. Palmer and Mrs. Van Puffelen explained in greater detail how the money raised from the Boosterthon will be put to use along with what PTF will be capable of contributing. One of the things stressed in determining how money would be allocated between the two campuses through Boosterthon, was that money raised at the DeRenne campus would need to stay at the DeRenne campus. Last year, with the Onward and Upward campaign, the total collected was allocated to each campus based on the number of students at each campus. This year, all monies that are raised from the DeRenne campus will stay at the DeRenne campus. There was an in-house 3 year study at Dr. Palmer's request to learn how we could best use technology at SCPS as a whole. The thought was that if SCPS were the forerunner in getting the newest technology that perhaps we would regress in using that technology if all parties involved were not properly trained and the infrastructure support was not available. Throughout this research, teachers have been given the proper tools to test different devices and programs to see what they liked best and then decide what they feel will best complement their teaching. The goal is to not necessarily give each child a device to use but to give them the tools to be able to pick up a device and/or program that is unfamiliar to them and be able to use it. The iPads, SMART table, software program Education City and ELMO document cameras that were mentioned in the Boosterthon Fund Run Facts are top of the list items that SCPS

would like to purchase. The iPads and SMART table will be shared by Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade. The iPads will not be for every student in every class, but rather used for small group instruction and enrichment. If funds permit then the software and ELMO cameras will be purchased as well. Our teachers have compiled a wish list of technology items that they would like for class instruction which Dr. Palmer and Mrs. Van Puffelen will provide to PTF. Dr. Palmer noted that the teacher's wish list will far exceed what monies will be raised from the Boosterthon and what PTF will be able to add. There are many possibilities on how the new devices and programs could be used for teaching. It was stressed that SCPS is working diligently to find the best mix and balance of technology for our students.

Another use of PTF funds suggested was beautification around the DeRenne campus. Elizabeth Witherington is going to get a quote to pressure wash the middle school gym. From there, PTF will vote on how much or if we would like to contribute to the beautification of the campus.

5. Talk from the Top:

a. Important Dates:

Mrs. Van Puffelen noted that the teachers will have the opportunity to participate in a Professional Learning day on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. They will have the opportunity to learn more about the SMART boards and ask questions.

**Field Day** will be March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Chatham Parkway Campus. There will be correspondence coming home soon regarding this.

**Reflections and Super Saturday** are both on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Chatham parkway Campus. Lucy Biemiller has worked very hard to enhance Reflections for the whole school. Middle School students will jury Elementary School students' art work and Upper School students will jury Middle School students' art work. SCAD will jury the Upper School students' art work. The final selections will be on display at the Eckburg Center on April 26<sup>th</sup> for everyone to view. This is something that involves both campuses and all are encouraged to attend.

**Standardized Testing** will begin the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a practice test on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The next PTF meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the lower school Media Center. All parents are encouraged to attend.