



## **SRS Home & School**

### **Regular Meeting**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7PM**

***via Zoom***

- **Principal's Report**

- Anticipating warmer weather and eating outside; spoke to Buildings & Grounds and are planning to put tents up by end of next week
- Thank you to all who contributed to staff luncheon
- Thank you to SRS Home & School for contribution of ball chairs and standing desk. Items are currently in use; every classroom now has standing desk and option for ball chair
- Working on Peace Wall; each student has a square and can create a 'peace square' and will be on display in the lobby. A picture will be shared once complete
- Dr. Tuck has joined Girls on the Run as a coach. The program is active and helps build confidence in participants

- **Co-Presidents' Report**

- Approve meeting minutes for November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meetings
  - Minutes for November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved by Amy Brown, seconded by Shannon Elliott
  - Minutes for January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were approved by Amy Brown, seconded by Shannon Elliott
- Collection for Ukraine- drop off box in school lobby
- March 21- Rock Your Socks Day to support Downs Syndrome. Wear festive, colorful socks to support fellow students
- SRS Cares Month- entire month of April (minus Spring Break week)

- Week 1- SRS Cares for Community
- Week 2- SRS Cares for the Earth: dedicated for caring for the earth- Little Crum Creek cleanup
- Week 3- SRS Cares for Each Other- working on dates/ activities
- Keep an eye on the upcoming eBlasts for greater detail!
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - State of Finances
    - Standing desks have been paid from account
    - Finances in good shape; fundraising has been healthy
    - April- Bingo will generate revenues
- **Committee Reports**
  - Spring Book Fair
    - Will use Children's Book Fair as Vender
    - Online sale to start March 20<sup>th</sup>- link will go out in next eBlast
  - Bingo
    - Outdoor sessions on April 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Timing will be earlier than usual so that event will be before dark and to avoid conflict with baseball games and the Food Truck a Thon for Swarthmore Town Center
    - Two (2) 45-minute sessions planned, basket raffles, and pizza/snack sales
    - Change in time is a temporary change for this year only, event is anticipated being later in the evening next year
  - Sparrow House Renovation
    - Received responses to survey from teachers/staff (19 respondents)
    - Responses showed 80% currently use Sparrow House for class activities including:
      - Reading area
      - Writing/Journaling area
      - Art lessons
      - Meeting area
      - Science lessons
    - Future wishes:
      - Covered seating
      - Beautification of space

- Stage/performance area
  - Playground expansion
  - Signage re: history of Sparrow House
  - Area for art creation
- 5 Respondents said they would serve on committee to help with renovation
- Will focus on improving security and safety of space (hired help), aesthetics and appeal, and creating areas for fun
  - Future conversation to be held regarding lighting and security cameras
  - Clean-up day will kick-off project
  - Kid day during SRS Cares month to focus on general weeding, clearing leaves and rocks to prep area for professionals
  - Working on drawings to create ‘fun’ spaces such as a low-lying stage (6 inches off ground), a seating area out of mixed seating (tree trunks and benches), and shade structure (sun sail)
- Engineer and Contractor have been identified and will give professional advice on project
- Spirit Nights
  - April- Pick-up dinner night w/Moe’s (possibly tied with a SRS Cares activity)
  - Parents’ Night Out (May 13<sup>th</sup>)
    - Spring on Tap @ Ship Bottom Brewery (Swarthmore)
    - Street will be closed
    - Raffles, photo booth, music
    - Adult only, ticketed event (BBQ dinner and drinks)
- Book Club
  - Topic: Caring for the Earth- book TBD
- Dimensions in Art/Art goes to school
  - Artist gave presentation- Nicole Nikolich (Instagram: lace\_in\_the\_moon)
  - Will do 2 classes/day for 3 weeks
- **Community Announcements**

- o March 26<sup>th</sup>- CRS Watersheds Association Streams Cleanup Event. Information @ [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org)
- o Park Avenue Community Center is now open in Swarthmore (129 Park Avenue in the Methodist Church next to Borough Hall). Ownership was transferred to Community Center and many community groups are meeting there (<https://thepac.center> )
- **New Business/Questions**
  - o Looking at end of year party options and if families will be invited
  - o Incoming Kindergarten Orientation was in-person last week. Hopeful school will be open for more parent visits in the near future
  - o Volunteer needs for next year
    - Webmaster
    - Corporate Sponsorship/Grant Writing
    - Next eBlast will have a more detailed list of open positions
  - o Reviewing by-laws to see if any amendments are needed
    - Tightening up money controls especially around approval of spending surplus money
    - Cleaning up outdated information (i.e., telephone tree)
    - Defining words/terms that are ambiguous
    - All amendments will be made public then put to a discussion/vote at Home & School meeting
  - o Next meeting will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

