



**SRS Home & School  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
September 20, 2023  
7PM**

***via Zoom or In-Person***

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**Meeting called by**      Lessa Dixon

**Attendees**

Maura Rubley	Dr. Tuck	Amanda Convery
Scott Hayward	Mrs. Strehle	Mary Willsie
Lessa Dixon	Mrs. McDonnell	Sandi Gatch
Shannon Boyer	Kiera Booth	Brittany Monroe
Roger Dixon	Jackie Davis	Mary Ann Kraftschik
Karen Kille	Olivia Lynch	Heather Tirpak
Shannon Boyer	Taylor Moots	

**Principal's Report**

Dr. Tuck welcomed and thanked the students, parents and staff for a great start to the school year and for the support of Back to School Movie night. She highlighted the 3 B motto, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. There are currently 595 students.

A new afterschool program, a chess club, is launching at SRS. Dr. Tuck is recruiting a representative from the faculty.

**Co-President's Report**

- Approve meeting minutes from July 27

<https://www.srshomeandschool.org/meeting-schedule-minutes>

At the July 27 meeting the executive board approved the distribution of a budget surplus to fix the slide on the playground (4,500) and 10 1,100 grants to each grade and resource teachers.

*Brittany Monroe motioned to approve the minutes, Heather Tirpak seconded. No objections. Minutes approved.*

- Review programs and plans for 2023-24/Calendar Overview

Maura Rubley briefly reviewed the 2023-2024 calendar and highlighted the upcoming Fall Fest and Walk/Bike to school day. Link to calendar: [Calendar — Swarthmore-Rutledge School Home & School Association \(srshomeandschool.org\)](https://www.srshomeandschool.org/Calendar)

- Maura also reviewed a new initiative, *Everyone Plays*, which supports everyone's participation in activities regardless of income. Donations can be made by families on the website for each event and families can access the funds through a code. Dr. Tuck is communicating the code to families. For SRS Home and School event organizers and other members of the SRS community, use of the code is not viewable.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- 2022-2023 Budget Summary

Total budget for 2022-23 was \$30K. A surplus of \$16K through fundraising programs such as Spirit Nights, Spring on Tap, two annual book fairs, the directory and others.

[Budget — Swarthmore-Rutledge School Home & School Association \(srshomeandschool.org\)](https://www.srshomeandschool.org/Budget)

- 2023-2024 Budget Review

The 2022-2023 surplus was moved into the budget for the 2023-2024 year going forward. \$5,000 was moved to unrestricted cash reserve for a total of \$15K to match the growth of the budget. The cash reserve can be accessed during years where regular fundraising doesn't meet the expenses such as during 2019-2020.

Start up funds were increased to \$200 (from \$100) for each teacher.

The teacher initiative fund was also increased as described above to foster larger spending across the grade level.

Sandi Gatch made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget and Maura Rubley approved. No one objected. The 2023-2024 budget passed.

- Teacher Initiative Requests

Mrs. Suarez requested \$168 for sheet music for popular songs.

Ms. Ditton requested \$500 for classroom setup for a new 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

Mary Ann Kraftschik motioned to approve the teacher initiative requests. Brittany Monroe approved. No one objected. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

- Communications: The Home and School Express is delivered on Thursdays and engagement remains high.

- School Directory will be published in late October.
- Spirit night fundraiser at Moe's raised \$400. Shake Shack will be the spirit night in October.
- The Fall Festival chairs are looking for more volunteers. Volunteers must have clearances if they are 18 and older. Kids grades 6-12 are welcome to volunteer (face painters welcome!). Grateful to SRA for covering liability for bounce houses. The fourth grade will be holding their annual pumpkin sale, orders are due on Monday, September 25. Fifth grade will be holding their bake sale. Participants who bring a reusable water bottle will receive a ticket. Canned goods are also being collected and a service project for City Team Chester will be available for participation – putting together fall themed place mats for the Belvedere Nursing Home.
- Globetrotters: space remains available and will begin in October.
- Teacher Appreciation: recruiting volunteers to plan one event this year, organizing food and cleanup. SRS H&S is piloting working with each grade and their grade reps on a lunch/snack throughout the year. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will be planning the October 9 lunch.
- Spirit Wear shop is open and NEW items including tie dye apparel.
- A second movie night is planned and H&S is recruiting for a volunteer(s) to chair the event.

#### **New business**

- A giving tree and QR code were displayed during back to school night and will be at other events throughout the year. The goal of the project is to collect donations to replace teacher supplies and provide direct donation to families who experience a need.
- A new chess club is launching for grades 3-5 at SRS. SRS is working with Paul Sharrah who has launched in other areas of district, NPE and WES. One of the visions for the program is for each school to have a champion who will compete against each other.

*Next Meeting: November 15, 7pm, SRS Library and Zoom*