

**Southington Education Foundation
Executive Board Meeting
February 17, 2010
Minutes**

Members in Attendance:

Joe Erardi, Ron Marut, Dawn Miceli, Beth Pestillo, George Costanzo, Tony Sheffy, Kelley Maccione

Tony opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- o Ron made a motion to accept the 1/12/10 minutes
- o Dawn seconded the motion

Treasurers Report

- o N/A

Publicity

- More brochures have been ordered and are ready to be picked up
- Dr Erardi is providing a list of upcoming school events to make an SEF presence. We need to actively recruit SEF membership
- A check will be presented at the 2/25 BOE meeting to recipients of the \$10,000 donor designated grant.

Fundraising

- Beth has a meeting scheduled with the Hartford Marathon company to gather information for the 5K run
- Our annual fan of the foundation event will be held on Friday, October 15th at the Aqua Turf. Kelley will have a meeting on March 3rd to help organize the event.

Grants

- Gina Krar, a third grade teacher at Thalberg Elementary school, spoke to the Executive Board about funding a pilot program for a paperless classroom. See attachment for summary.
- The Rotary has agreed to fund an initiative through SEF. The foundation is looking into appropriate programs for funding.

Nomination Committee

- The nomination committee presented a slate of officers for the upcoming term beginning March 1st. Due to insufficient number of members in attendance, the slate will be voted on electronically. The proposed slate is:
Chairman Beth Pestillo
Vice-Chairman Tony Sheffy
Secretary Kelley Maccione
Treasurer Alan DeBisschop

Meeting Schedule

- Our next **Executive Board** meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30 at Hatton School
- The next **fundraising** meeting for all board members is March 3rd at Kelley School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Beth Pestillo

Paperless Classroom
Executive Summary

Prepared for:
SEF Board Meeting
February 17, 2010

Prepared by:
Gina Krar
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Technology advances every minute of every day. As educators we need to prepare our students academically as well as for life's daily functions. Bringing a paperless environment to the classroom will benefit both the students and the teacher. Students are more motivated to learn and more engaged. It engages a variety of learning styles – visual, auditory, and tactile. As assessments are completed by students on the computer, the results are tied directly to the teacher's grade book and he/she knows instantly which students have mastered which concepts allowing teachable moments to be seized. A paperless classroom is also a cost savings and "green" initiative.

Research is limited for a true paperless classroom as proposed because this is such forward thinking. However, attached are studies for 1 to 1 classrooms (where each student is issued a laptop computer) and for interactive whiteboards. These studies support increased student achievement in all academic areas, increased student engagement, and streamlined lesson planning for teachers.

A paperless classroom like the one proposed would be a model for the district, state, and even the country.

Some Additional Links:

<http://www.paperlessclassroom.org/> - A Kentucky teacher goes paperless in language arts class and books are read on PDAs.

<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2008/sep/11/Teacher-makes-math-science-classroom-paperless/?printer=1/> - A Tennessee teacher goes paperless in math and science classes and his students' scores rise.

<http://educationwonk.blogspot.com/2006/11/paperless-in-south-florida.html> - Miami-Dade Florida students are more engaged.