

**Membership Meeting Of The  
Springer Middle School Family Association, Inc.  
Thursday, November 21, 2019 - 6:30PM**

**MINUTES**

- I. **Call to order** (*Jason Heller*) at 6:35
- II. **Approval of the June 25, 2019 Executive Board Minutes** (*as posted online*) -
- III. **Approval of the September 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes** - **motioned and seconded all approved**
- IV. **SFA Monthly Financial Reports** (*Pleshette Moore*) *see attached.*
- V. **President's Report** (*Jason Heller*)
  - A. School Board Report:
    1. Of course, the big news is that our Superintendent, Dr. Holodick has submitted his resignation as he has accepted a position at the University of Delaware starting February 1st. This past Monday night, the Board appointed Asst. Superintendent Lincoln Holer as Interim Superintendent during the search for a permanent replacement.
    2. At the October 21st board meeting an RFP was approved for an in-school Behavior Support classroom at P.S. DuPont. This is an extension of the pilot program that was started at BHS last year.
    3. There was Board Planning Retreat held on November 4th focused on a data review and update on academic progress from PK-12th grade, as well as an update on safety & security initiatives as well as discussion on potential impacts of the Redding Commission
    4. At Monday's board meeting (November 18th) - in addition to the appointment of an Interim Superintendent, Board Policy 4.5, which addresses the use of social media and communication, was updated to better define parental permission and the Family Education Rights & Privacy Act. In addition, Dr. Hale presented the first read of the final FY2020 operating budget of \$205.5 million.
    5. The next school board meeting is Monday, December 16th at 7:00PM
  - B. Parent Community Advisory Committee met on October 14th where there was a presentation on 'The State of the District' by Dr. Holodick and a presentation on this year's Legislative Priorities & Concerns by Dr. Marinucci, the Director of DSBA. The next meeting is December 3rd with a discussion on Curriculum & Instruction.
  - C. Book Fair - Mrs Botts would love some help during some classes with the book fair. Dates will be posted on facebook and Mrs Botts can be emailed directly
- VI. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. Membership (*Amanda DeCapua*) *87 individual, 62 family, and 5 new staff*
  - B. Fundraising (*Lisa Fabris*):
    1. Spirit Wear (*Jason Heller*) *went well - will be selling more at concerts*

2. Joe Corbi's (Kathy Heller) -
  3. Restaurant Nights (Shelly Tower) December 9th at 5 Guys - we get a percentage of all sales, not just people who mention springer. Chick Fil A earned \$212.98.
  4. Box Tops (Carla Riccardi) - has gone digital, but will accept the paper ones - box will be in Lobby after christmas break. Download the app and scan receipt within 15 days. Download app, connect to Springer Middle School and upload receipt - will be given credit automatically.
  5. Snack Shack (VACANT) - need someone to chair. Also talking about trying to expand to sports and other events.
- C. Staff Appreciation (Danielle Arnone)
1. Teacher Appreciation Week (Amanda DeCapua)
  2. Cookie Walk - December 20th - cookies should be dropped off by noon. Teachers come to the cafeteria and get cookies to take home. Sign up genius already on website.
- D. Family Engagement (Traci Lake) - Winter family engagement is CPR classes coming in December. Ramsey's farm did not go well due to weather. Looking into ice skating in January. Blue Rocks in May.
- E. 8th Grade Dance (Beth Gallagher) - First planning meeting is January 9th. Dance will be May 30th, set-up May 29th.

**VII. Member Comments on Agenda Items or General Springer Topics**

*(please respect the time of all members by keeping comments brief)*

- a. Kids can have their own home access accounts to see what grades are missing. Not all teachers use schoology. Per Dr Woodson, schoology and home access do not talk to each other like they should. Frustrating for both parents and teachers. Parents see zeros or missing assignments when the grade just isn't entered yet. Per Mr Oberly - schoology is a good resource and you can do a lot with it, but it is still in a transition period. Some teachers use Schoology as a resource not as a grading tool. Hopefully as it progresses, more teachers will be using schoology. Springer is ahead of most middle schools using schoology, but still having difficulties with the two systems communicating.
- b. Bathroom policy - only policy is not in the first 10 or last 10 minutes of class. Parent stated that 2 teachers have a policy that if the class is before lunch that they cannot have a bathroom pass. All kids are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and each teacher should allow kids to use the bathroom if they are not abusing it. If your child is having issues, please address with the teacher or bring it to Dr Woodson's attention to address with the teacher.

**VIII. Teacher Liaison's Report (Mr. Xenakes)**

**IX. Principal's Report (Dr. Woodson) -**

- A. Finished first marking period, report cards went home this week.
- B. December - concerts on the 10, 11 (6th grade) and 12th, start at 7pm.
- C. 6 clubs going on including chess, swimming and rowing, rock climbing - last 4-6 weeks. Group for kids who have lost their dads, fitness room is finished. The old

*health room - treadmills, weights, bikes available for kids and teachers use after 4:30,*

*D. Field hockey is undefeated*

*E. Cross country- females are state champs for second year in a row.*

*F. 12/16 end of second marking period interim*

*G. 12/20 starts xmas break back 1/6*

**X. New Business**

A. Awarding of the 2019-2020 Staff Mini-Grants - executive team approved \$4146.52 (original request was over \$15,000)

B. Robotic sponsorship - Completely run by parent volunteers. In the past the SFA has funded the team, since the growth of the team, they need to do their own fundraising. Want to be able to do this under the umbrella of the SFA 501C. Motion to approve by members Beth, second by Rynea. Motion Carried

C. 'Name The Bulldog' Contest - grant approved to get a bulldog mascot costume for our school. Want to have contest fundraiser to name our mascot. Need ideas for how to run the contest, pick the winner and what the prize is. Idea of a penny wars. Any volunteers to take the project. Traci Lake and Amanda will run this

D. Meeting Format Change Discussion - business meetings held monthly, but every other month have a quick recap and then a guest speaker or presenter. All info will be posted on website. Possible first speaker is regarding Redding Consortium. One on high school classes and pathways

E. Meeting Date Conflicts / Changes - (December, March & May) - December meeting canceled - due to concerts. March conflicted with musical - moved to March 5th. May meeting is also night of concerts, will move to March 7th.

**XI. Adjournment at 8pm**

**Upcoming Dates of Importance:**

12/5 & 12/7/19 - SFA Community CPR Training (*registration required*)

12/9/19 - Springer Family Night @ Five Guys

12/10-12/12/19 - Concerts (*volunteers needed for Snack Shack and Spirit Wear*)

12/20/19 - Staff Cookie Walk

**1/9/20 - SFA Member Meeting (*followed by the first 8th Grade Dance Committee meeting*)**