

**Springer Middle School PTA
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 6:30 PM
Springer Middle School Library**

Call to Order (*Jason Heller*) 6:31 pm

Approval of December 11, 2017 Executive Board & Regular Meeting Minutes (*as posted to SpringerPTA.org*) -- Motion by *LaMott Moore* and seconded by *Tia G.* Motion carried/

Monthly Financial Report (*Kristine Woodruff*) \$10,752.42 total. Small amount of spirit wear orders, \$200 chik-fil-a reported, paid for robotics tees, squares fees. Basically a flat month.

President's Report (*Jason Heller*)

- BoE Meeting Recap:
 - Update on the 70/30 grading results - Dr. Holodick provided me with the data following the close of the 1st MP grades at the high school level. "We compared the 2015 and 2016 1st MP grades at the secondary level to this year's 1st MP grades. As expected, we found no statistically significant changes. In fact, a small increase was found in the % of students earning an A, B, or C in Math (78%) this year compared to 2015 (75%); however, those increases are not statistically significant. The district plans to continuing to support teachers on the effective use of summative and formative assessments over the remainder of the school year, and we will also analyze the 1st semester grades at the mid-way point of the school year."
 - Question regarding whether teachers will uniformly use Schoology or Home Access going forward.
- MLK Day of Service on 1/15 led by Mr. Pidgeon and Miss Bostick:
 - 125 students
 - Made 300 bagged lunches for homeless
 - Made 30 fleece blankets for kids in the foster care system
 - Collected over 60 55 gallon bags of clothing donations
 - Collected over 2000-3000 books
- This is the first year for a Springer Robotics team - 16 kids on Springer's team will take part in their first competition on 2/3/18

Committee Reports:

- Membership (*Kim Williams*) -- no new members in December, two new members in January. 172 total members, 56 staff members.
- Fundraising
 - Restaurant Nights (*Christy Tobin*) - next night is Sweet Nel's on 2/15
 - Joe Corbi's (*Kristine Woodruff*) -- waiting on EIN number of Springer Family Organization before this fundraiser can be scheduled.
 - Barnes & Noble Book Fair (*Kathy Heller*) - Total sales for the day were \$11,595!! This leaves Barnes & Noble making a donation to Springer of \$2,319.01. They have asked if we would like a spring book fair as well.
 - Box Tops (*Carla Riccardi*) final date for collection is 2/16. \$25 gift card from Target, Carla wants to get a t-shirt with it. Box tops need to be dropped off in office in sealed baggie with their child's name and homeroom on it.
- Dance Committee (*Kristine Woodruff*) -- first meeting to take place after PTA meeting.
- Teacher Appreciation Week (*Tia*)

- Something will be done every day of the week (first full week in May)
- Flyers will come home asking for donations
- Highlight of week will be candy buffet

Member Comments *(Please respect the time of all members by keeping comments brief)*

- One parent had concerns about the substitute driving bus 87 on 1/16. District CFO Dr. Hale was present at the meeting and requested contact information for anyone with concerns and stated he would reach out personally with an update.
- Another parent raised a concern about her son's seventh grade science teacher who has been out on a long-term absence. Several other parents agreed that this has been an issue especially since no grade was on the students' interim report card for that class. Mr. X will share with Dr. Woodson upon his return.
- Follow-up was requested from the discussion at the first meeting of the year regarding large class sizes, specifically Fast Math classes.

Old Business:

- Large scale project will do first round of 20 Chromebooks with carts and licenses.
- Future of the Springer PTA update *(Jason Heller)*
 - We are still waiting for the approved 'Certificate of Incorporation' from the Secretary of State for the Springer Family Association. As soon as that is received, we will move forward with the IRS paperwork for our tax-exempt status.
 - Outstanding encumbered funds in the PTA accounts of \$3638 as of 12/31/2017. This does not count the Chromebook commitment voted on last month. After taking the checks being written tonight and the book fair/restaurant night checks not yet received and deposited into account we anticipate will be left with about \$5100 unencumbered in the PTA account at the end of January. With the anticipated revenue and expenses remaining for the rest of the fiscal year we should be close to the amount needed for the \$6600 to purchase the 1st 20 Chromebooks out of the PTA account which would have us wrap up the PTA affairs with as close to \$0 remaining as possible. Any shortage on the Chromebook commitment could be made up from the Springer Family Association.
 - We are prepared tonight with an updated budget for approval to represent the changes that are expected so that we are operating off of a realistic picture of the finances through the end of the year.
- Current Treasurer Kristine Woodruff will be no longer have a student at Springer next year so the Executive Board is searching for a treasurer for the 2018-19 school year. A treasurer is also needed to finish out the 2017--18 school year with the new Springer Family Association.

New Business:

- Budget update -- biggest changes in revenue category. Revenue reduced by removing Joe Corbi's and eighth grade dance, lowered 60th anniversary from \$2500 to \$500. Motion to update by Cathis R., second by Lisa F.. Motion carried.
- Planning a 'Springer Family Association' kick off with a Springer Family Night at the Blue Rocks, not as a fundraiser but purely as a get-together. The tentative date is May 4th. Watch for more info. The goal is to have a family event each marking period. Suggestions for future events are welcomed.

Teacher Liaison Report *(Mr. Xenakes)*

- Second marking period ends next week.
- Mr. Glasier suggested that we discount dance ticket price as an incentive for members or offer a discount for sixth grade families who sign up for all three years.

Principal Report (*Dr. Woodson was not present.*)

Adjournment

Motion by Kristine W., seconded by Greg X. Adjourned at 7:31.

Upcoming Events (*a list of all upcoming events can be found at SpringerPTA.org*):

1/10/18 – Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza Day

2/15/18 – Night at Sweet Nels

1/29/18 – PTA SPECIAL MEETING

2/23/18 – Springer Fun Night

2/13/18 – PTA MEETING

Informational meeting for interested 8th Grade Dance parent volunteers followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted -

Christy Tobin, Acting Secretary