

**Springer Middle School PTA
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 – 6:30 PM
Springer Middle School Library**

Call to Order (*Jason Heller*) - 6:30

Approval of October 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes - *as posted to SpringerPTA.org- motion to accept Kristine W. and Mr Xenakes*

Monthly Financial Report *Kristine Woodruff - as posted to SpringerPTA.org*

Teacher Liaison Report - *Mr. Xenakes - question if mini grants could be opened again in the spring? If the budget is good after Joe Corbi's, we can discuss increasing the mini grant budget-*

President's Report - *Jason Heller-*

- BoE Meeting Recap from October 23rd:
 - The board recognized all district retirees from the previous school year, including Springer's own cafeteria manager, Frank.
 - The majority of the meeting was business as usual
 - There was significant discussion during the public comment period on the new 70/30 grading policy. Concerns were raised by a number of students and parents, as well as the BEA president mostly regarding the rollout of the policy this year, misunderstanding/implementation in some classrooms, and the impact it may be having on GPA at the high-school level. In response, Dr. Holodick has committed to reconvene the grading committee with the addition of student representatives from each high school. In addition he will be pulling data after the end of MP1 to compare all subject matter grades with the prior 2 school years to see if the data shows any significant change that would require a deeper look.
- On Nov 6th there was a special meeting to appoint a board members to fill the seat left open with Mr. Joseph Brumskill's passing. The board voted to appoint Rev. Shanika Perry to serve the remainder of Mr. Brumskill's term through June 2018.
- Christy & I were invited by Dr. Holodick to attend the District's first "Parent Leadership Summit" on October 18th. The School Board had requested a district-level group of parent-leaders representing each building in the district to discuss high-level topics with. At this first meeting we reviewed the District Success Plan (which everyone can access from the main BSD website) and discussed district highlights and important points at each grade level. We also discussed challenges facing the district - such as the loss on \$1.9M in state funding this year. There will be 2 more meetings this year where we will dive deeper into specific topics affecting the district.
- The first Family Fun Night of the year was a huge success. We were BUSY at the Snack Shack from 6:30-9:00! Thanks again to Shannon McKenna and Todd DeCapua for taking care of organizing and purchasing all of the food and drinks!
- Together BSD Can Make A Difference 5K was held on October 28th - Springer placed 3rd for school participation!
- From Mrs. Wilson - the library's Scholastic book fair to the upcoming dates at the PTA meeting? The fair will be in the library during the school day Dec. 4-8 and open at night Tues. Dec. 5 from 5:00-7:00. The online fair will begin Nov. 24-Dec. 8 found from our book fair homepage <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/springermiddle>

The online fair is where more selection than just middle school and even more titles than are displayed at the fair can be purchased. The books are then shipped to the school at the end of the fair with their student's name for distribution. (Online fair purchases still benefit our school library the same as shopping in the in-school fair.)

Committee Reports:

- Membership - *Kim Williams - 7 new members - at 168, 54 staff and 114 parents*
- Fundraising
 - Spirit Wear - *Jason/Kathy Heller - - All Spirit Wear has been delivered, with only 1 or 2 errors! Special thanks to Mr. X and his wife Jennifer for coming in after school to help us organize and pull all the orders!*
 - Spirit Wear can now be ordered online at the PTA website!
 - Restaurant Nights - *Christy Tobin - Chick fil a tomorrow night.*
 - Joe Corbi's - *Kristine Woodruff - will probably go for Feb*
 - Barnes & Noble Book Fair - *Kathy Heller -Dec 9th 10am - 4pm - need teacher wish lists, will be able to order cheesecakes from the cheesecake factory -*

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

Old Business:

- Large scale project - teachers preference is for Chromebooks for testing. Starting to work on finding the best prices.
- Teacher grant applications were approved by the board:
 - Rapid Readers \$150 for awards and snacks
 - English Language Learners - \$600 to support field trips for ELL students
 - Healthy Food for Healthy Kids - \$500 for a new shed for supplies
 - Earth History Education - \$350 for the Delaware AeroSpace Education Foundation to come to Springer
 - 6th Grade Teacher - \$54 for a license of Kami PDF editing software
 - "Springer Shark Tank" up to \$500 to create a "shark tank" type competition for students
 - Springer Robotics team - up to \$1300 for parts, equipment and team shirts
 - STEM- \$1619 for classroom audio technology
 - \$70 for NYC field trip expenses for 2 AVID students

In the event if we go over the budget motion to approve going over budget by \$143 - 1st motion Mr *Xenakes* second Cathy Rainer

New Business:

- **Box Tops** - Carla Riccardi has agreed to chair. Already registered with Box Tops. Next submission in April. Look for announcements coming out regarding this.

Special Presentation – The Future of Springer PTA (*Springer PTA Board*)

Principal's Report (*attached*)

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

11/15/17 – Chick-Fil-A Night (5-8PM)	12/5/17 – 7&8 th Grade Chorus Concert
11/17/17 – Report Cards Distributed	12/7/17 – 7 th &8 th Grade Band/Jazz/Orchestra
11/20-11/24 – School Closed	12/11/17 – PTA MEETING

Adjournment 7:35

Parent's roundtable with Dr. Woodson immediately following. TOPICS:

- ***Student Uniforms***
- ***Open Floor Q&A***

Respectfully Submitted -
Kathy Heller, Secretary

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Large Scale Project: Student Chromebooks

Hurricane Relief Donations: Three boxes of non-perishable items and \$1550.00 that are on their way to Puerto Rico

Winter After School Activities: Homework Club (Monday and Wednesday), Chess Club (Thursday), Insanity Workouts (Friday), Science Olympiad (Thursday), Business Professionals of America (Friday), Peer Tutoring (Monday), Rapid Readers (Thursday), Exploring Dance (Friday), National Junior Honor Society, GPS Club (Thursday), Jazz Band, Drama Club, Wrestling, Boy's and Girls' Basketball

Upcoming Events

11/17 Report Cards Distributed
11/18 All State Auditions
11/20 – 11/24 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
12/1 AVID Students to the UPenn
Junior Achievement Trip
12/3 – 12/8 Book Fair
12/5 7th and 8th Grade Choir Concert
12/7 7th and 8th Grade Band, Jazz and Orchestra Concert
12/8 6th Grade Band, Choir, Orchestra Concert
12/11 2nd MP Interim
12/12 Junior Achievement Trip
PTA Meeting
12/13 Hanukkah
12/20 8th Grade Skating Trip
12/21 Interims Distributed
12/22 – 12/31 Schools / Offices Closed

Items of Interests

Delaware Green Pathways @ Springer Middle School
November 29, 2017
Audit of Springer by UD Engineers
Student Representatives (8-10 students)
PTA Representative
Parent Representative

AM Drop Off / PM Pick Up

Thank you. Please continue to show patience

Extracurricular Events

No Failing Grades for Participation

Communication

Daily Announcements (AM / PM / Web Page)

Connect5

Web Page

Principals' Roundtable

Uniform

Polo Shirt with Logo Long Sleeve: \$24.95

Polo Shirt with Logo Short Sleeve: \$23.95

Athletic Programs

Sportsmanship

Team Selection

Open Dialogue