

**Joint Membership Meeting Of The
Springer Middle School Family Association, Inc
And The Springer Middle School PTA
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 - 6:30PM**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to order** *Jason Heller at 6:35*

- II. **Consent Agenda** *(as posted to SpringerFamily.org):*
 - A. Approval of January 16, 2018 PTA Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of January 29, 2018 PTA Special Meeting Minutes
 - C. Approval of January 29, 2018 SFA Organizational Meeting Minutes
 1. All approved by Lisa Fabris, Mr. X.

- III. **PTA Monthly Financial Report** *Kristine Woodruff - see attached*

- IV. **SFA Monthly Financial Report** - no report yet. No accounts have been established yet.

- V. **Teacher Liaison's Report** *(Mr. Xenakes) most performances tasks have been completed. Social Studies, Lisa Blunt Rochester, DE congresswoman will be coming next tuesday for 6th grade social studies and some 7th and 8th grade students. Reminder that there is math and homework help afterschool - comment from Lauren Schropp - some children don't like to sign up in the paper in the cafeteria and everyone knows that they are going for help. Suggestion made to make a google sign up linked to schoology to sign up - need to know how many kids approx will be there to ensure enough teachers are there to help.*

- VI. **Principal's Report** *(Dr. Woodson) extra disinfectant being used to help battle the flu - if anyone notices the smell.*
 - A. *2/9 crisis drill done - this one was done while the students were in halls between classes. 868 kids here that day, in 45 seconds all kids and staff were in a locked environment. State troops say the need 77 seconds to get here. Kids are trained to find any door that is open to enter and hide, find a wall away from glass and find a wall. Administrators walk around and test the doors to make sure they are locked. Will be doing one during lunch too. Will be practicing often to ensure kids are safe.*
 - B. *Congressman Blunt coming 2/20/18.*
 - C. *State assessments to start soon. Trying to find ways to prevent kids from just "blowing it off." Noticed kids with straight A's showing decrease in test scores - students not wanted to actively participate. Trying to find ways to incentivise kids*
 - D. *Mrs. Romeo and Mr McGuire both out on medical leave. Both will be out for an extended period of time. Long term subs in place for both. One is certified in the*

subject they are teaching. Kids are getting the same lessons plans as they would if regular teacher was here. Unsure of return date for either teacher.

VII. President's Report (Jason Heller)

- A. Outstanding encumbered funds in the PTA account (including only the first 20 Chromebook commitment) are \$12,770 as of 1/31/2018. If all encumbrances are spent, after taking the remaining restaurant nights/Box tops into account I estimate we will be left with about \$2,000 remaining in the PTA account.
- B. School Board Meeting Recap: The January 22nd School Board meeting was business as usual. The District Nutrition Department presented about the future of nutrition in the district and how BSD is leading the state in our initiatives (which is why I asked them to come tonight to share with us). Also, the board voted on the final approval of the 2018-2019 calendar.
- C. The 2nd BSD Parent Leadership Summit was held on January 24th at Springer. The topics of discussion were Funding for Public Schools in DE and BSD After-School Programing. There will be one more summit this school year.
- D. I have invited Dr. Holidick to be our guest at the March meeting to speak about the state of the District. He will be choosing topics to talk about with us that night that are timely and pertinent to both the district and Springer families specifically. We hope to have a good turn out to listen to Dr. Holodick!
- E. The bylaws of the SFA require that we have a nominating committee present a slate of officers at the April meeting. I would like to ask for 3 volunteers to take this responsibility. Mr X has agreed to be chair - need 2 more volunteers. Please email Mr X or us if you are interested.

VIII. Committee Reports:

- A. Membership (PTA & SFA) (*Kim Williams*) - no report
- B. PTA Fundraising:
 - 1. Restaurant Nights (*Christy Tobin*) - Next one at Stanley's on 3/14/18
 - 2. Box Tops (*Carla Riccardi*) - going on now - top prize will be given to the student in each grade bringing in the most box top
- C. SFA Fundraising:
 - 1. Joe Corbi's (*Kristine Woodruff*) orders will be due Monday 2/26
 - 2. Barnes & Noble Book Fair
 - a) March 31
 - b) December 8 (*Kathy Heller*)
- D. Teacher Appreciation (*Tia*) - no report

IX. Member Comments on Agenda Items or General Springer Topics

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

Lisa Fabris - went to the presentation at Talley Middle school regarding drug abuse - very scary. Wondering if there is a program in place teaching the students about opioids and the effects of taking a drug even one time. Dr Woodson believes this is

really necessary as well. Also believes it should include alcohol. Dr Woodson will talk to the principal at Talley to talk to the health teacher at Talley to see how to incorporate their program into Springer - program is a STEM program called Discovery. Pam Gouge is on the Health advisory committee for the district - this is something they are talking about to adding into the curriculum across the district.

Date of next PTA/SFA meeting conflicts with an event being held at Springer. Will look into moving meeting to Monday March 12th.

X. Old Business

A. SFA Organizational Update

Jason Heller reported that:

- The final 'Certificate of Incorporation' has been received from the Secretary of State.
- IRS 1023-EZ form has been completed for our 501C3 status has been applied for and is pending.
- Total spent on organizational costs is \$406.91 so far (\$125 for incorporating fees to the State and County, \$275 for the IRS filing fee for the 501C3 status & \$6.91 in certified mail fees).
- The only outstanding organizational need is our insurance policy, which will be \$370 for 1 year for identical coverage as we have as the PTA (\$1-M general liability, \$1-M Officers Liability, \$10K Bond). One concern is our Bond coverage is only for \$10,000, which is less than the funds we traditionally have on hand. It was proposed that we increase the bond coverage to \$25,000, which costs only \$15/year more. We are waiting on a final determination from the insurance company on when it is best to start our new policy. All approved increasing this.

B. PTA Chromebook Project

- Based on the encumbrances and the way we have been trending with restaurant night donations, at this point we are going to proceed with the order for the 1st 20 Chromebooks as Quoted price through the district's contract totaling \$6600 from the PTA account.
- After the dance, we should have an accurate projection of what our remaining balance will be in the PTA account, and can order additional Chromebooks at that time.

C. Search for a Treasurer

In accordance with the attorney's recommendations to have a separate Treasurer for the PTA and SFA account, the SFA board has appointed Pleshette Moore to be the treasurer for the SFA for the remainder of the fiscal year.

XI. New Business

A. Springer Family Night at the Blue Rocks on May 4th

- B. New grant request (Nurse's Office) - Mrs Cawman - nurse needs a throat scope that is outside of their budget. Price is \$419. Motion by Phlesette Moore, second by Kristine Woodruff. Motion carried.

XII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - BSD School Nutrition *Pam Gouge - School Nutrition Supervisor*

XIII. Adjournment at 7:55

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

2/12 - 2/26 - Joe Corbi's Fundraiser

2/15/18 - Springer Night @ Sweet Nel's

2/23/18 - Springer Fun Night

3/2-3/18 - Musical - Little Mermaid

3/12/18 - MEMBER MEETING

3/14/18 - Springer Day @ Stanley's

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Heller, Secretary