

**Joint Membership Meeting Of The  
Springer Middle School Family Association, Inc  
And The Springer Middle School PTA  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 - 6:30PM**

**MINUTES**

- I. **Call to order** *Jason Heller at 6:32*
- II. **Approval of the March 12, 2018 Joint Meeting Minutes** *(as posted online) Kristine and Mr X*
- III. **PTA Monthly Financial Report** *(Kristine Woodruff) - see attached*
- IV. **SFA Monthly Financial Report** *(Pleshette Moore) - see attached*
- V. **Teacher Liaison's Report** *(Mr. Xenakes) -*
  - A. *Ask parents to keep up in home access to make sure everything is caught up and no missing assignments.*
  - B. *Phones are becoming more of an issue, encourage students to leave them in lockers.*
  - C. *6th grade ethnic night - waiting to reschedule*
  - D. *6th grade started state testing - kids are being awesome during testing thus far*

VI. **Principal's Report** *(Dr. Woodson)*

*State Assessments have begun*

*Test Calendar on Website - doing in blocks to decrease the amount of testing days and disruption.*

*Music Department Car Wash*

*Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> (9:00AM – 12:30PM)*

*Report Cards Distributed*

*Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Jazz Band to the University of Delaware Jazz Festival*

*Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 - 1pm*

*Book Fair (Buy One Get One Free)*

*April 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>*

*Spring Sports are underway: Baseball, Softball, Track, Tennis, Soccer, Club Lacrosse*

*Schedules are found on the school website*

*March 14th Student "Walk Out" was held without any incidents*

*Approximately 200 students participated*

*Facility Staff did wonderful job cleaning the building during Easter Break*

*Sarah Orysiek (Special Education Teacher) - **Teacher of the Year 2018-2019***

*Update on Chromebooks (Qty. 20)*

*Both Maureen Romeo (7th Grade Science) and Bernie McGuire (7th Grade English) have returned to Springer*

*Heart in the Game sponsored "Project Grace" will get its start at Springer Middle School*

*· **Written Response Plan***

*Everyone will know what to do in the event of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)*

· **Response Team Training**

*Comprehensive CPR/AED training*

- *The entire cost of training Springer Middle School's Team (\$2000) was paid for by Senator*

*Cathy Cloutier*

· **Coordinated Practice**

*The team will 'drill' regularly to increase preparedness & critique their response*

· **AED Administration**

*Model policy is provided. AED readiness is ensured.*

- **Springer Middle School currently has three (3) Defibrillators**

· **Response Team will consist of: 1 Administrator / School Nurse / 4 Staff Members / 5 Student**

## **VII. President's Report (Jason Heller)**

*Outstanding encumbered funds in the PTA accounts of \$11,200 as of 3/31/2018 made up of:*

- *\$1869 for 60th Anniversary*
- *\$103 for Rapid Readers*
- *\$600 for ELL*
- *\$500 for Springer Shark Tank*
- *\$6000 for Chromebooks that have been ordered*
- *\$2000 for the 8th grade dance.*

*If all encumbrances are spent, after taking the remaining restaurant nights/Box tops into account I estimate we will be left with a slightly negative balance remaining in the PTA account. There are some encumbered items that may not be spent fully as planned. After the dance we will have a more realistic idea of our exact ending balance so we can plan how to appropriately spend any remaining amount.*

*School Board Meeting Recap: I was unable to attend the March 19th School Board Meeting.*

*The first "Springer Family Fun Night with the Wilmington Blue Rocks" is Friday May 4th. The ticket order deadline has been extended to this Sunday (April 15th). Tickets are only \$10. This event is open to all Springer students and their extended families! The mission is to increase family engagement in our school! We hope to see everyone there.*

*The HFHK group is looking for volunteers to help assemble the new garden shed on 4/20 & 4/21 - please let me know if you are able to help!*

## **VIII. Committee Reports:**

A. **Membership (PTA & SFA) (Kim Williams) - no new members in last month**

B. **PTA Fundraising:**

1. **Restaurant Nights (Christy Tobin) - \$275 from Stanley's restaurant night, Bertuccis is April 19, Red Robin in May 15**

C. **SFA Fundraising:**

1. **Joe Corbi's (Kristine Woodruff) - finished! Went very smooth, only one pick up the next day.**

- D. Teacher Appreciation (*Tia*) - *will follow up with Tia*
- E. Nominating (*Mr. X*)

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

- A. State testing - email regarding practice testing didn't come out until the night before the testing started, not giving students time to take- per Dr Woodson, practice test was not about content, it was about test taking skills
- B. April 26th - National bring your child to work day - will be an excused absence.
- C. 60th anniversary - will have events throughout that week with alumni coming in. motion made to give alumni the 60th anniversary shirts that have already been purchased. Motion approved. Will also sell shirts at a discounted price during that week.
- D. Questions regarding testing. Parent encouraged others to call their state senators regarding the amount of testing. During the testing periods, there is very little teaching going on. Smarter balance results don't even come in until august or september. Offers little value for the following year. Recommendation to add representative and governor email address on the springer family association website for parents to email about the testing.

**X. Old Business**

- A. Garden Shed Volunteers Needed 4/20 & 4/21

**XI. New Business**

- A. Nomination for Springer Family Association Officers - nominating committee - Mr X - email sent to all members regarding nomination. No new members wanted to be nominated.
  - 1. Nominations opened to floor - no new nominations for any position. Motion to close nominations - Kristine Woodruff and Lisa Fabris. Ballot to be held at next meeting.
  - 2. Meeting will held at end of May to find committee chairs and discuss plans for next year.
  - 3. Meeting next monday for dance - still looking for volunteers to help night of the dance to help set up.

**XII. Adjournment - at 7:57**

**Upcoming Dates of Importance:**

4/19/18 - Springer Night @ Bertucci's

4/20 & 4/21 - Volunteers Needed to Build The Shed We Donated For HFHK!

5/4/18 - Springer Family Night with the Blue Rocks (tickets had to be pre-purchased)

5/7/18 - 6th Grade Band/Chorus/Orchestra concert

**5/8/18 - JOINT SFA/PTA MEETING & SFA ELECTIONS** (*final wrap up meeting for the PTA*)

5/10/18 - 7th & 8th Grade Chorus Concert

5/15/18 - Springer Night @ Red Robin

5/19/18 - 8th Grade Dance

5/21/18 - 7th & 8th Grade Band & Orchestra Concert