

**Springer Middle School PTA  
General Membership Meeting  
Monday, September 11, 2017 – 6:30 PM  
Springer Middle School Library**

**Call to Order** by Jason Heller at 6:30

**Approval of July 10, 2017 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**FY 2017 Year End Financial Report & Audit** - *Audit completed and end of the year taxes have been filed. Everything fell close to budget. Slightly over in expenses for snack shack, but also revenue higher than expected.*

**August Financial Report** Kristine Woodruff- *see attached*

**Liaison Reports:**

- Principal's Report – *see attached*
- Teacher Liaison – awaiting selection of teacher
- Student Liaison – will be picked in October

**President's Report** Jason Heller

- *Going paperless Agenda and reports will be posted on website at least one week prior to meeting and meeting minutes will be posted within one week. Binder will be at every meeting containing paper copies of everything.*
- *Brandywine School District school board meeting updates:*
  - *BSD website being redesigned to make it more standard through all the schools and become more user friendly.*
  - *School nutrition flexibility and waivers related to healthy kid's lunch program. Now able to submit waivers for districts to not meet the guidelines in some areas. This is significant because the number of students buying lunch and milk has drastically decreased. Applying for waiver for use of enriched grains instead of whole grain and to allow 1% flavored milk*
  - *Springer 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary – James Hanby coordinating activities for the anniversary, mainly in the spring. New 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary spirit wear available. Look for Facebook page dedicated to the anniversary*

**Committee Reports:**

- *Membership Kim Williams – Currently have 106 members – including 41 staff. Dr. Woodson encouraging 100% staff participation. Prize for department with highest percentage joining.*
- *Fundraising – Goal is to do fundraising that doesn't cost you more that you would already do – such as Amazon smile and restaurant night. These are things that parents would already spend money on, but a percentage would go towards the school.*
  - *Spirit Wear (Jason/Kathy Heller) – Order forms coming home this week. Will be due by September 29<sup>th</sup>. Ordering online is the easiest way. Delivery will be late October.*
  - *Restaurant Nights (Christy Tobin) – Once a month at local restaurants. First will be Grotto's pizza on October 16<sup>th</sup>.*
  - *Joe Corbi's (Kristine Woodruff) – Being scheduled for the spring instead of the fall due to all the early school year parent expenses and fundraisers.*
  - *Barnes and Noble (Kathy Heller) – will be in December. More details coming.*

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

- *Together BSD can make a difference 5K October 28<sup>th</sup>. Asking each school to volunteer and support. The school with the highest number of participants receives a trophy. Funds raised goes to local charities that the school district works with, such as Autism Delaware and Stockings for Soldiers.*
- *Teacher Appreciation week. Would like to see more done for teachers during this week. Tia Minella volunteered to chair this committee*

**Old Business:**

- Open committee positions – fundraising chair. If there are any volunteers, please email the board

**New Business:**

- Bylaws update vote - have been posted on website along with past by laws for member review. Biggest change is to eliminate second VP board position and changing standing committees to include only membership and fundraising. Committee formed at the beginning of the meeting to tally member votes. Final count 35 for accepting changes and 0 against. Motion to accept new bylaws accepted.
- FY2018 budget – no significant changes from previous year except added expense of financial audit and income of amazon smile. Motion to accept FY2018 approved
- Large scale project – PTA wants to do a large-scale project to impact the school. Dr Woodson to speak with staff for ideas and present at next meeting for group vote. Board member ideas include electronic sign for front of school and picnic tables and benches for outside the cafeteria for an outdoor seating area that can be used for both classroom activities and student lunches

**Adjournment 7:30**

***Parent’s roundtable with Dr. Woodson immediately following. TOPICS:***

- *First Day Items of Interest*
- *Dress Code*

**Upcoming Events:**

9/13/17 – Picture Day

9/14/17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House @ 6:30PM

9/27/17– 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House @ 6:30PM

**10/10/17 – PTA Meeting @ 6:30PM**

**PTA Meeting  
Principal's Report  
September 11, 2017**

The Springer Staff and students mourn the loss of a friend, colleague and teacher (Social Studies), **Mrs. Roseanne Cristanetti** who passed away in her sleep on August 30, 2017. Mrs. Cristanetti retired two years ago.

**Class Sizes as of today:**

6<sup>th</sup> – 316 (Largest in Ten Years)

7<sup>th</sup> - 280

8<sup>th</sup> - 281

**Total – 877 (+ 56 from Last Year)**

**New Staff:**

Michael Oberly (Science)

Karen Phillips (Spanish)

Colleen Gray (Psychologist)

Stephen Saddler (Technology Education)

Mohammed Mustafa (Chief Custodian)

Kelly Marvain (Cafeteria Manager)

Greg Xenakas (Special Education)

Elizabeth Walls (Special Education)

Matthew Oberholzer (Special Education)

Jordan Gatling (Paraprofessional)

**Staff Directory:**

Attached

**2017 – 2018 Calendar:**

Attached

**Building-Wide Expectations:**

Attached

**Extracurricular Events:**

Athletics-

Cross Country

Soccer

Field Hockey

Volleyball

Programs-

Flag Football

GPS

Odyssey of the Mind

USTA Tennis Program

**Upcoming Events:**

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| Picture Day  | September 13 <sup>th</sup>         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open House                     | September 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30P |
| Rosh Hashanah (School Closed)                        | September 21 <sup>st</sup>         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open House | September 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 6:30P |

**Opening Days Items of Interests:**

Total Number of Students

New students (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) are slowly being acclimated to Springer Middle School

Class Sizes

Fast Mathematics, Honors and Regular Education

Larger than last year

AM Drop Off / PM Pick Up

Thank you. Please continue to show patience

DIAA Physicals required for all Athletic Events

Extracurricular Events

No Failing Grades for Participation

Lunch (four lunches @ 220 students in 30 minutes)

Stopped Announcements during Lunch

Locks for lockers (Key lockers are quicker and easier to manage)

Code of Student Conduct Reviewed in Social Studies Classes

Communication

Daily Announcements (AM / PM / Web Page)

Connect5

Web Page

**Dress Code:**

Boy's Pants (Need to wear belts)

No Ripped Pants

Leggings

Short Pants (Must be to the thigh)

No Back Packs

No Outside Coats are to be worn in the Building