

**Membership Meeting Of The
Springer Middle School Family Association, Inc.
Tuesday, September 11, 2018 - 7:00PM**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to order** *Jason Heller - at 7pm*
- II. **Approval of the August 28, 2018 Executive Board Minutes** *(as posted online)- unable to do since only 2 members who were at the meeting are here*
- III. **SFA Monthly Financial Report** *Pleshette Moore - account balance \$5703.54 as of Aug 31, 2018. A detailed report will be on the website.*
- IV. **President's Report** *Jason Heller*
 - A. Notes from the 8/27/18 School Board Meeting
 1. Ralph Ackerman was sworn in as Board President, with John Skrobot III sworn in as VP
 2. Open house dates are set for all schools
 3. High School Open House day is Sunday, October 14th
 4. BSD Day of Hope was held on Sept 6th
 5. Discussion again on the 70/30 grading split from the BEA President. Specifically, the concern is the grading of 'practice' work.
 6. President Ackerman announced plans to re-form a 'Citizens Advisory Committee' formed with stakeholders from the community to meet at the district level.
 - B. Help is needed this year. We are starting this new organization from scratch – which also means starting over financially. More than ever we are depending on your help with fundraiser participation. The only way we can fund our programs (like mini-grants, family engagement activities, etc.) is if we earn the money for those expenses through our fundraisers. We also need help from volunteers to make our organization run. There is NO WAY just the 4 elected officers can do everything that is necessary. We need help – and we need new, fresh ideas from other families to make this organization everything it is meant to be. No matter how big or small your contribution it is more appreciated than you know.
 - C. Speaking of volunteers – we really need some help with staffing our table for back to school nights tomorrow and Thursday. We still need 2 more volunteers (preferably 7th and 8th grade families) for Wednesday's 6th Grade Open House, and 3 more volunteers (preferably 6th grade families) for Thursday's 7th/8th Grade Open House. These have traditionally been big nights for both Spirit Wear sales and new member applications.
- V. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. Membership - *Kathy Heller* -as of today, we have 130 members. At this time last year we had 71
 - B. Fundraising:

1. Spirit Wear (Jason Heller) new shirts being introduced. Order forms going out tomorrow.
 2. Joe Corbi's (Kathy Heller) packets going out tomorrow. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year. Delivery Oct 29th.
 3. Barnes & Noble Book Fair (Kathy Heller) - changed the way they are doing book fairs. Instead of a donation 15-20% of total sales, they are now giving back 3% of total sales in merchandise only. All in agreeance not to participate this year
 4. Restaurant Nights (Christy Tobin) still being scheduled
 5. Box Tops (Carla Riccardi) late start last year, and still did good, about \$400 with only 60 participants. Will start earlier. Possibility of homeroom or grade level competition.
- C. Teacher Appreciation - looking for volunteers. Would like to do more during teacher appreciation week. Danielle Arnone will assist.
- D. Family Engagement - one of the missions is to increase engagement of families, especially outside of school. Once a quarter, have an outing for student and families. Looking for ideas and volunteers. Tatanisha Fenning, Rossana Ragaolo, Laura Eder will assist.

VI. Member Comments on Agenda Items or General Springer Topics

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

Homerooms will last all year, why? So that students have a home base to go to, especially 6th graders. Provides stability and safety and less anxiety.

For A/B day is there a schedule? Yes, it is on HAC and it is announced everyday. Also on front page of website on the right side.

If we skip a day, will they skip that day or does it carry over? Usually carries over, so it will be the next day in the rotation

Cathy Ranier - started BSD makes a difference. 5K walk/run to benefit charity organization. Each school can form a team to represent their school. Date this year is Sunday, October 21st.

What is schoology? And how do I get in? - online grade and assignments. Students will come home with instructions, and typically at least one teacher will go over it during back to school night. All teachers are strongly encouraged to use this. Parent schoology account you can see each of your children if you have more than one

High school visits - please let us know about a week ahead of time of dates

VII. Teacher Liaison's Report Mr. Xenakes

- A. *Stepped in as Athletic director. Fall sports are starting. Sign-ups are on now. tryouts to start soon. Must have physical on file with nurse in order to be able to participate. Can use last year's if it was done after April 1st. Code of Conduct on the website for students athletes*
- B. *Only been here about 3 days, lots of feedback and expectations coming in the back to school night.*

C. Tryouts start at 3:05 boys soccer, volleyball and field hockey. Will be finished for late bus run. The list is on the website.

VIII. Principal's Report Dr. Woodson

A. Student attendance 876 total. Right around the same as last year

B. Kids are wonderful this year. Been very polite and great manners.

C. Open houses tomorrow and Thursday, Great information, please try to come. Get a chance to meet each teacher, ask questions and learn what is going on in class.

D. Picture day tomorrow

E. Morning drop off. Please pull all the way up and keep moving. Please be patient with pick up, please slow down. Stay in the cones.

F. Parent leadership committee - if you want your voice heard, this is an important meeting. Opportunity to talk to the superintendent directly. If interested, please email Dr Woodson for him to inform Dr Holidick

G. Moving over to new format for the district website. More important from the parents as to what they want to see when they open the website. Hoping to get done by the end of October. Email Dr Woodson with any idea, including what should be on and what needs to come off.

H. Questions

1. Crossing guard leaves at 8am - could she stay later? Dr Woodson can ask, but has no authority. They do leave Springer and go to the elementary schools.

2. At pick up, should we pull all the way up? Yes, please go to stop sign

3. Anime club? Is there going to be one this year? The leaders went to high school. Can restart, just need a student leader with a faculty advisor.

4. Chess club? Trying to get ahold of the person who did it last year to restart, Mrs Skinner. Lots of interest. Hope to restart soon.

5. Is Mrs Marie's Dance coming back? Yes, she does want to start again. Will be an afterschool club

6. When can they start signing up for clubs? Will get through sports first, probably next week. Clubs will be on website and in the announcement.

7. If a student has an idea for a club - have the student come to Dr Woodson and he will send out an email to the staff to see if anyone is interested in being the advisor. Parents can be volunteers too, just need a background check.

8. PE dress code - girls what kind of pants? Normal gym shorts, don't have to be knee length

IX. Old Business

A. Open committee positions

1. 8th grade dance committee - will need a chair. Start planning in January Danielle Arnone to chair

X. New Business

A. FY 2019 Budget - member approval. Approved unanimously.

B. Schedule Change for May Meeting - bylaws state the meeting has to be the second Tuesday of the month. Change the bylaws so it doesn't have to be specific date/time

1. Motion by Lisa Fabris, second Kim Carlson to change the language of the bylaws to allow the board to set the meeting date.

XI. Adjournment at 8:08

**Respectfully Submitted -
Kathy Heller, Secretary**

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

9/12/18 - 6th Grade Open House (6:30-8:00PM)

9/13/18 - 7th/8th Grade Open House (6:30-8:00PM)

9/15/18 - Music Dept. Car Wash (9:00AM-1:00PM)

10/17/18 - Springer Family Assoc. Meeting (7:00PM)