

**Membership Meeting Of The
Springer Middle School Family Association, Inc.
Monday, September 23, 2019 - 6:30PM
(31 members present)**

AGENDA

- I. **Call to order** (*Jason Heller*) Jason introduced the Board (Jason and Pleshette were in attendance, Kathy and Adrienne could not make the meeting, as it had been rescheduled). Jason also introduced the Committee Chairs in attendance.
- II. **Approval of the June 25, 2019 Executive Board Minutes** (*as posted online*)
- III. **SFA 2017-2018 Year-End Financial Report** (*Pleshette Moore*)
- IV. **SFA Monthly Financial Reports** (July & August) (*Pleshette Moore*) Pleshette asked 3 volunteers (non-Board members) to review and sign the bank statements.
- V. **President's Report** (*Jason Heller*)

Thank everyone for coming out tonight. If you are not already a member we would like to encourage you to join us officially!

 - *School Board Updates - here is a synopsis of what the board worked on over the summer:*
 - *The board retreat was held on July 10th at Rockford Park. Topics discussed included sharing lessons learned from the NSBA conference, a district Strengths/Weakness/Opportunities analysis, a long discussion regarding the future of early childhood services and programming in BSD and discussion of the restorative classroom pilot at BHS*
 - *There was a lot of focus on the significant amount of summer construction and building update work. A full renovation of Claymont Elementary started, and every other building in the district received some updates including classroom updates, lighting and energy efficiency updates, the conversion of Darley Road back into a BSD school for K-1st grade Claymont students, the move of the Brandywine Community School to space at St. Helenas, ADA compliance updates at MPHS, the start of the Auditorium restoration project and classroom updates and Brandywine and so much more.*
 - *Ralph Ackerman was re-elected President of the Board, and John Skrobot III re-elected VP.*
 - *The update to the Board Policy Manual that we discussed last year continued with the final policy updates being approved last week.*
 - *The next School Board meeting is October 21st at 7PM at MPES*

- *High School Visitation is coming up on Sunday, October 20th. This is an opportunity to visit all 3 BSD high schools to see what they have to offer. The schedule will be:*
 - Concord HS – 1:00-2:30*
 - Brandywine HS – 3:00-4:30*
 - Mount Pleasant HS – 5:00-6:30*
- *There is a school choice info session scheduled for October 24th - here - at 7PM*
- *District PCAC Meeting Schedule:*
 - *10/14/19 @ Carrcroft - BSD State of the District & Legislative Overview*
 - *12/3/19 @ Claymont - Curriculum & Instruction Update*
 - *2/25/20 @ Brandywine - Legislative Panel*
 - *4/21/20 @ Carrcroft - Dangers of Vaping & Teacher Evaluation Support*

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. Membership (*Amanda DeCapua*) *Amanda gave an update that there were 73 Individual members, 51 family memberships as of 9/22*
- B. Fundraising (*Lisa Fabris*):
 1. Spirit Wear (*Jason Heller*) Jason gave an update that the Order deadline is 9/30 (now 10/1). Orders will be delivered to home rooms by the end of October. We will need help sorting and pulling orders once the shirts arrive!
 2. Joe Corbi's (*Kathy Heller*) Jason gave an update that the Order deadline is 9/30 (now 10/1). Delivery / pick up will be 10/23 from 3:00 (after the car line clears) to 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. Volunteers are desperately needed to help with sorting and delivery (need at least 3 volunteers)!!!
 3. Restaurant Nights (*Shelly Tower*) - Lisa gave an update that we've decided to reduce the restaurants nights to only the ones that have been successful in previous years:
 - a) 9/18 was Grott's Night
 - b) 10/15/19 - Chick Fil A night (no voucher needed)
 - c) 12/9/19 - Five Guys Night (no voucher needed)
 - d) 3/10/20 - Chick Fil A (no voucher needed)
 - e) 5/11/20 - Five Guys (no voucher needed)
 4. Box Tops (*Carla Riccardi*) - Carla gave an update that Boxtops has gone Digital! Download the Boxtops For Education app to your phone and link it to Springer Middle School. Then scan your grocery receipt within 14 days of your purchase, and we will automatically get credit for your Boxtops. **Please note: they are still accepting the traditional box tops (the little squares), so please send in any you may have!**
 5. Snack Shack - We still need a Snack Shack Coordinator.
- C. Staff Appreciation (*Danielle Arnone*)
- D. Family Engagement (*Traci Lake*):

1. 11/7 - Family night at Ramsey's Farm. We have booked the entire place just for Springer! Bonfires, corn maze, hayrides and more. This is not a fundraiser for us - just a way to accomplish our mission of getting families together outside of school to engage with each other. The cost will be just \$10 per person which will include a hotdog to cook over the fire, a drink and all the ingredients to make some smores! More information will follow regarding how to purchase tickets.
2. We also plan to host free CPR training for Springer Families in December. We posted a poll on the Facebook page, and it was exactly an even split between preferring the class on a weeknight versus a Saturday morning. We will try to accommodate one class at each time! Spots will be limited, however - so sign-ups will be first come first services. More info will be shared as we get closer!

VII. Member Comments on Agenda Items or General Springer Topics

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

Lisa Fabris asked if students could get their own HAC log-in to help them take ownership of their grades (as opposed to parents constantly checking/nagging about missing assignments, etc). Dr. Woodson explained that yes, you can send an email to Jill Robinson in the office to get that. (Mr. Glazier suggested we wait until after the 9/30 count). Lisa expressed that she's not sure if most parents know that students can have their own log-in and that is potentially an opportunity to communicate to parents. Most kids do have a Schoology log-in, but the majority of teachers do not post grades in Schoology. Dr, Woodson also mentioned that there was a problem with grades not transferring over from Schoology to Home Access and they were still looking into that.

VIII. Teacher Liaison's Report (Mr. Xenakes)

IX. Principal's Report (Dr. Woodson)

Dr. Woodson gave an update on the following:

1. Number of students in each grade:
 - 6th grade - 312
 - 7th grade - 279
 - 8th grade - 329
 - 920 total
2. Open House was very well attended by parents
3. Picture Day retakes are 10/30
4. Field trip to the Chase Center for the Governor's Construction Career Expo
5. Avid students took a field trip to the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank
6. A.M. Drop Off / P.M. Pick-up - Please pull forward as much as possible (all the way up to the stop sign)!
7. No school on Monday, 9/30 for Rosh Hashanah
8. Fall sports are underway - Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball

9. Clubs start in October (i.e. Chess, Robotics, Boys & Girls Flag Football among many others)
10. Springer won the Sportsmanship Award again

X. Old Business

- A. Open committee positions (8th Grade Dance Chair, Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator, Snack Shack Coordinator)

Beth Gallagher volunteered to be the 8th Grade Dance Chair. We will start planning in January. The dance will most likely be 5/30 (or possibly 6/6).

Danielle Arnone has volunteered to be the Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator.

We still need a Snack Shack Coordinator (for concerts, musicals, fun nights).

XI. New Business

- A. FY2020 Budget
- B. Meeting Date Change - November

XII. Adjournment

**Respectfully Submitted.
Lisa Fabris (fill-in Secretary)**

****Immediately following the regular business meeting was our 'Roundtable with the Principle' where Dr. Woodson led a discussion on the dress code.****

Dr. Woodson passed out the following Dress Code Guidelines that are also posted on the Springer website. Multiple parents expressed concern over an excessive number of dress code violations so far this school year. Dr. Woodson assured everyone that going forward, the staff would adhere to the following guidelines and that if anyone has any concerns regarding the dress code going forward to please email him directly.

Springer Middle School Dress Code:

1. All clothing must be neat, clean, and in a condition of good repair.
2. Clothing with inappropriate, suggestive or derogatory pictures or phrases may not be worn.
3. Clothing designed to be worn as undergarments may not be visible.
4. No headwear is to be worn in the building during the school day.
 - a. This includes but is not limited to hat, bandana, scarf, earmuffs, sunglasses, or any other head covering, including hoods.

- b. Exception: Any headwear worn for religious beliefs with the appropriate documentation.
5. Shirts and blouses that leave the midriff bare are prohibited.
6. All shirts must have sleeves.
7. Heavy, bulky jackets, or overcoats, as determined by the administration, should be placed in lockers.
8. Shorts and skirts are to be respectable and modest in length.
9. Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist and a belt is strongly recommended. Pajamas are prohibited.
10. Excessively tight clothing is not permitted.
11. Clothing with frayed edges or visible holes is not permitted (unless there is a layer of clothing under the frayed item).
12. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times (slippers are not permitted).
13. Students wearing jewelry or accessories that may be considered unsafe or inappropriate to the learning environment may be subject to review by the administration.
14. Any other garments or accessories that would be a distraction to the orderly educational process are prohibited.

Students in violation of the dress code policy will receive disciplinary action and will be excused from class until they are dress code compliant.

Dr. Woodson updated the group on a few additional topics based on questions/comments from parents:

1. Lockdown drills - there will be 3 or 4 this year. Teachers will explain each day this week what to do during a lockdown drill. Students will practice being quiet and off their cell phones for 20 minutes (b/c they are not to be on their cell phones during a real lockdown).
2. This week Springer is participating in "Start with Hello" Week (9/23-9/27). Start with Hello is the Sandy Hook Promise program that teaches students to make a difference with their peers in a simple, fun, and impactful way. They take small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion and to identify and help lonely students who are showing signs of social isolation.
3. Morning Announcements will always be updated on the Springer home page by 9 am each morning.
4. Students have been asked not to use mechanical pencils, as the lead inevitably falls on the floor and damages the floors. Custodians have been spending an inordinate amount of time trying to get the lead marks off the floors and have not been successful.