



Springer PTA Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2017

Next Meeting: April 11, 2017

Attendees: Jason Heller, Donna Rittenhouse, Michelle Olkowski, Tia Gianakis-Minella, Tracy T. Woodson, Kristine Woodruff, Ann Hall-Nefferdorf, Catherine Ward, James R. Hanby Sr., Micki Hanby, Alison Oldham

Discussion Points

1. Welcome – James R. Hanby, Sr.
2. Minutes – Alison Oldham
 - a. February 2017 minutes were approved by the board, and posted on the Springer Middle School Website.
3. Treasurer's Report – Kathy Heller
 - a. February 2017 Treasurer Report was distributed and approved during the meeting.
 - b. As seen on the revenue line, the \$825 earned from Fun Night was allocated towards the 8th grade dance.
 - c. Also see, that \$21.97 of the dance income, was reallocated for Teacher Appreciation.
 - d. As a reminder the PTA can earn money when you shop using Amazon Smile including on Fresh Orders. Last month, we earned \$7.49!
4. Principal's Update: Dr. Woodson provided the following Updates:
 - a. School House Rock will make its debut this Friday, March 24th at 7PM and then again Saturday, March 25th at 3PM. Cost is only \$7.00.
 - b. State Testing for students has begun. A complete schedule of state tests is available on the school website.
 - c. I requested a quote for padding for the gymnasium walls to protect against injury.
 - d. World Down Syndrome Day was today and we all "Rocked Our Socks"
 - e. Chess Club has one more week before it wraps up for the year. Hopefully we generated enough interest to make it a full time club at Springer.
 - f. Springer Sports is well underway. Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track and Girls Soccer teams have been selected.
 - g. Sadly, Lindsay Spada, 8th Grade Administrator and Dean of Students lost her father to Leukemia and Pneumonia.

- h. The 22nd Annual New Castle County Science Expo was held at Deltech on March 16th. Springer Middle School was well represented by 4- 8th Graders, 2 - 7th graders and 1 – 6th grader. Several were recognized for excellence in their work.
- i. Meghan Hale earned a 2nd place award from the American Society of Materials for Melting Points of Plastic Under a Heat Lamp
- j. Salsavil Chowdhury won a 1st Place from the American Society of Materials for How Fast a Comet Melts
- k. Brandon Tang won a 2nd place in the Engineering category and a 2nd place from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (with \$50 check) for Shaping Seawalls
- l. Claire Bolarinwa earned a 3rd place in the Medicine and Health category with the project Can Background Noise Affect Our Concentration?
- m. Judy van Rooyen was recognized with a 2nd place award in Environmental Sciences for her project Levels of Ozone
- n. Additionally, Celena Alston-Colazzo and Kenia Young presented their work in the Team Category with Melting Crystals
- o. Judy and Brandon will have the opportunity to go and compete at the Delaware Valley Science Fairs on April 5th, in Oaks, Pennsylvania. Congratulations to all on a job well done!!
- p. InvestWrite is an innovative national writing competition, produced by The Stock Market Game program that adds a critical thinking component to help reinforce concepts learned in the classroom. The topic of this year's essay was "How to invest in companies that use Virtual or Augmented Reality". We are proud to announce that an 8th grader from Mr. Glazier's Period 6 Contemporary Issues class has been named the winner from the State of Delaware. Congratulations to Nya Glispy for her essay about using virtual reality in the classroom. Nya will receive an award from the University of Delaware at a banquet in May.

5. Teachers Update- Ann Hall-Nefferdorf

- a. Spring Invitational will be at Springer on May 12th. This event is for the whole district. Kids come to participate in various races/events, similar to the Special Olympics. Springer kids will mentor kids, and it is a lot of fun. T-shirts will be available soon.
- b. Also, the National Junior Honor Society will be donating some of the funds they have earned, to the Spring Invitational.

6. 8th Grade Dance Meeting to be held tonight directly after PTA meeting.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Enclosure:

Treasurer's Report – February, 2017

