



AGENDA

SPRINGMAN/ATTEA PTA MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Attendees: Mark Richter, Jason Kaiz, Dana Doffin, Alisa Cios, Clare Elko, Patty Yang, Laura Morales, Tara Call, Vera Polina, Beth Conlon, Lori Ferrera, Sireen Rowjee, Brandy Issac, Anne Engro, and 2 callers who did not reveal their identity.

Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

- Motion to Approve
 - Motion approved by Alisa Cios
 - Seconded by Beth Conlon

Approval of Budget

- Plan to spend \$8262 only this year. May come back for an amendment if need to, as things can change from month to month.
- Motion to approve
 - Motion approved by Beth Conlon
 - Seconded by Anne Engro

Approve Addition of new Board Member

- Robin Cohen will take new position of VP at Attea rolling into presidency for next year
 - Motion to approve
 - Motion approved by Beth Conlon
 - Seconded by Tara Call
- We are looking for board members to take the VP Position at Springman, and Assistant Treasurer for both.

Principal Reports

Jason Kaiz, Springman Principal

- Thank you to the PTA for the cookies. The staff was very appreciative.
- The parent teacher zoom conferences ran pretty smooth. Parents appreciated the convenience of not having to leave work to come in. This might be something to consider in future. The staff also used a new sign up that worked really well on their end.
- The first principal chat was held. It was a great turnout. Twenty-five people joined. There is not an agenda, just open ended questions. Parents engaged in great conversations and shared positive feedback regarding the teachers.
- Teachers starting to get comfortable with hybrid schedule. Kids seem to be having fun and enjoying themselves in school.



- MAP testing went well overall. There were some issues with the school's process on how to handle questions from students working remotely. Students working remotely should contact teachers directly if have questions instead of trying to do over zoom. The school felt it was important to get some data, since there hasn't been any testing since last winter.
- Character Counts food drive started this week. They will be accepting both food and monetary donations.
- The students entering and exiting building has been going well. There are about 30-40 assessments taken each day. Most of these are one time occurrences of parents forgetting to complete the form. Students have been doing a great job keeping their masks on.
- E paws- Students receive E-paws for good behavior. These are now being entered in powerschool and an email is sent to both parents and students. Students names are entered into a raffle instead of shopping at the school store.
- The 8th grade mentor program is starting this week. They will help 6th graders with 2nd step lessons.
- X-block has been used as a time for screen breaks. Students are able to go outside, to the gym etc. There is a SEL check-in survey each week to see how students are doing and if they need help. Check-ins will occur more frequently with GOAL students.
- Drill Day will be next week. Students will stay at their desks and drill day procedure will be discussed.
- No school on November 2nd and 3rd due to Institute Day and Election Day, respectively.
- Picture day will take place next week. Remote students will take them after school.
- We All Matter (WAM) is a teacher student mentor program. The teachers will identify which students will benefit from the program.
- Club Empower will begin soon. They will be having fun activities over zoom.
- New district wide SEL survey, called Panorama will be given October 28th. This pre and post survey will measure school climate and student/teacher relationships etc.
- Reminder regarding attendance. Parents still need to call school if student not in school when expected.
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- **Mark Richter, ATTEA principal**
 - Thank you to the PTA for the cookies for conferences.
 - Principal chat - had some technical difficulties so meeting did not occur.
 - Hybrid has been going smoothly. School has been focusing on students who seem to be struggling and not participating, however it has been going really well overall. SEL check-ins occur during X-block.
 - Safety expectations going well. Students are good with their masks but sometimes need reminders for physical distancing.
 - Registration is ongoing for trimester 2. There has been a 2 to 1 ratio of students moving from hybrid to GOAL.
 - The food drive is ongoing.
 - MAP testing went pretty smoothly. There were mainly technical difficulties. Makeups for students who started the test will take place during x-block and students who haven't begun the test will take place remotely on Wednesday.
 - Eighth grade parents will receive notification from GBS regarding the placement process and the decision not to have the PSAT this year.
 - Spirit week sponsored by Builder's club will begin. The main theme is anti- bullying and being an upstander.
 - Halloween is coming up. The students will have the option to dress up on possibly both Thursday and Friday.
 - Drill Day will be on Oct 30th. Students stay in classrooms. A bus evacuation drill will also occur on the same day. This will be a quick 5 to 10 minute presentation on bus.
 - School clubs will be rolling out on October 12th. Students can view the information via schoology.
 - The food drive is ongoing as well as the character counts video contest.
 - Picture day will be on November 16th and 17th. GOAL students will take pictures after school.



- The end of first trimester is approaching. There has been discussion on how to gently assign marks to students, instead of a U, it might be more appropriate to give a student a NG for a grade in situations where there is not enough information about the student's work.

Committee Reports

- AtoZ Online Directory
 - Parents should have received their link to verify contact info. All parents will have access to the directory until Oct 31st. After October 31st you must be a PTA member to have access. There will be no printed directory this year. Thank you for your help Patty Yang!
- Dining for Dollars
 - November 5, 2020: Panda Express (can be purchased anywhere in the USA)
 - December 2, 2020: Lou Malnati's (Glenview Rd)
 - January 27, 2020: Chipolte (Willow Rd near Target)
- Bookfair
 - The online Book Fair is underway. Thank you to Bhairvi Shah for coordinating this.
- Holiday Helper
 - Tara Call and Dana Palmer are coordinating efforts this year. An email requesting donors will go out in early November. Goal is is to provide each family \$100 gift cards. Thank you Ladies!
- Character Counts
 - D34 is once again participating in the Character Counts Food Drive. Please drop off food or money to your respective schools. PTA volunteers will get it in to the Food Pantry once the cans and dollars are counted.
- Spiritwear
 - You can still purchase Spirit Wear. Contact spatpta@gmail.com to contact your PTA school spirit wear chair. Thank you Denise Mullet and Mary Beth Darr
- Winter Staff Luncheon

Old Business

New Business

Brandy Isaac, President of District 34 Board of Education Caucus Group

- District 34 is looking for residents who are interested in running for the board as well as people to serve as members of the caucus.
- The Board of Education is made up of 7 people who make important decisions for the 8 schools in District 34.
- The purpose of the caucus is to interview candidates for the board on a non-partisan basis.
- There will be a virtual informational meeting on October 21st to go over role and expectations of school board and board members.

Meeting Adjourned 8:12 PM