



# AGENDA

## SPRINGMAN/ATTEA PTA MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Zoom – 6:00 p.m.

**Attendees:** Jason Kaiz, Mark Richter, Dana Doffin, Alisa Cios, Tara Call, Pam Paradies, Shawna Moorad, Chelle Costianis, Patty Yang, Crosbie Lind and Anne Engro

### I. Call meeting to order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

### II. Approval of December and January Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve
  - Alisa Cios approved motion
  - Motion was seconded by Crosbie Lind

### III. Principal Reports

*Mark Richter: Principal, Attea Middle School*

- MAP testing makeups will occur this week. MAP test results will be shared with parents in early March.
- The Builders Club is hosting a toiletry drive for the Northfield food pantry. This drive runs until the end of February.
- The environmental club created a bingo card for students to keep track of things students were doing which ended on February 14th.
- The staff participated in a photo match fundraiser. Approximately 30-35 middle school staff members submitted a picture of themselves from middle school. Students submitted their best guesses and were entered into a raffle.
- The deadline for ordering yearbooks is February 26th. Email reminders were sent to parents who haven't ordered yet. Approximately 350 students have yet to order a yearbook.
- The 5Essentials Parent Survey is out. We would like to encourage parents to take the survey. The parent response goal is 20% based on student enrollment.
- Eighth grade graduation pictures will take place in early March
- Thank you to the PTA for Valentine's Day treats for the staff
- Middle school transition planning is coming up
- The registration for T3 has wrapped up. Nine families transitioned to GOAL and 25 to hybrid
- Parent teacher conferences are coming up on March 1st.



*Jason Kaiz- Principal, Springman Middle School*

- MAP testing makeups were held. There were a lot of makeups since some students had to take time out of the MAP testing to update their iPads.
- Spirit week was held last week. It coincided with graduation picture day.
- Picture retake will be held on the week of March 8th
- A shout out to the teachers on how much they have learned in this setting and how they continue to keep the students engaged.
- Thank you to the PTA for the popcorn on Friday. It was nice to see staff together and socializing.
- Band and orchestra started teaching in person.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are March 1st. Please check your e-mail as your student's team sent out sign-up information. Contact your school if you have any questions. Both student and parent are to attend the Zoom conference meeting together to discuss student progress, etc.
- An after school program which is funded by Title 1 grant funds has begun. Staff identified students and invited these select students to participate in different activities in the gym, library, etc. More students will be invited as the program evolves.
- The first department meeting was held to discuss how to teach within the new 90 minute class.
- Registration for trimester 3 has wrapped up. Forty-eight students transitioned to hybrid and 10 students transitioned to GOAL.
- Students who are in hybrid need to inform school if not coming in. Staff is following up with parents if students aren't in attendance.
- Starting to plan for 5th grade transition. Continuing to look at what we can do this year, maybe having video they can watch and also touring the building at some point as well.
- The 5essentials survey is out. The Panorama survey, which looks at multiple data points throughout the year, will also be given.
- The Springman Yearbook will be delayed and not ready until after the last day of school. A June pick up date will be shared with families. Staff are working on how to address the signing of yearbooks digitally.

*Jason Kaiz and Mark Richter - Springman/Attea Principals*

A committee has been formed to address the A Block portion of the middle school schedule. Some of the changes the committee has discussed are as follows:

- Include a middle school success class in 6th grade to help with transition and executive functioning skills. Students will not have a global language in Trimester 1.
- Due to the pandemic, all students will have a middle school transition period next year. Moving forward this will only apply to incoming 6th graders.
- Students will no longer have X- Block



- Would like to explore the possibility of providing more fine arts opportunities to students. Would like to increase the number of encore opportunities students have. In addition to art, drama, and music thinking about adding STEM or STEAM opportunities and an 21st Century media class.
- In the 3rd trimester, students will have the opportunity to take a more specific or advanced fine arts class if they choose.
- Would like to bring band and orchestra into the school day. Choir will stay the same.
- The intent is to implement these changes for the 2021/22 school year. These suggested changes need to be presented in March.

#### **IV. Treasurer Report**

- a. PTA council distributed their bank balance to PTA's and we received \$255.37
- b. We received \$1,175.39 for school supplies
- c. We also spent \$1,079.60 on books for the upcoming parent education

#### **V. Presidents Update**

- a. A google doc for interest will go out for all PTA positions will go out in next weeks eblast.
- b. Staff at Springman and Attea will receive popcorn and chocolates for "Valentine's Day" from the PTA. Springman got theirs on Friday. Attea will have theirs on the next day they are in the building.
- c. February 23<sup>rd</sup> is Dining for Dollars at Ten Ninety. Springman Attea PTA will make 20% back when you mention us or use SAPTA in the online ordering portal.
- d. The weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Blended Health and Smoothie Bar is doing a Dining for Dollars event for the Springman Attea PTA.
- e. We will be putting out a stand alone email to all members requesting financial contributions this Thursday for the spring Conference lunch and Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.
  - Conference Lunches will be provided by the SP-AT PTA. The staff will have the option of a few different offerings created by food services. This was done in the fall by Mr Richter and Mr Kaiz and it was well received by the staff.
- f. Thank you to Crosbie Lind and Maria Stephan for planning "Snacks for the Staff".
- g. On Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Michelle Icard who is releasing her new book "Fourteen Talks by Age Fourteen" will be on a zoom with parents from our schools to hear from her about her newest book and get her advice. A registra-



tion form to attend along with an opportunity to get the book will go out in email Thursday. This is an exclusive opportunity for our community.

- h. Immediately Following this meeting there are two other parent seminars tonight at 7:00p.m. Both can be found on the same PTA E-blast which had our meeting Zoom link in it. One is called:
  1. Parenting through Challenging Times: Parenting Children in our complex world has always been difficult and COVID-19 presents us even more unique challenges. Dr Doug Bolton will share current brain and social science research that can help guide us through these challenges.
  2. Planting the Seeds: Developing Resilience in Middle Schoolers. The WISE Team and GCC Speakers forum welcome 2 speakers from Youth Services of Glenview. Jess Levine LCSW and August Hupp, PRIDE Youth Program Coordinator will be presenting as well.

## **VI. Meeting Adjourned**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15a.m. on Zoom