

## Springfield Township Home & School

### Meeting Minutes

10/10/17

Executive Board Present –Kathy Stizza, Rana Smith, Leslie Brewer, Jennifer Smith, Jennifer Mancini-Wallrath, Brandy Corbo, Melina Walker, Traci Leonard-Kownacki, Christina Kalm, Kristy McCadden. Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Browning present.

Meeting called to order 7:08pm

Secretary's Report – Minutes are available online on the Home & School website and a copy for viewing was also available at the meeting. Motion to approve minutes was made by Corinne Cervino and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christiana Bucs.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Kristy McCadden reviewed the report that was made available at the meeting. Motion to approve made by Corinne Cervino and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Knox.

Sunshine Update – Jennifer Smith went over cards and baskets sent. Please let us know if there is any news that we need to be aware of.

Assemble Update – Rana talked about character education assembly next Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> featuring Chris Poulos- a motivational speaker and bicycle stunt rider.

Kids Clubs: are off and running. Rana spoke about the different clubs running. \$1219 brought in. Teachers paid \$1280. Difference of -\$61. Mixed emotions of 4 week vs. 6 week long clubs. \$1000 already appropriated for the clubs. May have some teacher expenses.

Family Fun Nights/Fundraising:

-Kid Stuff Books: Jenn Mancini-Wallrath discussed. Made approximately \$1000 last year with Save Around books. So far this year with Kid Stuff we have made \$1125. 12 books still not yet returned. By leaving on desks at Back to School Night there was less chasing down missing books. Profit from this year's sales go to current 5<sup>th</sup> graders' Camp Ockanickon 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip next year.

-TD Bank Affinity Program: Kristy McCadden spoke about this program, which is similar to Amazon Smile. Flyers are available at the sign-in table tonight for this program. TD account will be linked to their Affinity program. For every existing customer who signs up TD Bank will donate \$10 to H&S; for every new customer TD will donate \$50 to H&S. The code needed to sign up is located on the front of the flyer AH491.

-Johnson's Farm Fundraiser: Kathy Stizza in the process of sending home flyers. This fundraiser will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wristband cost is \$10pp and will include small pumpkin, hayride, corn maze and animal farm. Last year we raised \$800.

-Winter Festival/Breakfast with Santa: Kathy Stizza spoke about this Family Fun Day which will take place on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be 2 seatings- 9am and 10:30am. Vendor blender will be in the gym during this event. Tables available for \$10 each. Need to appropriate funds. By show of hands all in favor of \$700 budget, none opposed or abstained.

-Spirit Wear: Traci Leonard-Kownacki discussed. Orders can be placed online through link and the spirit wear will be shipped directly to your home. There will be one "Springfield" design and a second design with bulldog and paw prints. Multiple clothing options available.

-Family Fun Nights: NJ Fun Services is giving us a free movie night outside which includes popcorn, glow sticks, etc. since we are using them for our Holiday Shoppe.

## Old Business:

-Orientation/staff luncheon/homeroom social: Need to vote on money spent for paper products. By show of hands all are in favor, none opposed or abstained. We were \$41.35 over budget but still have leftover product for next event.

-Electronic Raffle: should start selling tickets around 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. To be pulled at Breakfast with Santa on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

-5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance: Kathy Stizza discussed. Dance is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Fall harvest theme. Flyers went home. Numerous Springfield families donated decorations, etc. for this event. Need to appropriate money for DJ. DJ Chris from "DJ's Available" of Moorestown will be at fall dance.

DJ funds vote: 3 dances this year- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade fall dance, Someone special dance, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade spring dance @ \$225 per dance plus \$300 for June Frolic for a total of \$975. By a show of hands all in favor, none opposed or abstained.

Pauline Baci asked about whether or not an old student no longer in district would be allowed to attend this dance. Kathy Stizza answered yes as long as prior student is in good standing with Springfield Elementary School.

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## New Business:

-Bylaws: Kathy Stizza read off the changes made to the bylaws. Most of the changes updated had to do with the duties of our officers. Previous Sunshine fund was \$100/year. Kathy Stizza looking to change to \$500/year. Last year \$550 or more was spent. By show of hands all in favor, none opposed or abstained- Sunshine fund changed to \$500/year.

-Thanksgiving Entertainment: Monday, November 20<sup>st</sup> at 9:15am. PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade performs.

-Thanksgiving Feast: Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Kathy Stizza discussed the wonderful tradition of the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of this fun feast. One volunteer needed per classroom. \$225 cost to H&S voted on- by show of hands all in favor, none opposed or abstained.

-Head Homeroom Parents: All are doing well.

-Holiday Shoppe: explained by Kathy Stizza. Kids really love it, lots of volunteers needed. Price points not much over \$7, with a couple items at \$10. Gift wrapping again which will be done by 6<sup>th</sup> graders and some parent volunteers. 6<sup>th</sup> graders also help

younger children shop. Holiday Shoppe is a fundraiser to help fund the spring 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip.

-Ballot vote needed to approve \$2500 Holiday Shoppe budget:

Yes: 25, No: 0, Abstentions: 0

Kathy Stizza explained that if we have \$2500 in items but don't sell all, we can send back and get our money back.

-Creator Lab: Mr. Vaughn sent out emails about Creator Lab. Mr. Vaughn also spoke about Creator Lab- looking for plumbers, carpenters, and other community members that think outside the box to help with think tank, to lend an idea or 2. Kathy Stizza to post about Creator Lab on neighborhood website "Next Door Springfield Township". Mr. Vaughn to post on school Facebook page.

## Monthly Highlights:

Northern Burlington Fundraiser: PTSC clothing drive October 9<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Drop off donated bagged items in tan barn/shed behind NB Middle School. They take everything- clothes, sheets, etc.

Northern Burlington Homecoming Carnival: This Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> before homecoming game. Traci Leonard-Kownacki spoke about this event.

Northern Referendum: coming up soon.

School Violence Awareness Week: Mr. Vaughn spoke about the theme of this week- "Together We Are Stronger Than Bullying". Please encourage your children to wear the specific color of the day to show togetherness.

Giving Tree: Christiana Bucs asked about Giving Tree. Kathy Stizza explained the details of how Giving Tree works and the timeline. Giving Tree needs to go up before conferences which begin on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Giving Tree to be set up on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Wrapping party for Giving Tree to be put on agenda for November 14<sup>th</sup> H&S meeting. Last year all tags were taken but some of the gifts were not fulfilled so H&S took care of missing gifts.

Thanksgiving Turkeys: to be voted on at next H&S meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Traci Leonard-Kownacki spoke about another potential candy sale fundraiser. If 100 boxes of candy are sold then we could earn a free June Frolic (\$8000 value). Each box

has a cost of \$100. Families will buy box of candy up front. They keep the money from the sold candy to make up for the money they put out for box of candy. For each \$100 box sold- Springfield gets \$50 and NJ Fun gets \$50. No harm if we don't sell 100 boxes, we still earn 50% of candy sales. The students have the ability to earn their own June Frolic- no wristband purchases needed. Jenn Mancini-Wallrath asks Mr. Vaughn if he thinks teachers would be on board with buying or selling candy. Mrs. Carter proposes to make a progress thermometer poster to encourage the students. Christina Drum proposes that any leftover boxes of candy be sold at June Frolic and other activities throughout the year. Traci Leonard-Kownacki proposes that H&S purchase other unsold boxes to still get free June Frolic. Included in free June Frolic would be gaming trucks, prizes, games, etc. Traci suggests using Survey Monkey to poll parents. Downside to this fundraiser is that there's a cost of \$50/box. Upside is that we get \$3000 free for selling 100 boxes of candy.

#### Halloween Party:

-PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 4 costume parents and 3 party parents (if don't have 7 parent volunteers it is fine to have same costume and party parents).

-3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade: 3 party parents.

-HHR parents to coordinate 2 healthy snacks and 1 sweet treat per class. HHR parents to reach out to teacher about craft and/or activity.

Box Tops: Deadline for this contest is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Corinne Cervino discussed having a travelling trophy were winning class gets the trophy until the next contest winner is announced. In December the winner will be picked for the first contest. Deadline to submit is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussed prize for winning class- PJ day for winning class, hot chocolate party or free Nutriserve snack for each student in winning class. Box Tops mailbox proposed- community members and parents could drive by and drop off their Box Tops in a mailbox located outside on school grounds. Gets those in our community involved that may not have a student at Springfield Elementary.

Accountant: Kathy Stizza states that Home and School is in need of an accountant. If you know of anyone that would be interested please let us know.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Next meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.