

## Springfield Township Home & School

### Meeting Minutes

1/9/2018

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

Executive Board present- Kathy Stizza, Rana Smith, Kristy McCadden, Traci Leonard-Kownacki, Melina Walker, Jennifer Smith, Christina Kalm. Mr. Vaughn and Mrs. Sepessy present.

Kathy Stizza asked if everyone had a chance to look over last month's minutes. Kathy stated that she cannot post minutes on the H&S website until the minutes have been approved. Kathy stated that maybe the minutes for last month can go out in the email with the current month's meeting agenda.

**Secretary's Report**- copies of last month's minutes are available at tonight's meeting. Motion to approve made by Vicki Aaronson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Knox.

**Treasurer's Report**- Treasurer Kristy McCadden reviewed the report that was made available at the meeting. We have \$17,000 in assets which have all been appropriated. Our biggest fundraisers upcoming- ladies bingo, June Frolic. Motion to approve made by Vicki Aaronson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lauren Kessler.

### **Fundraising-**

-Breakfast with Santa- Kathy Stizza spoke about this event. Mr. Stizza cooked pancakes for 200 people. The decision to have two sessions worked out great- less crowded/cramped. Raised \$770. We received great feedback from everyone.

-Holiday Shoppe- went well! Kids loved it as always. We raised \$962. The money raised goes towards the 6<sup>th</sup> grade NY trip to reduce costs.

-KidStuff books profit was about \$1200. The proceeds from the books goes towards Class of 2019 Camp Ockanickon trip.

**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.

-Ms. Michael's last day is Thursday- death in the family.

-Mr. Dennis is leaving at the end of January. Mr. Dennis has been with Springfield for 13 years.

-Mrs. Batchler is retiring at the end of this year.

-There is a link on H&S Facebook page for Mark Bartlett and family for Meal Train to sign up to bring the family meals. Mark has Stage 3 colon cancer.

## **Old or Ongoing Business:**

**Penny Wars**- Kathy Stizza proposes Jillian's Jitterbug Foundation receive the proceeds. Rana explained the organization. Jillian and Katelyn are twin sisters who are alumni of Springfield Elementary and Northern Burlington Schools. Jillian has cerebral palsy. The sisters will come and do an assembly to go over their foundation and to raise awareness of CP. We will give them the proceeds of Penny Wars at this assembly. Flyers will be handed out to students. Jillian and Katelyn will be on Good Day Philadelphia on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am to discuss Jillian's Jitterbug Foundation which helps those with disabilities get around by providing wheelchairs and other mobility assistance to families that could otherwise not afford. Vicki Aaronson explained Penny Wars- classes compete against each other. Each class has its own jar. Pennies add up and silver coins "bomb" (subtract from pennies total). Highest class amount at the end of the week wins. Kathy Stizza reminds that helpers are needed for this fundraiser!

**Monthly Highlights**- Kathy Stizza stated that January referendum meeting is on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kathy also passed on message from Dr. Sarruda thanking all who came to November's meeting. He was very pleased. Christiana Bucs asked Dr. Sarruda about opening the parking lot near the gym again and he responded.

**Assemblies**- The next assembly is Jillian's Jitterbug. Two more will take place before the end of the school year.

**Kids Clubs**- Rana spoke about clubs. Clubs are running from January 16<sup>th</sup> through February 16<sup>th</sup>. All forms and checks due this Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> without exception.

Parents must send in a signed form. There are new clubs available this time around. Third round of clubs will commence in the spring.

**Update on Thanksgiving festivities and Christmas parties-** Melina thanked everyone who helped to make the events successful. Everything went smoothly. As for the Christmas parties themselves all went well. Melina reminded Head Homeroom Parents to include due dates for volunteer interest replies as well as a date to let parents know who was picked as party volunteers.

**Next event is Valentine's Day-** Melina spoke about this event. No parent volunteers are needed. HHRP contact teacher to see what they would like for the class- most likely a drink and treat.

**Giving Tree-** Kathy Stizza thanked everyone for another great round of giving. Kathy also thanked all who donated wrapping paper and boxes which were used not only for Giving Tree but Holiday Shoppe as well.

## **New Business:**

**Pizza Bingo-** vote needed for \$150 budget for bingo. Parents stay and help their children play. Bingo is open to all PreK through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Every child playing must bring a \$5 prize. There will be a few prizes available to purchase for anyone who forgot to bring one. There will one bingo board that will be used for "Everyone wins" bingo game. There will also be three additional bingo boards for the 3 grand prize game winners. Jobstown Pizza will be providing large plain pizzas for \$10 each. Pizzas must be preordered. All attending are encouraged to bring a peanut-free dessert to share. Concerns that grades 4-6 are left out. Kathy Stizza is looking into whole school family fun night and will find out pricing for Altitude, roller skating, and bowling as possible options.

-Vote for \$150 bingo budget for drinks, paper products, extra \$5 prizes and 3 grand prizes. Kathy Stizza makes motion to approve: All in favor, no abstentions, none opposed. Budget is passed.

**Someone Special Dance-** need committee. Will photo booth be there? Committee to figure out. No food this year, just dessert donations. Valentine's Day theme. DJ is already budgeted. Committee to meet after tonight's H&S meeting to discuss details.

-Kathy Stizza makes motion to approve \$250 budget for decorations, etc. All in favor, no abstentions, none opposed. Budget passed.

**Remind App-** Kathy Stizza reminded all to sign up for Remind App. Changes were made so that no one receives texts at 7am- business hours only.

**June Frolic-** Christina Drum asked about June Frolic. Kathy Stizza stated that we need someone to head. Kathy Stizza also said that June Frolic always pays for itself. Traci Kownacki stated that we will have Bubble Soccer again this year. No pie contest again this year- too overwhelming. Teachers to do relay races and tug of war again. Meetings for June Frolic start next month.

**H&S Facebook page-** Corinne Cervino asked if anyone could join our Facebook page. Kathy Stizza replied she thinks so if someone “likes” our page. Corinne is concerned because a man from Somalia joined- do we block him? Kathy Stizza said yes but we need to block individuals on a case by case basis. Traci states that if you see something suspicious let H&S board know. Kathy Stizza asked Mr. Vaughn if photo policies are in place. Mr. Vaughn replied yes. Mr. Vaughn inquired about starting Instagram account. Instagram is effective per feedback at meeting.

**Email scams-** Kathy Stizza stated that there are a lot of email scams going around. People are going on non-profit websites like ours and looking at who the board members are. They take that information and email other board members. They are pretending to be Kathy Stizza and email other board members. Snopes says this is happening with non-profit groups quite often.

**Creator Lab-** Mr. Vaughn discussed. 6<sup>th</sup> graders assembled BMX bikes. There were 8 lessons that went along with the bike assembly. Chip-N-Dale BMX owner to visit school later this week to talk about engineering and to look at the assembly and safety of the bikes.

**Public and Permanent-** Kathy Stizza discussed this valuable assembly which takes place this Thursday night. It will include things like how to help protect our children who use technology- how to turn off Snapchat location settings, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.