



# AGENDA

## SPRINGMAN/ATTEA PTA MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

**Wildcat Commons - Springman – 9:15 a.m.**

**Attendees: Anne Burke, Alisa Cios, Beth Conlon, Helen Costello, Dana Doffin, Moira Hathcock, Shannon McCarthy, Pam Paradies, Marg Plante, Jana Tranas, Jason Kaiz, Mark Richter**

9:15 **Welcome and call meeting to order**

*Dana Doffin and Alisa Cios*

9:15 **Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

*Anne Burke (Secretary)*

- *Alisa Cios: Motion to Approve the Minutes*
- *Helen Costello: Second*
- *All Approve*

9:20 **Principal Reports**

*Mark Richter and Jason Kaiz*

*Springman - Jason Kaiz*

- *Dr. Zoul did a great job, and was a great fit during his time here.*
- *Mr. Kaiz is back full-time. Welcome Back!!!*
- *Thank you for the Associate Breakfast.*
- *Report cards are out now. Have not received feedback if the online cards are going well or not.*
- *Next week, Wednesday, is the band and chorus concert for all of the students.*
- *The 8th graders took the testing for GBS on a Saturday. Not much feedback has been provided, but the high school feels it went really well.*
- *Reminder to Parents: the weather is cold, so kids need to wear coats.*
- *There is a Teacher Mentoring Program that is using Title 1 Funds to provide additional support for students who need more social/emotional support.*
- *8th Graders have started to tutor students who come into the LRC before or after school through the new tutoring program.*
- *The school is collecting coats, gloves, scarves and blankets for donation.*
- *The Student Council is selling tickets for Make-A-Wish.*
- *Coming Up:*
  - *January 29th: GEF STEM Day — students should see their Science teacher if interested*
  - *December 13th: The Jazz Band and Orchestra will be performing at the Field Museum*
  - *December 11th: School Spelling Bee*

*Attea - Mark Richter*

- *Thank you for the Associate Breakfast.*
- *Report cards are out now.*



- *Mr. Richter is starting to have conversations about the ability students have to constantly check their grades on Power School throughout the day. There needs to be further discussion about the healthy effect of grades on students.*
  - *Band and Choir concerts went well*
  - *French Week went well.*
  - *Red Day mini-week went well*
  - *Talent Show was held on November 29th.*
  - *Musical Auditions are underway.*
  - *Spelling Bee is next week.*
  - *GBS Academy Representatives will be visiting Attea on the 13th.*
  - *The Girls' Basketball Coaches are participating in a Toys for Tots program. The service project is just for the students on the team.*
- \*\*There was much discussion around the school iPads and the use/overuse of the iPad at home. YouTube seems to be a big concern at many homes.*
- \*\*There was much discussion about the expected amount of homework. The "guide" is 10 minutes per grade level (7th grade equates to 70 minutes). This varies, and if a parent is concerned about homework he/she should contact the student's team teachers.*

9:45 **Committee Reports**

Holiday Helper

*Dana Palmer (Attea)*

- *We filled all of the spots - 90 families were sponsored. Each getting \$50 to Jewel AND \$50 to Target or Kohll's*

*Liz DeMattia/Amy Eccleston (Springman)*

Student Needs/redDAY

*Karen Hitzman and Moira Hathcock*

- *Went well. The teachers and principals received a survey on how Red Day can be improved in the future. It may be moved forward in the school year a bit.*

Staff Appreciation – Holiday Lunch

*Karen Hitzman, Colleen Klosa, Moira Hathcock and Sally Claffey*

- *The orders have been placed at D'Agostino's and Spiro's. It is being held on Wednesday, December 19th. People are welcome to come help out.*

Directory

*Karen Forsberg*

- *We received \$3700 in ads. There are 5 of them. Once they are all received, the directory can go to print and distributed.*

**\*\*Additional Topics Discussed:**

- *Would it be possible to do a Veterans Day event? A private school did a Veterans Day event, which had veterans from the community come speak which was very impactful.*
- *Is there a theme tied to the yearbook? Can we tie in a theme that the schools are focusing on (i.e. Bravery, Red Day, etc.)*



- *BPAC (Bilingual Parent Action Committee): BPAC is looking for volunteers to help lead this group and get the community involved. They are focusing on making sure ELL families in our District feel that they have a voice in our District and can be involved with the schools.*
  - *There will be a meeting in February at Glenview Youth Services on West Lake*
- *Henking/Hoffman is collecting plastic grocery bags as well as additional plastic items for the Treks challenge. The library is also collecting plastic grocery bags to make sleep mats for the homeless.*
- *There will be a Spiritwear meeting in the near future, so please provide any feedback you have in regard to Spiritwear to the PTA via email.*

10:00 Meeting Adjourned

**Upcoming events:**

**Holiday Staff Lunch**

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**January PTA meeting**

**January 14th at 9:15 at Attea**