



AGENDA

SPRINGMAN/ATTEA PTA MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 14, 2019

Attea – 9:15 a.m.

Attendees: Anne Burke, Alisa Cios, Deborah Cohen, Beth Conlon, Helen Costello, Dana Doffin, Moira Hathcock, Karen Hitzeman, Neela Johnston, Pam Paradies, Christine Shimoz, Jason Kaiz, Mark Richter

9:15 Welcome and call meeting to order

Dana Doffin and Alisa Cios

9:15 Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Anne Burke (Secretary)

- **Moira Hathcock: Motion to Approve**
- **Helen Costello: Second**
- **All Approved**

9:20 Principal Reports

Mark Richter and Jason Kaiz

MARK RICHTER, ATTEA:

- *Board of Education Meeting Tonight: Strategic Plan will be Presented*
- *Thank you for the Holiday Luncheon: A Nice Thank-You from the Teachers was Presented*
- *The School-wide spelling Bee wrapped up, so the District is now getting ready for the District Level Spelling Bee*
- *NWEA testing begins tomorrow, January 15. Testing will take place among all grades at the same time, so it is a nice quiet time where all grades are testing.*
 - *80-90% of students are able to complete the Reading section in the testing window. Math is a little less, but this extended window is helpful in getting students to complete in this designated testing period. There is approximately 110 minutes per period. Students can finish outside of this timeframe if they do not finish.*
- *8th Grade Transition Activities:*
 - *GBS Counselors have met with the 8th graders as a group to discuss class options.*
 - *The Counselors will be back to meet with students individually to finalize class selections.*
 - *January 17th: Curriculum*
 - *January 30th: Activities Night*
- *5 Essentials survey is online. Please complete this survey as the completion percentages are very low. The District needs at least 20% response rate for the survey to be considered relevant.*
- *Laura Masa, Attea's TOA, is starting maternity leave. A long-term sub, Jennifer Stephan, will be filling Laura's spot while she is out.*
- *The DC trip is still taking place regardless of the government shut-down. The leaders of this trip sent a message to those going on the trip stating activities that have been impacted due to the shutdown.*
- *GEF Recital Night is at the end of the month.*
- *Character Counts: there currently is not an essay contest due to no parent volunteer to lead this section. The role Character Counts plays in District 34 varies by class/grade/school. The District itself has not set "standards" in regard to how Character Counts should be included in the District. Mark Richter is the District 34 Rep on the Character Counts committee, which consists of District 34, OLPH, District 30. He attends the committee meeting and provides information back to District leadership and teachers as needed.*
- *The Environmental Club is doing research in regard to the amount of recycling that is done at Attea, and is looking into a program where plastic caps are used to make a bench. There is PTA money left in Attea's budget to use to support the Club.*

JASON KAIZ, SPRINGMAN:

- *Thank you for the holiday lunch.*



- The holiday concert was held, and the special guest was Dr. Silverman. He read an excerpt while a song was being played.
- The high school will soon be emailing class placements to the students, and will email them after school rather than during school.
- An assembly was held the first day back from break where there was a strong reminder about appropriate iPad usage.
- Two 8th Grade female students are spearheading forming a softball team. It is going to start, and three other schools are going to have teams: Gemini, Maple and Wood Oaks
- This Saturday, January 19th, Open Gym will begin at Springman. It will be held from 9-11 AM, and is open to District 34 middle school students. The goal is to have it every week during the winter.
- REMINDER: all kids have to be in a specific location by 3:10 PM, and cannot just be waiting for a ride outside, hanging out in the hall, etc.
- The Robotic Club received its materials that were used from the PTA Grant award. The Club is excited about the opportunities it will have with these materials in upcoming competitions.
- Pennies for Pasta, held by the Kind Club, will begin in February.
- Training for ELL teachers took place this past Saturday at Springman. Approximately 20 teachers from Springman and Attea attended (in total). The teachers found the tools very helpful not only for ELL classes but for regular classes as well.
- The Spring Musical, Fiddler on the Roof, will be held March 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

9:40 Committee Reports

Budget

Pam Paradies/Helen Costello

- Requests for Reimbursement go to Pam Paradies
- Deposits should be given to Helen Costello

Movie Day

Monique Collins

- School of Rock: Tuesday, February 19th, 11 AM at ArcLight in the Glen. The theater will be providing an amount per ticket sold back to the PTA.

Directory

Karen Forsberg

- The District is reviewing it. Once it is approved by the District it will be printed and distributed.

Run with the Law

Mary Steiger

- Office John B. Good will be the partner from the Police Department partnering with the District.
- Date, Location, Time: May 3rd, at Attea, at 4:00 PM
- This event will be opened up to the community.

School Supplies

Angelique Fiorellino

- Meeting will take place this week to get a plan set.

10:00 Old Business

10:10 New Business

- Middle School Transition Orientation for current 5th grade students in the Special Education classes will be held the evening of the all-student middle-school transition orientation.

10:20 Meeting Adjourned

Upcoming events:

PTA Meeting: Wednesday, February 13th (Attea)

Movie Day: School House Rock at Arclight February 19th

No School: February 18th and 19th

