

PTA Meeting Summary

September 4, 2013

The following is a summary of the Springer PTA meeting held on September 4, 2013.

Number of Attendees: 26

Approval of May 2013 Meeting Minutes

- the minutes from the May meeting were presented and will be filed

Treasurer's Report

The following financial reports were presented:

- Treasurer's Report for May/June 2013 (report will be filed for audit)
- Checks/Deposits Report for May/June 2013 (voted on and ratified by membership)
- The 2012-2013 End of Year Financial Report (report will be filed for audit)
- Treasurer's Report for July/August 2013 (report will be filed for audit)
- Checks/Deposits Report for July/August 2013 (voted on and ratified by membership)
- 2013-2014 Proposed Springer PTA Budget (voted on and ratified by membership)

Springer PTA 2013-2014 Programs and Goals

- The 2013-2014 PTA Programs and Goals was presented and was voted on and ratified by membership
- Discussed the need to decrease the overall stress, time and energy for volunteers for the key fundraising programs (Walkathon and Auction). Financial goals are decreased, therefore translating into less demand and pressure for the leads.
- Will study ways to create a sustainable parent volunteer program

Principal's Report (Wade Spenader)

- this will be a transition year into the Common Core Curriculum but we'll still have the STAR testing at the end of the year (final year for the STAR testing).
- Read, Write & Type (keyboarding) will be offered in 1st & 2nd grades - a semester each. 3rd and 4th grades will have an online program available to them during lab/work sessions. Next year's Core Curriculum testing will be online so it is especially important for students to have these skills.
- Springer's API score for this past year has decreased by 7 points; district-wise there was an overall decrease by 9 points. Springer, however, moved up in the district ranking.
- ESL population is growing across the district, which is having an impact on schools.
- GATE committee is being formed - will be looking at definition of a GATE student and what will

be offered to these kids.

Teacher's Report (Kim Farwell)

- teachers attended training this past summer and are bringing good things back to the classrooms

Other Updates

- The Walkathon will be on Saturday, October 12 and the theme is "Springer Goes Coast to Coast". Need volunteers to signup for the various activities on the day of the event.
- Two weeks left for the online BTS form, deadline is September 15 for form submittal.
- LAEF's suggested donation per child is \$1000 but 100% participation is the goal, regardless of the amount donated. The funds are spread evenly through K-8th grades.
- still need volunteers for the following: auction co-chairs, pet parade lead, Nature Zone, eScrip co-lead.

The next PTA meeting will be on October 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

- Guest speaker will be Joannie Craddock, Springer's STEAM teacher.
- The Springer PTA Bylaws will be reviewed and voted on.

We welcome feedback if you have comments or input on any of the topics discussed. Please send e-mail to SpringerPTA@gmail.com