

Spring-Ford Area School District

Extra-Curricular Committee

Board Committee Members:

Mr. Tom DiBello (Chair), Mr. Will Cromley, Mr. Bern Pettit

MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday October 14, 2015 – District Office Conference Room

Attendance: Mr. DiBello, Mr. Cromley, Mr. Reigner, Mr. McDaniel, Mrs. Barnett, Dr. Roche and students Chris I and Calista D.

Agenda:

- Acceptance of Minutes from September 2015 – Minutes accepted – Meeting began at 6:01pm
- Presentation: SFAHS New Club Proposal - Debate Club – Mrs. Barnett and students Chris Israel and Calista Dominy presented a PowerPoint on the history and highlights of the Debate Club. Costs for some starting items and making this an official club (replacing Anchor Club) moving forward. Decision is to shift the contract from Anchor Club to Debate Club and get a contract written for Mrs. Barnett.
 - What is the Debate Club
 - A club that facilitates formal and informal debate for Spring-Ford Students
 - Founded at the start of last year
 - Meet once a week on Friday
 - Debates are planned by officers and club members
 - Why does Spring-Ford need a debate Club
 - Provides debate skills to students
 - Encourages dialogue on current issues
 - Provides public speaking practice for school and life
 - Encourages critical thinking
 - Growth
 - Already 30+ students participating in the club
 - What is needed to Continue
 - Clocks and buzzers will allow debates to be conducted more orderly.
 - Debates will become autonomous as the club grows
 - Formalized debates can be conducted with greater ease
 - A larger meeting space will allow us to have more debates at once
 - Advertising ability will allow us to attract new members
 - Will due fund raisers to help with costs

- Review of Revisions to the Student End of Season Survey for Athletics – Mr. McDaniel shared an updated End of Season Student Survey to be used in the 15-16 school year for all Athletic Teams. This form will be used to help improve the communication and provide key information to the Principal, Athletic Director and Coaches.
- Presentation: Middle School Athletics – Fall Update – Mr. Racich – Deferred to November 9th
- Other Items: Mr. McDaniel provided an overview on some additional items:
 - Football scheduling challenges in future year's associated to schools determining 10-1 or 9-2 schedules. (10 Games and 1 scrimmage or 9 Games and 2 scrimmages). Problem occurs because the decision is school independent.
 - PIAA changes to 6 levels
 - Update on the new SFAHS Gym Floor

Next Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting:

Monday November 9, 2015 - 6:00pm – District Office Conference Room