

Spring-Ford Area School District
Extra-Curricular Committee
Board Committee Members:
Mark Dehnert (Chair), Dawn Heine, Christina Melton

MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, November 12th, 2018 – District Office – 6:30 PM

Attendance: Dr. Allyn Roche, Dawn Heine, Mickey McDaniel, Doug Reigner, Mark Dehnert, Todd Reagan, Tim Seislove, Aimee Oblak, Jane Ehnot, Erica Love (student) and Will Cromley

Agenda:

- Acceptance of Minutes from September 12, 2018
- Old Business
 - Fine Arts Director Update – Dr. Roche told the committee that the position has not been filled. There are two candidates for the position. These candidates already work in the Fine Arts programs. The Administration wants to better understand how the new position will supplement the existing positions before selecting one of the candidates.
- New Business
 - Middle School Intramurals Presentation
 - Mr. Reagan presented the 7th Grade activities. 15-20 students participate in the activities, which includes basketball, kickball, and floor hockey. Approximately 90% of the participants are boys.
 - Ms. Ehnot presented the 8th Grade activities. There is both before school and after school activities, which includes dodgeball, basketball, early morning fitness, and walk & talk. More boys than girls participate after school, except the walk & talk is mostly girls. 13-22 students participate in each after school activity. Early morning fitness averages 5-10 students and early morning basketball averages 20-30. Life Skills students have participated in dodgeball this year for the first time. The High School construction has presented some challenges in getting gym time this year
 - High School Fall Play Presentation – Ms. Oblak and student, Erica Love, reviewed the Fall play Little Women. The performance dates are November 16th and 17th. There are 11 cast members and 35 students in the crew. Tickets were slow with 260 tickets sold as of November 12th
 - Middle School Athletics – Mr. Seislove presented 7th and 8th Grades fall athletics. Mr. Seislove is the 7th Grade Athletic Director and Mr. Harrison is the 8th Grade Athletic Director.
 - We had our first season with the additional 7th Grade teams (gold and blue) and the combined 7th/8th grade football teams. Scheduling games has been a challenge. We had one game scheduled at Norristown where the team travelled to Norristown only to discover that Norristown had scheduled with another school that caused our game to be cancelled. The District philosophy used to select the students for the blue and gold teams was to divide the talent equally. Some parents complained about this approach and wanted to have an elite team for each sport.
 - Additional challenges that we experienced are:
 - Busing availability issues buses
 - Getting officials for games – pool of officials is shrinking
 - Coaches – As coaches' age, there aren't younger adults willing to coach. One of the reasons for not coaching is difficult parents causing issues

- There were four undefeated teams: 7th Grade Girls Blue Soccer team, 8th Grade Girls Soccer team, 8th Grade Boys Soccer team, 7th-8th Grades Blue Football team. The teams will be invited to the January 22nd Board Meeting to be recognized for their achievements
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- The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Next Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting:
January 14, 2019