

**Spring-Ford Area School District  
Extra-Curricular Committee**

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Meeting Date: Thursday January 17, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: District Office Conference Room

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**Acceptance of Minutes**

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Accepted by Heine and Melton

**Old Business:** Performing Arts Coordinator Update – Dr. Roche shared that the applicants are already members of the performing arts staff, and that the preference is to find someone who would be able to alleviate some of the administrative functions from the existing staff. Attempts to identify additional candidates is underway.

**New Business: Presentations**

- **High-School Theater – Spring Musical**

Mr. Cifelli, along with senior students Sabrina Neff and Lauren Dougherty, presented to the committee an update on the Spring Musical, “Once on this Island”, scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are currently 90 students participating in the Spring Musical, 26 of which are males. This shows significant growth from 2014, when there were 44 students and 4 males. Mr. Cifelli expressed a desire to increase the marketing of the musical throughout the district and community. He would like the Spring Musical to be something the entire community is excited about and looks forward to annually. Mr. Cifelli also expressed interest in adding framed pictures of the various performances in the Auditorium Lobby. Finally, there was discussion about starting a “feeder” musical at the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade level, to spur interest.

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Olympics and Walk and Talk Club**

Mrs. Skrzat shared that there is great participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Olympics Teams. Meetings began in January, and will culminate with the Olympics to be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Pope John Paul II at 6:00 PM. The students participating this year are a great group –

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collaborating, compromising, and picking up an extra book to help the team. In Mrs. Skrzat's time with the Reading Olympics, there has been only 1 year in which the team was not awarded a Blue Ribbon! Mrs. Skrzat brought with her a student who transferred to Spring-Ford this Fall. She shared with the committee how this club has provided her an opportunity to meet new people and take a leadership role at times. She intends to continue with Reading Olympics through High School.

Mrs. Skrzat then shared an overview of the Walk and Talk club at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade center. The program is funded by the Pottstown Health and Wellness Grant. The club meets for 25 minutes before school for 6 weeks to walk and talk through the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the building. This gives students a chance to connect with each other and with Mrs. Skrzat, as well as to start their day feeling awake and ready to go! There are usually about 20 student participants, most of which walk to school.

- **High School Fall Wrap-Up/Winter Pre-View:**

Once again, Spring-Ford had a very successful fall season. Among them, Varsity Football (8-3), Boys Soccer (17-2-3), Girls Soccer (12-5), and Girls Field Hockey.

As the Winter Sports are warming up, there is great excitement around the Girls and Boys Bowling teams.

**Other Business:**

- Consider Boys Volleyball for Spring 2020. – More Information will be presented in the March 11 meeting.
- Spring-Ford is hosting the PAC Final 6 this year.
- Consider Staffing/ coaching/ programming needs and 2019-2020 Budget Impacts for March Meeting.

**Adjournment:** The Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 pm.

**Next Extracurricular Meeting will be held on March 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the District Office Conference Room.**