

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum & Technology COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

6:30 p.m. in the DO Front Conference Room

Attendees – Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Melton (designated as a committee member for the meeting by Mrs. Heine), Mrs. Bast, Mr. Catalano, Mrs. Rochlin, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Earle, Mr. Cromley, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Long

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Spring-Ford Area School District strives to be educationally relevant, focused on achievement and growth, and have a priority on people so that students are fully prepared to positively contribute to their society.

CALL TO ORDER – By Mrs. Heine at 6:30

ANNOUNCEMENT – None

I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None

II. MINUTES – None

III. GOOD NEWS – SFASD has been ranked higher in US News and World Report; “Kick off” of EDM going well – Heidi and Stephanie are meeting with all grade level teachers to get ready and celebrate!

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Curriculum

1. Music Department information – Ms. Kris Jennings – Power Point shared, with discussion and thanks to the entire department. The power point presentation is attached to the minutes.
2. Agenda item: TLS contract for Modernizing Learning training for grades 7-12 and Induction training, not to exceed \$165,000; received permission to put it on the May Board agenda for approval.
3. ELA Update – Mrs. Gardy’s updates were provided by Mrs. Bast as Mrs. Gardy is at the Federal programs conference; this month. Until the end of the year, she (and all of C&I) will be working on assessments and meeting with curriculum facilitators and other teacher leaders to plan/reflect/implement.
4. Math Update – Mrs. Rochlin provided the following updates. She and Gigi have been covering HS math classes to allow Algebra II teachers to peer observe one another; this is going well and teachers are picking up new skills and they are looking to continue this practice next year. Continuing with Earn and Learn also going well and additional requests are being made for topics in the future.

B. Technology – Mr. Catalano shared the following updates

1. Summer refresh – He has a plan in place for all budgeted items to be refreshed this coming year. He is putting those items out for quotes which he plans to bring for approval shortly. Part 3 of the Smart Panel project is on for approval this month.
2. A presentation of the phone system options was provided to the committee. Four options were reviewed by Mr. Catalano in detail and a final decision was made based on the best system for the district. The new phone system is on the agenda for approval this month.

3. Cohort V – Mr. Catalano shared that there have been intermittent issues with some of the Cohort V machines, Lenovo and Intel determined it was a network card issue, they delivered and installed 416 new network cards. All machines are functioning 100% now. While it is great this was done, it took a long time to get to this solution.
4. ML update - ML meetings continue to happen. Policy 815 is on for first reading. Room 103 is done and prepared to be the hub of ML at the 9th Grade center. 700 Machines for 9th Grade are here. Teacher devices go out soon and there will be training sessions for the teachers regarding the device. Webpage is coming along. Two rooms for 10-12 have been identified for the ML Hub and are the team is already preparing for next year's deployment.

V. OTHER BUSINESS – None

VI. ACTIONABLE ITEMS – Action Item for Work Session – Wiring for Construction project. - \$20,000; Others: TLS on May Board Agenda for approval, Contracts: MCIU RWAN (Internet) for 19-20 - \$18,266; MCIU Ergate for 19-20 - \$3100; MCIU Safari Montage for 19-20 - \$7700; Microsoft EES ; agreement 3 year deal for 19-20 - \$83,000; SmartPanel Project Part 3 of 5. \$500,000; Phones – Mitel/Norstar - \$552,226 with recurring fee of no more than \$65,000

VII. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting June 12, 2019; 6:30PM DO Conference Room

VIII. BOARD COMMENT – None

IX. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – Mr. Cromley asked about PSSA testing – Mrs. Bast indicated that she called the State regarding last dated since several students were out; we were granted an extension to finish makeups which was not published. Mrs. Bast received this information from the person in charge of the PSSA testing.

Mrs. Earle asked if additional peer observation would be happening in the future. Mrs. Bast informed her this is a part of the induction program and therefore part of regular practice. This was done among the Algebra II teachers to help with the transition of the new resource.

X. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

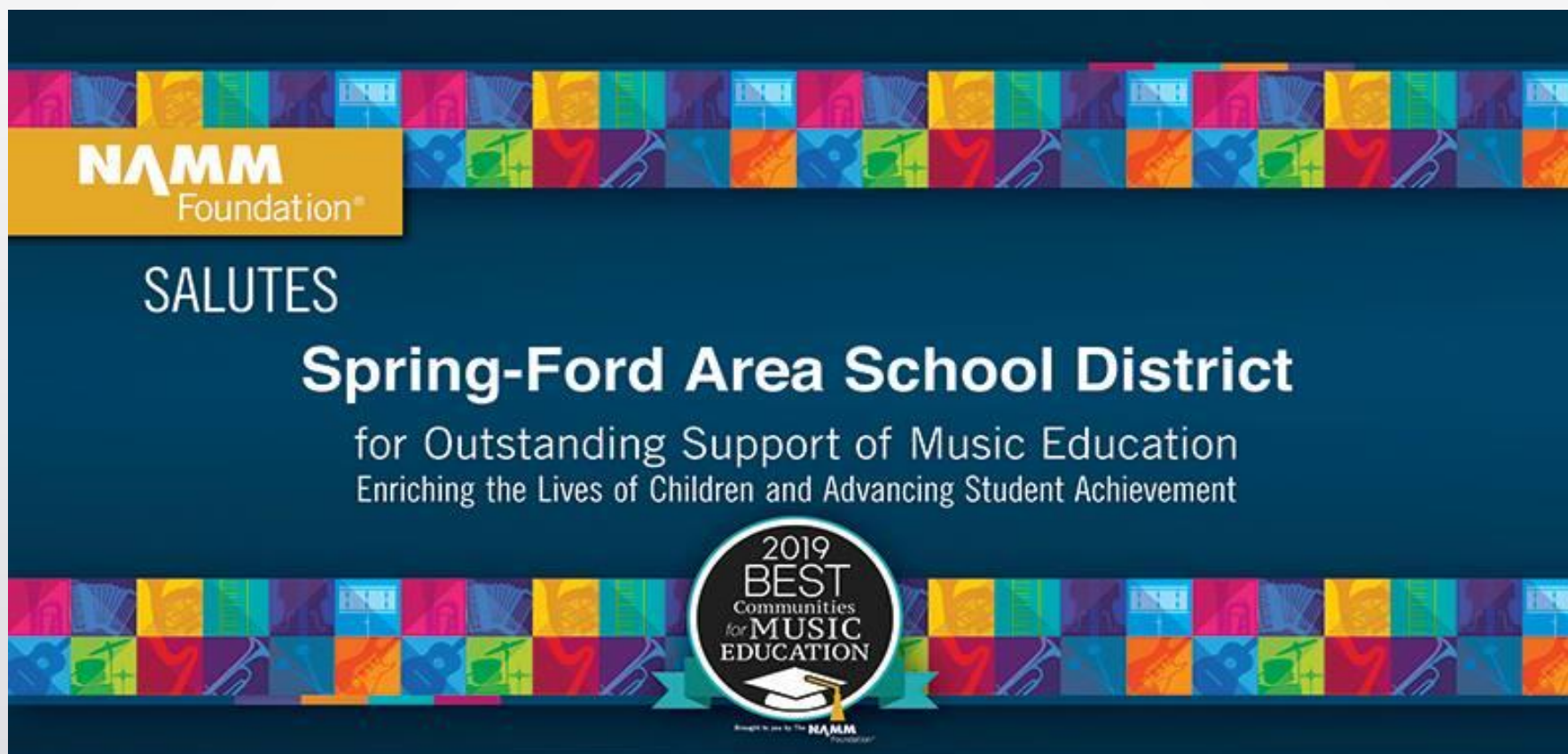


Music Department

Spring-Ford Area School District

Mrs. Kris Jennings, Department Chair

Spring-Ford – Three years in a row!!





The Spring-Ford Music Department consists of the following:

Elementary Level

- 7 elementary schools
 - 6 general music teachers,
 - 1 elementary band director
 - 1 elementary orchestra director
 - each elementary has its own band and orchestra
- 1 intermediate school
 - 2 general music/choral teachers
 - 1 band director
 - 1 orchestra director
 - each grade level has its own band and orchestra




Secondary Level

- Middle School (2 grade specific middle school buildings for 7/8)
 - 2 general music/choral teachers
 - 1 band director
 - 1 orchestra director
 - band, chorus and orchestra all have a combined 7/8 ensemble and one select ensemble
- 2 HS buildings (gr 9 and 10-12)
 - 3 music directors
 - Courses taught include: Music Theory I and II, Music Fundamentals, AP Music, Autistic Support, Marching Band major, Symphonic Band major and minor, Chorus minor, Vocal Ensemble minor, and Orchestra minor. All three branches also have a number of select co-curricular performance ensembles.



The Music Department is scheduled for Curriculum Review in 2019-2020

- Refreshing and updating curriculum
- Adding new courses
- Creating new pathways for students
- Increasing collaboration across the department
- New resources and technology



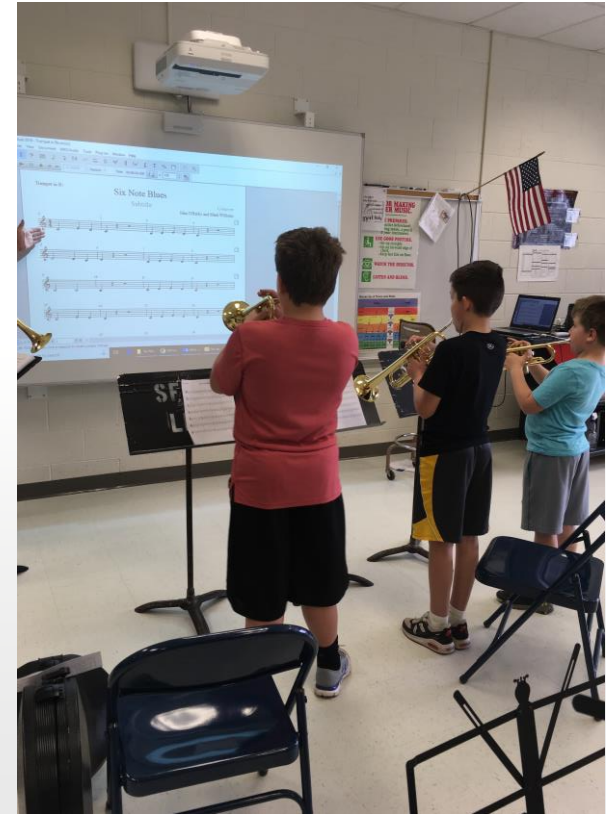
Number of students participating in band and orchestra this year

- 4th gr band - 160
- 5th gr band - 87
- 6th gr band - 95
- 7/8 band - 73
- 9th gr band – 39
- 10-12 band – 102
- **Total Band – 556**

- 4th gr orchestra - 200
- 5th gr orchestra – 136
- 6th gr orchestra – 63
- 7/8 orchestra – 94
- 9th gr orchestra - 23
- 10-12 orchestra – 61
- Total Orchestra- 577**

Pre-Band Woodwind and Brass Courses

(from a Cool School class taught by Mr. Westlake)



Music in Our Schools Month

7th/8th grade student recognition

Bobby Palladino, Ayan Zaman,
Miguel Alvarez and Rebecca Texter



Samuel Thomas, Lance Terrizzi and
Danielle Flad



Music in Our Schools Month

7th grade orchestra student recognition

Max Wolfe



Akanksha Palod



Erika Clemens



Music in Our Schools Month

8th grade orchestra student recognition

Sofia Nanji



Isabella Maslin



Iver Gustafson



2018-19 Marching Band Program

MS Marching Unit



HS Marching Band



2019 Cavalcade of Bands Tournament of Roses Honor Band



Atlanta 2019



**WE'RE GOING TO
ATLANTA!**



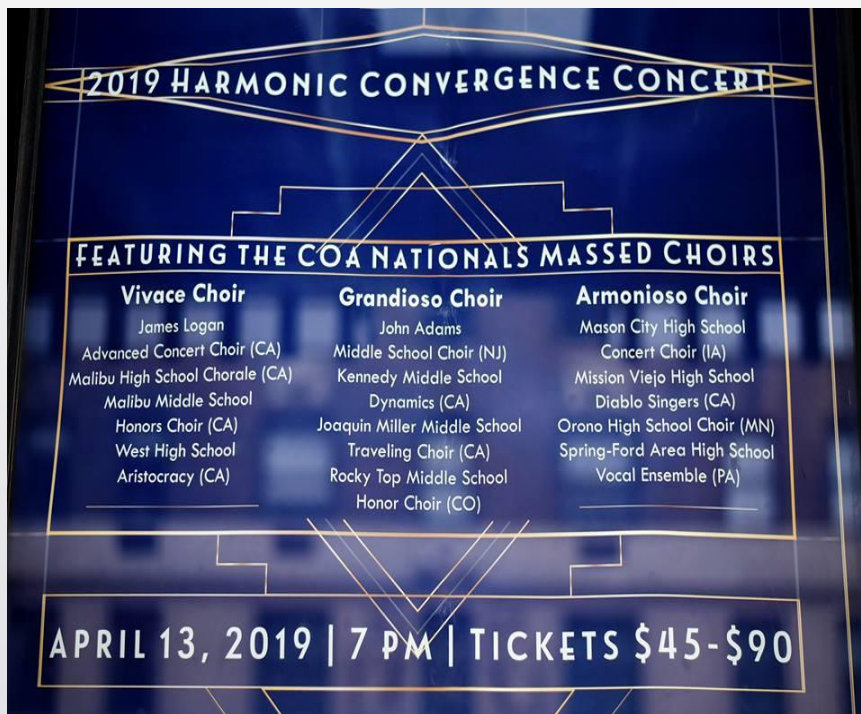
**GOLDEN
RAMS
MARCHING
BAND**

**DECEMBER
26-30, 2019**

Spring-Ford HS Vocal Ensemble Performance at the Kimmel Center



SFHS Vocal Ensemble at Carnegie Hall





THANK YOU!