

## Spring-Ford Area School District

Extra-Curricular Meeting

January 7, 2020

7:30 pm – District Office

Attendees: Christina Melton, Diane Sullivan, Robert Rizzo, Alexander Cifelli, McKinley Linn, Emerson Mueller, Will Cromley, Brooke McPike, Laura Wise, Akanksha Palod, Doug Reigner

- 1) Public to Be Heard on Agenda Items Only – No Comment
- 2) Minutes from November 11, 2019 – Approved
- 3) Old Business – None
- 4) New Business
  - a. Introduction of Committee Members
    - i. Mr. Shafer (Chair) – Unable to attend
    - ii. Diane Sullivan – Welcome to Board and Committee
    - iii. Christina Melton - (Former Chair)
  - b. Presentations
    - i. High School Musical – Alex Cifelli, Emerson Mueller, McKinley Linn
      - 42<sup>nd</sup> Street - March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
      - Purpose & Vision: The instructional strategy is a hands on approach designed to teach concepts related to the performance arts of singing, acting, and dance. The musical exposes students to a variety of disciplines tangential to the execution of a staged production: set design, set construction, sound engineering, lighting design, costuming, production, and directing. The musical does not cut students from the cast or crew, it is all inclusive and is in a unique position to serve a wide variety of student populations. The musical staff, cast and crew strives for the musical to become an embedded community event.
      - A twelve week production schedule – with rehearsals M-F and some weekends.
      - Growth – in 2014 there were a total of 44 cast members, 4 of which were male. This production includes 88 cast members, 24 of which are male. Including crew and pit, there are approximately 150 students involved with the production.
      - Future Opportunities – Explore expansion of theater and dance curriculum; expand “feeder” opportunities; Increase Community and Parent engagement through parent networks and marketing and communication strategies

- ii. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Club – Laura Wise, Brooke McPike, Akanksha Palod
  - STEM Club was started during the middle of last year. Currently there are approximately 15 students who participate regularly. The club meets once every other week.
  - Gauged student interests at the beginning of the year. Resulted in focal areas:
    - a. Coding - Using “Makey Makey” explored items to see what conducts a signal. Tried bananas, foil, paper, clothing items, friends, etc. Determined item must have water to conduct the signal. When attached to the Makey Makey, the item becomes a keyboard! Using a coding software, students are building a game, and then using the Makey Makey keyboard to control the game activities.
    - b. Engineering – Will build a vehicle that goes a specific distance. Not looking for the furthest, but the one that lands on the spot!
  - Students expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in this club. They especially noted the fact that as girls, they wanted more exposure to STEM activities.
  - Parents expressed their appreciation for the diverse opportunities that their children have. One, who recently moved to the area, was impressed with the number and variety of activities their daughter is involved in.
- iii. Middle School Athletics – Winter Update:
  - 7-9 Wrestling: 46 boys – no cuts 6 wins 4 losses to date
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball – 2 teams – 55 tried out; 26 roster spots filled. Both teams are currently 2-0
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball – 46 boys tried out, 14 roster spots filled. Team is currently 3-0
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball – 2 teams – 34 tried out, 26 roster spots filled. Teams are 2-0 and 1-0 currently
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball – 28 tried out, 15 roster spots filled. Currently 2-0
  - 7-8 Cheerleading – 27 Girls tried out, 21 roster spots filled.
  - Discussed potential for second teams for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball.

5) Other Business: Mrs. Melton raised the request for extra-curricular contracts for the Strings Jamboree that was included in the Board Packet on 12/13/2019. The request was for 11 hrs. each at the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Intermediate levels(\$440 stipend each), 13 hours at the Middle School Level (\$520 stipend), and 14 hrs at the high school level

(\$560 stipend). The request included that a Memorandum of Understanding be crafted to allow the Strings Teachers to be paid for the 2019/2020 String Jamboree. Before a memo is drafted, Mrs. Melton asked Mr. Rizzo to determine whether there are extra-curricular contracts, or partial contracts available at the defined levels. If available, a Memorandum would not be necessary. These items should be included in the 2020/2021 budget.

- 6) Actionable Items – Nothing to be brought forward
- 7) Needs for Next Meeting
- 8) Board Comment – none
- 9) Public to be Heard – No Comments
- 10) Adjournment – 8:40 pm