

Spring-Ford Area School District
Extra-Curricular Committee
May 13, 2019

Purpose: The extra-curricular Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the School Board regarding the offerings in athletics, fine arts, clubs, intramurals and other student programs. The committee meets with athletic directors, intramural coordinators, club advisors, fine arts directors and participating students to gain insight on the variety and quality of the current offerings. The committee makes recommendations to the School Board for changes, deletions or additions to the extra-curricular program.

Meeting Location: District Office Conference Room, 6:30 PM

Attendees: Linda Fazzini, Dawn Heine, Christina Melton, Allyn Roche PhD, Wendy Earle, Kathy Drennan, Diane Sullivan, Brian McCormick, Tom McMonigle, Will Cromley, Dan Currie, Lisa Currie, R. Shenmugan, Melissa Elison, Sheetal Wagh, Alice Alba, Kristin Williams, Lori Bignotti, Tracy Finney, Jerry Rogers, Jennifer Rinehimer, Carrie Rutkowski, Daniel Rutkowski, Wendy Pekol, Francine Meutchem, Guy Trotter, Mickey McDaniel, Doug Reigner

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: March 19, 2019 – Accepted by Fazzini, Heine, and Melton

OLD BUSINESS: (Intentionally Left Blank)

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentations

- **Elementary School Club/Activity: Limerick Elementary Reading Olympics Team**
The goal of Reading Olympics is to “promote students’ reading for enjoyment, develop reading skills and thereby increase reading achievement”. The students read a collection of books and take notes on them, throughout the school year. They meet after school to assign books (there are 40-50 books each year), discuss books, and sometimes even watches movies of books they have read. They have a benchmark meeting mid-way through the year, where students must have completed 6 books. This year, the team competed at Souderton. They competed against 2 sixth grade teams and 1 fifth grade team and earned a Blue Ribbon! Congratulations! Students commented that they were surprised that they liked some books that they didn’t think they would, and they didn’t like other books as much as they thought they would. One of the great things about Reading Olympics is that students get to read books from all different genres.

- **Middle School Club/Activity: 6th/7th Grade Knowledge Bowl**
Knowledge Bowl club begins in January, and runs through May, when the knowledge bowl is held. This year, the students were preparing to compete against 32 other teams at Owen J. Roberts on May 24th. Students meet after school to practice. Practice consists of 3 teams ‘competing’ to answer questions on subjects such as Math, History, and Reading. Using the Buzz Box, each team is given a buzzer button to ring in. The buzz box displays which team should answer the question. Knowledge Bowl tests general knowledge – it is not something students

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can study for. During our committee meeting, 3 adults volunteered to compete against the students. Of course, our students won!

- **High School Athletics: Spring Wrap-Up:**

Participation in Spring Sports (9-12th grade) has dropped slightly from last year. In 2018 there were 479 students participating in Spring Sports. In 2019, there were 465 student athletes.

Highlights

- Baseball was the 4th seed in the PAC final four. (UPDATE – ended up losing in the Championship Game to Phoenixville)
- Boys Lacrosse – Won 9th consecutive PAC Championship & went undefeated in league play (11-0) (UPDATE – lost in 2nd round of Districts)
- Girls Lacrosse – Was 3rd seed in PAC Final Four – Lost to OJR in Championship Game. (UPDATE – lost in round 1 of Districts)
- Boy's Tennis – Team went 10-1 in the conference and won the PAC Championship. Malchu Pasqual won his 2nd straight PAC Singles Championship.
- Softball – Team went undefeated for the Season. Won the PAC Championship. (UPDATE – Softball is currently playing in Districts, and has qualified for the State Tournament)

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Boys Varsity Volleyball (Spring)** Will be re-evaluated in November 2019
 - Still appears to be interest.
 - Possible Ches-Mont Membership to start, as no PAC schools have Boys Volleyball.
 - Targeting Spring 2021.
 - Will revisit in November 2019.

- **Middle School Expansion Pilot Update:**
 - Scheduling – continues to prove difficult. Was hoping it would be better in the Spring, but unfortunately some schools are cutting back their sports offerings, and others just don't have the capacity to field multiple teams. There have been cancellations and no-shows, further reducing competitive opportunities.
 - Administration will focus on making sure the majority of roster spots are filled, as to meet the objectives of this initiative. There will be a Coach in-service where this will be noted.

- **Sports Physicals:** Will be offered on June 3rd, June 6th and June 10th.
- **2019-20 Girls Basketball:** Administration Recommends approval for Girls BB to accept an invitation to the KSA Tournament in Orlando. This is on the Agenda for May 28th.
- **CONGRATULATIONS!!!** Lucy Olson was invited to try-out for the USA U16 team in Colorado.
- **Extracurricular Contract** – Administration requests that the Kiwanis Builders Club contract be moved to a 2nd Ireland Exchange Advisor. Compensation will be at \$1104 – no change. Given

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that the Kiwanis Builders Club has not been active for a number of years, Committee agreed with the recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Next Extracurricular Meeting will be held on Thursday September 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the District Office Conference Room.