

**Spring-Ford Area School District
Extra-Curricular Committee
November 11, 2019**

Committee Members: Christina Melton (Chair), Linda Fazzini, Dawn Heine

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: Christina Melton, Dawn Heine, Linda Fazzini, Robert Rizzo, Jane Ehnott, Rick Harrison, Will Cromley, Dan Johns, Aimee Oblak, Lindsay Edwards, Nathaniel Warren, Todd Reagan, Danielle Folino, David Shafer, Mickey McDaniel, Lorraine Moyer, Doug Reigner

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Acceptance of May 13, 2019 and September 9, 2019 Minutes

OLD BUSINESS: Proposed Addition of Boy's Volleyball: Mr. McDaniel Presented information regarding the addition of Boy's HS Volleyball. Volleyball is a life sport, that students will be able to play throughout their schooling and into adulthood. There has been interest expressed by a number of students. While there are no PAC Schools with Boys Volleyball, there are a large number of schools in the Chester, Montgomery and Bucks County areas with whom games could be scheduled. The cost for the program would be approximately \$24,700, including participation in scholastic and tournament competitions. Mr. McDaniel will move forward, and further evaluate the feasibility of adding Boy's Volleyball as he progresses through the 2020/21 Budget process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Programming

1. 5th / 6th Grade Color Guard Club – Dan Johns, President of the Spring-Ford Music Association (SFMA) The SFMA is proposing the addition of a color guard club (Cadet Guard) at the 5/6 grade level. The club would include instruction in flag work, functional movement, dance, and other physical activities. The benefits of this club include the addition of a pathway to our middle school and high school guard programs, earlier learning as is offered to our musicians, addition of a club at the 5/6 level that enhances teamwork and physical activity.
Implementation Plan – Begin the Club following Winter Break – Monday nights in the %/^ Cafetorium. Ms. Marrone, the High School Guard Director, will serve as the coordinator for the remainder of this school year. The Club will be staffed by volunteers and High-School Guard

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students. SFMA will provide all necessary equipment. Students will only need athletic wear for practices. Club Tee-Shirts will also be available for purchase.

Mr. Rizzo reported that he has spoken with Heather Nuneviller, Principal of the 5/6 Center and she is very excited about the opportunity to add the club. Additionally, Mr. Rizzo reported that there are available Club Contracts at the building level that could be applied to this club. In future years, the club will operate in both Fall and Spring, with 13 meetings per session. Mr. Johns expressed a desire to have the Cadet Guard participate in exhibition in one or more Spring-Ford hosted shows.

Presentations

1. Spring-Ford Area High School –Fall Play

Ms. Oblak, along with students Lindsay Edwards (Senior) and Nathaniel Warren (Junior) came to share with us their excitement in the Production of The Diary of Anne Frank. There are approximately 40-50 students involved in the production – including cast and crew. Ms. Oblak expressed pride in the students and the production. The students shared that they enjoy being involved in the theater program because it provides them an opportunity to really dig into various topics in a way they can't in the classroom setting. With this production, the students have conducted research and discussed as a cast the physical, psychological, and emotional impacts that the holocaust had on their characters to be able to understand and portray them. Ms. Oblak added that they love the new staging area. It has been wonderful and the set designer was thrilled! This is Lindsay's 9th Theater Production at Spring-Ford. She plans on attending Millersville University in Elementary and Special Education.

Nathaniel is in his 3rd production, and looks forward to continued performances while at Spring-Ford. The Diary of Anne Frank will be performed in an Open Dress Rehearsal on Thursday Nov. 13th at 4:00, and will have two Performances – Friday Nov. 14th and Sat Nov 15th at 7:00

2. Spring-Ford Area Middle School – Athletic Updates

Fall Update – 332 students participated in Fall Sports

Football – Merge 7th & 8th into two teams; Soccer-Boys: Two 7th, one 8th; Soccer-Girls: two 7th, one 8th; Field Hockey one 7th, one 8th; Girls Volleyball- one 7th, one 8th; Cross Country (combined);

Cheerleading. One team, the 8th grade girls Soccer team, was undefeated with a record of 9-0-2.

This year, there was some difficulty in securing coaches, but ultimately all roles were filled.

Football –7th & 8th Grade – Blue and Gold Teams - The season began with 88 students and ended with 80. No students were cut. Feedback from this model revealed that some 7th grade students were intimidated playing with and against 8th graders. This model also did not provide the opportunity for appropriate training and development. For next year, administration will explore the ability to revert back to the previously proposed model of two 7th grade teams and one 8th grade team. The cost of this change would be approximately \$17,500. Mr. McDaniel will evaluate the feasibility of this proposal as he works through the 2020/21 budget.

3. Spring-Ford Middle School – Intermural Sports

8th Grade – Jane Ehnot – Currently offering Before School Fitness and Walk and Talk. These activities are well attended. Some students who arrive early prefer to engage in activity rather than sit and

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wait for classes to begin. Dodgeball is also underway with 10-12 participants twice a week. There are on average 10-12 students who participate in fitness. Program offerings beginning this week include Basketball and Wrestling. Football and kickball are also planned. These activities provide a great outlet for students. Often, students will attend after Science Help Desk or other school obligations. This is a great way for students to engage in physical activity and to spend time constructively.

7th Grade – Todd Reagan – Intramurals at the 7th grade center are somewhat less structured, as they change activities from day to day. One day they may play dodgeball, and the next day hockey. The activity is generally decided based on participant input, and when possible (based on facility availability), they will run two activities concurrently. Due to facility limitations, Intramurals will run to Thanksgiving, then will reconvene in February for 5 weeks. Activities include football, soccer, flag football, basketball, and hockey among others. Participation fluctuates from day to day, but has ranged from 16-26 students.

OTHER BUSINESS/ COMMENTS:

Mr. McDaniel welcomed Board Member elect David Shafer, and thanked Mrs. Heine for her service to the district and support of the Athletic Programs as both a parent and a Board Member.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Next Extracurricular Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday January 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the District Office Conference Room.