



SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Education & Student Services Department
857 South Lewis Road, Royersford, PA 19468

Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting Minutes November 15, 2023

Attendance:

Dave Shafer, Chair (Zoom)
Jennifer Motzer, Committee Member
Tina Giambattista, Assistant Superintendent
Erin Crew, Director of Communications/Marketing-Administration
Dan Miscavage, Administration

Call to Order – 6:33

No public Comments

Minutes – Approval 9/5/23

Ongoing Business – Sports - NFL Flag football discussion – College signings
Activities – Report attached

Actionable Items – Flag football MOU approval

Needs for Next Meeting – N/A

Next meeting – January 3rd, 2023 @ 6:30

Board Comment – Public recognition of Dave Shaffer’s last Committee meeting

No Public Comment – N/A

Adjourned – 7:00

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High School Extra-Curricular Activities Report

News from Advisors

- The **Fall Play** concluded on November 4, 2023. Radium Girls was the most successful play we have had in years. Thank you to Kailey Edwards and Lindsey Smith for their efforts with our students.
- The **HS Marching Band** season ended with a 3rd Place Finish at Cavalcade of Bands Championships in the Patriot Open Division. The band also had an 8th Place Finish at the Bands of America Championships. The band placed 2nd in the AAAA Division before being asked to perform again in Finals. Congratulations to Andrew Walls and his team.
- The **National Organization for Women Club (NOW)** is going to be working to stock ladies' bathrooms in the 10-12 with feminine hygiene products again this year.
- The HS added three new clubs. The **Muslim Student Association (MSA)** started in October 2023 and is being advised by Ms. Alicia Buckley. The **Take Action Club** started in November 2023 and is being advised by Mr. Walter Burgess and will promote community service and tutoring on campus. The **Future Teachers of Spring-Ford Club** began in October and is being co-advised by Ms. Desiree Kepler and Ms. Sue Prophet.
- The HS started using a Padlet to advertise club posters on campus. This way, cyber students can see club advertisements at home. It can also be used to view advertisements electronically.
- Spring-Ford welcomed the **Limerick to Limerick Exchange Program** students from Limerick, Ireland to our campus on Tuesday, 11/14. They will be with us through the Thanksgiving Holiday. Spring-Ford students will head to Limerick later in the year. Thank you to Kelly German for advising this program as well as Mike Palmer and Amy Culp who will be traveling with the students.
- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes** held one meeting so far and is holding its next one this Wednesday morning. Our first meeting had a total of 15 attendees, and they seemed very engaged and excited about what was to come with this club.
- **Interact** just finished up with their annual Homecoming Food Drive. We collected thousands of non-perishable food items which are donated to Project Outreach in Royersford, which benefits people right here in our Spring-Ford community.
- The **German Exchange Program** is going on its first international trip in November! We will leave on 11/18 for 2 weeks and will travel to our sister school in Stuttgart, Germany, then to Berlin, Germany, and finally Paris, France. We're all super excited for this experience! 47 days! Thank you to Amy Duerr and Lisa Gruh for working with this program.
- One of the things I most like about **Art Club** is that it provides students with an opportunity to express their creativity with students they may not otherwise have the

opportunity to interact with. At the September meeting over 50 students showed up, and for some, it is the only school social activity they participate in.

Students created group storyboards. At the beginning of the activity, each group was assigned the task of creating a background setting on a large mural sheet. Members then switched tables, looking at the setting created by the previous group, and then added characters to the setting. Next, they added conflict, and then finally details and a story. The culminating activity was each group presenting the story of the page they ended on. It was fabulously successful and creative. Next month we are moving to a bigger space and will take on fall harvest charcoal drawings.

Each year the art club initiates a community service project. In past years we have made holiday ornaments for seniors, cards for veterans, and animal treat ornaments for the animal rescue league. We will be voting on the project at our next meeting.

- Hello, We are happy to report that the new **Future Teachers of Spring-Ford Club** is up and running. We have had many members step up to take leadership roles in the club and we are hopeful to have the executive council in place next week. The club also has some big plans in the works such as our rotating community bulletin board, a babysitter directory and classroom observation/volunteer opportunities. Members have also made some new connections outside of the club by teaching lessons for the Aavidum club as well as helping out at Literacy Night.
- **SNAP Club** began meeting towards the end of last school year for the first time in several years. We now meet once a month. There are about 10 active students in the club who want to support and promote Post Prom and it's mission on student level. These students have had great discussions about ways to do this as well as being more than "post prom". They are currently working on fundraisers such as a Spin for SNAP class at Torque on January 11th which will be free to attend and donations for the class being directed to SNAP club. Additionally, they are working with Annamarie of The Annamarie's in Royersford to have a dine in an event during midterms with a portion of the day's sales being donated to SNAP Club. The club is also working to bring back some grade school nostalgia with Candy Grams during the Winter Holiday season. Finally, the students are working on community outreach within the Spring-Ford District to align with the mission of promoting the safety of our children or students and our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Jones
Class of 2026, TOSA