

Springfield Council of PTAs General Meeting – October 4, 2023 at Jarrett Middle School

1. Welcome – Allison England

1. Program – Jarrett MS choir performed
2. Principal Recognition – Allison England

2. Superintendent / District update - Dr. Lathan

- a. Enrollment numbers this year versus last
 - i. K-12: 23,018 (last year 23,184)
 - ii. Pre-K: 1,257 (last year 1,039)
 - iii. MOCAP: 925 (last year 405)
- b. Handbooks went to all households. 13,582 returned. About 10,000 short.
- c. More kindergarten students are entering not prepared to learn and with lack of understanding or social skills.
- d. Still need paraprofessionals to apply and substitute teachers
- e. Principal for a Day is Friday at all 52 campuses.
- f. Hall of Fame luncheon is tomorrow.
- g. Mark your calendars: Oct 12 3-5pm for the Foundation for SPS fundraiser at Kendra Scott in the mall

3. Council Reports

1. VP of Public Services -Taryn Raidel (PTA Clothing Bank/SCPC Openings)

- i. Recapped numbers from Executive Meeting
- ii. Need: Girl sizes 3T-8, new socks, underwear, hoodies, jackets, and athletic pants of all sizes.
- iii. Volunteers are needed to sort & hang clothes.
- iv. Share Clothing Bank information with your school sites please.

2. VP of Programs - Sandi Haustein (Reflections/National PTA Programs)

- i. Sandi was unable to attend so Allison provided updates.
- ii. 15-20 schools are participating in Reflections

- iii. National grant applications are due today

3. VP of Promotions - Kristina Wilmoth (MOPTA Convention)

- i. Convention is still open for registration. Hotel \$155/night but with tax it is \$182/night. Student rates are also available.
- ii. Utilize the council website for resources for all officers

4. Financial Report – Allison England

- a. Spending is mainly for clothing bank to-date.
- b. Need a fundraiser, if anyone has ideas for us.
- c. See QR code on the screen for financials.
- d. CARE and McBride mini grants are open to apply.

5. Exercise of Principals to round robin with PTA members to share ideas and needs – Allison England

- a. McGregor and Pipkin Principals identified needing help starting a PTA.
- b. Need help with incentives for schools for attendance, teacher love since schools have no or little budget.
- c. Need more families to sign up as classroom volunteers.

6. New Business

- 1. Districtwide Attendance Campaign – PTA/PTSA roles (SCPTA is encouraging Principals and PTA/PTSAs to work together on an incentive program to encourage improved attendance – not perfect attendance, but improvement over last year.
- 2. November General Meeting November 1 @ York Elementary (Legislative Focus)
 - C. Other

7. Adjournment