

Springfield Council of PTAs General Meeting – September 6, 2023 via Zoom

I. Welcome - Donna Petiford at 9:30am

II. Items for Consent Approval (Minutes of past meetings)

A. 2022-2023 Audit Report/Year End Report - approved

III. Superintendent / District update - Dr. Lathan

- PBIS model utilized in all schools - unique to each school. Students are engaged and involved.
- Attendance Goal to increase 2% - contests happening across the district. Building future leaders in our community.
- Sent home a handbook for each student in the district. Required for parent/guardians to sign and review with their child. Will be tracking to ensure all are returned. Discipline has increased in the past several years and SPS has implemented Focus Rooms for students to get their emotions under control.
- Still seeking Paraprofessionals for SPS, and Shine Program staffing. Last year of ESSER dollars for SPS. Looking for grants to continue the programs going forward.
- Strategic Plan is a continued focus - and will continue community updates.
- Technology Plan - Dr. Lathan will provide a feedback request in the future.
- Please communicate to Dr. Lathan how she can support PTA Units across the district.
- Questions/Feedback from Kristina Wilmoth - thankful for PBIS launching and how it was emphasized at National PTA in the past.

IV. Volunteer Procedures – Jessica Blake, SPS Coordinator of Community Relations

- Thanked PTA members for volunteering across the district.
- Reminder of the volunteer background screening process that is mandatory. Applications are required each year. They can be found on <https://www.sps.org/volunteer>
 - Prior volunteers - only need to complete fingerprinting and background check once. You only need to submit your application this school year to repeat volunteering.
 - 1,268 applications to volunteer this year. This is 400 more volunteers over last year. Takes time to process all applications. So far, 900 volunteers are approved.
 - Hall Pass - use the Hall Pass system as a volunteer, and log in as a volunteer, not a visitor. Please check-in and check-out of the building. They need this information to see the number of hours volunteers help each year.
- SPS University happening at all schools and listed on the website: <https://www.sps.org/university>
- New event this Fall - Live with Dr. Lathan - Dr. Lathan will give the audience the opportunity to engage in topics they want to learn more about. First: Oct 25 at Jarrett Middle School.

V. Reading is Fundamental (RIF) – Peggy Stepp

- Provide free books 3 times a year to every First and Second Grade student
- Trying to move back to a volunteer at each school to transport the books and distribute the books at the school. Asking: Please identify a volunteer for your school.
- Training Sessions: October 23 and 24 - 9:00am and 1:00pm both days. One hour or less for the training. Location: 309 E. Water - National Audio Company.
 - Email your RIF contact name to: RIFSpringfieldmo@gmail.com
 - Volunteers are trained and select the books for their schools. RIF has been around since 1979 and nearly half a million books have been distributed.
- RIF is seeking donations and sponsors. Checks can be sent to PO Box 11253 Springfield, MO 65808.

VI. School Reports

- Stephanie Young, Delaware Elementary - getting used to the new school year.
- Josh Groves, Glendale High School - also getting used to the new school year. Implementing PBIS at Glendale has been very successful - creates structure and clear expectations and streamlines communication to students and families. SPS U is tomorrow night, September 7 at Glendale. Mr. Goodcents will be served.

VII. Council Reports

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

- Aug - open 3 days. 851 visits to the clothing bank.
- Distributed 3,971 tops, 2,353 pants/shorts, 3,929 socks, 3,929 underwear.
- Received 3,000 pairs of socks from Bombas. Will need more if you want to host a drive.
- Total spent to-date on underwear: \$4,974.07
- Received a \$2,500 grant for underwear from Sertoma. Expecting a Mercy Forces for Good grant later in the year.
- Coats - have a good stock but we will need more. Next expense - adult coats.
- Need - Children's clothing small sizes for Early Childhood students. Hoodies and jackets are needed.
- Drop off gently used children's clothing please - either Springfield Wash House location or Study during hours.

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

- 15 schools have already joined with Sandi to plan Reflections
- Dates:
 - Chair Training Friday, Sept 8 9:30am at Architect Coffee on Republic or Monday, Sept 11 9:30am at Architect Coffee.
 - September/October - roll out submission
 - December 1 - SCPTA deadline to submit advancing entries
 - December 15 - MO PTA deadline to submit
 - January 8 - SCPTA Reflections Celebration at the Creamery Art Center

- Local facebook group for Reflections Chairs: “Springfield Missouri PTA Reflections” request to join.
- Google drive with resources are set up, contact programs@scptamo.com to ask Sandi to join.
- Grants are available to fund the program \$1,250 - deadline Oct 4, 2023. Sandi has a list on a presentation slide. Sandi can assist with grant writing.

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

- Oct 20-22, Missouri PTA Convention in St. Louis
 - Early bird special active until Sept 19.
 - One all-convention session will focus on opiate use.
 - Integrating students into general sessions more than in the past.
 - Go to SCPTA or MOPTA.org sites for details on how to register.

D. Safety Committee - School Crossing Committee

- Need members to join in the efforts.
- Meetings Quarterly via Teams, email Donna Petiford to join: President@scptamo.com

VIII. Financial Report – Allison England

- Written report will be submitted via email

IX. Memberhub/Givebacks Update – Allison England

- All officer information SCPTA has is in MemberHub/Givebacks - and each officer should have an email to access the portal. Check your spam email if you don't see it.
- Can set up Council dues to be paid on the portal
- MemberHub trainings are on the SCPTA website - please watch those and learn more.

X. New Business

A. Districtwide Attendance Campaign – PTA/PTSA roles

- Attendance is important for our students, and also for our community businesses to build up the next generation of employees.
- Donna discussed Great Game of Business and mini games. It will be shared with all Units to connect with building administrators to help incentivize attendance.
- Posting on website with tools for Great Game of Business for each unit.
- Don't be afraid to ask business sponsors for support.

B. October General Meeting October 4 @ Jarrett Middle School /Principal Recognition

C. Other

- No Questions from general membership

XI. Adjournment at 10:34am

