

Springfield Council of PTAs General Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024, via Zoom, 9:30a

Attendance: Dr. Janell Bagwell (Field Principal), Sarah Baker, Adam Bex (Wilder Principal), Amanda Doneski, Allison England, Lori Finke, Nicole Gorley, Dr. Grenita Lathan, Donna Petiford, Taryn Raidel, Erin Sutton (Wanda Gray), Brandi VanAntwerp, Kristina Wilmoth, Dr. Ron Woodard, and Stephanie Young (Delaware Principal).

I. Welcome - Donna Petiford at 9:30am

II. District update

Dr. Grenita Lathan

- Thank you for inviting me to Founders Banquet and allowing me to give out the Volunteer Awards
- March 5 - SPS University open to all district families, 5:30 dinner, then move into breakout sessions. Topics are determined by surveys sent out to families and staff
- Feb 24 - at School Board Meeting, the board will vote on the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Proposed to close the week of Thanksgiving again.
 - Spring Break will be a week later in March 2025 to align with colleges in the area.
 - Closures for students on Election Dates due to safety concerns for polling sites.
- Start times will remain the same for 2024-2025 school year. Director is suggesting 1 mile radius (rather than 1.5 mile radius) to bus kids to school - to provide transportation to more Elementary students.
- Feb 23 - Principal for a Day event. 53 volunteers are joining SPS. The next event is October 2024.
- SPS Ambassador's Day for staff - last Saturday, February 3. Created a behind the scenes look at SPS. Dr. Lathan would like to suggest that the PTA have an Ambassador's Day for a behind the scenes look at SPS.
- Attendance is trending well.

Dr. Ron Woodard

- 170 kids got to Shop with a Hero, and got \$100 bill to buy food, clothing and basic needs. \$18,000 investment for our kids.
- Preparing Mar 18-29 Food Fight with Ozarks Food Harvest - details to come

Stephanie Young, Delaware Elementary

- Currently celebrating spirit week
- Thankful for outdoor recess right now.

III. Foundation for SPS – Lori Finke

- Feb 16 - nominations close for Linda Luke scholarship - for outstanding librarians. <https://www.supportsps.org/linda-luke-librarian-year-award/>
- Feb 29 - nominations close for Turner Reading Awards, 5 teacher recipients chosen to receive \$2,000. \$1,000 to school and \$1,000 for discretion. <https://www.supportsps.org/turner-reading-awards/>
- Celebrate SPS planning underway - event April 19, 2024. Food, drinks, and fun. Oasis Convention Center. Sponsorships are available. Seats of 10, \$450/table cost. Deadline to purchase tickets at \$45: Feb 29th. <https://www.supportsps.org/celebratesps/>
 - PTAs can donate to the silent auction and contribute by April 3. PTAs have contributed gift baskets in the past.
 - Email Tina Pham: tpham@spsmail.org

IV. Council Reports

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

- Open tomorrow, February 8 and February 22
- Started 2nd distribution of socks and underwear - need help organizing those.
- Coats on clearance post - went well and saved our budget due to the overwhelming response of coats. Given out more than 700 coats
- Working on putting spring/summer clothes on the racks now.

B. VP of Programs - Sandi Haustein (Programs/Nominating Committee)

- In order to maximize our time for our candidate forum in March, we will hold our election of officers at our April meeting.

C. VP of Promotions / MOPTA Updates - Kristina Wilmoth

- MOPTA is preparing for convention in Independence, MO October 19 in a school to save the MO PTA quite a bit of money. Timed to avoid overnight stays so people can drive back home.
- MOPTA Reflections Showcase - tentatively May 4. Theme discussion includes May the Fourth Be With You. Judges are confirmed and entries are being judged as we speak. Showcase is likely to be in the Independence area.

V. Financial Report – Allison England

- Springfield Council of PTAs uses MoneyMinder for our financial reporting. To see our online reports use this link: <https://moneyminder.com/>
username: council@scptamo.com password: SCPTA.658
- Clothing Bank Balance: 15,630.77
- General: \$30,313.68
 - Waiting for expenses due to Founders Banquet
- Looking for a new Treasurer for next year. If anyone is interested, please contact Allison England with questions.

VI. Memberhub/Givebacks Update – Allison England

- Sent CARE and McBride checks to principals this week - had several principals apply whose units did not pay dues or principals didn't apply and PTA units did pay dues. She reached out to those principals who did not yet apply.
- Used Memberhub for Founders Banquet tickets. It worked well and is easy. Easily transferred money to the SCPTA bank account without work required for sites like PayPal.

VII. New Business

March General Meeting / School Board Candidates Forum: March 6 – 9:30am, the SPS Professional & Virtual Learning Center, room 163-164 (1410 S. Kansas Expressway), beginning at 9:30am. *Should the parking lot be full, the best overflow parking is to park along Lexington on the north side of Bennett and follow the sidewalk to the facility.*

On Wednesday, January 17, 2024, the County Clerk's office was presented a certified list of candidates whose names will appear on the April 2, 2024, ballot in the School Board Election. The candidates are listed below in the order their names will appear on the ballot.

1. *Danielle Kincaid*
2. *Landon McCarter*
3. *Susan Provance*
4. *Scott Crise*
5. *Kyler Sherman-Wilkins*
6. *Chad Rollins*
7. *Maryam Mohammadkhani*

Voters will vote for three (3) Board members. Members serve three (3) year terms.

C. Other

- Questions?

VII. Adjournment at 10:07am

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Since it is February, we (MOPTA) would “love” to receive photos or stories of events that PTA units are doing this month to celebrate the many Diverse Observance Days for our Missouri PTA CONTACT Magazine and Social Media. Send stories/pictures to office1@mopta.org . Visit our website for back issues of our CONTACT magazine at this link <https://mopta.org/contact-magazine/>. Thank you for all that you do for PTA!

Please remember to submit names of newly elected officers (and their contact information) to Missouri PTA via their website form (pending update).