

Rudder Meeting Minutes **April 19, 2016**

Members Present: Kim Symon, Kelly Crantford, Joie Linser, Jennifer Garcia, Gina Brenner, Krystan Krailler, Nickole Pope-George, Sarah Gilchrist, Karen Huneke, Sara Sheets, Alex Linser, Stacie Flick, Heather Gerker, Chris Vockell, Krista Clark, Kathy O'Hara, Lissa Ellegood, Chelsea Meyers

Others Present: Tara Brock, Juliette Miller, Jennifer Thomas, Sarah Stitzlein, Sarah Giles, Carolyn Obermeyer, Robyn Appino, Sarah Lord, David Brenner, Lauren Busterna, Angela Lyman, Jackie Roberto

General Parent Meeting Called to Order at 7:13pm

Welcome & Call to Order, Gina Brenner

SMPO & LSDMC Elections

List of SMPO Officers for 2016-2017 (un-contested positions) on Power Point Presentation from president Gina Brenner (see attached). Add Heather Gerker to ballot for Executive Secretary

LSDMC Election & presentations/introductions by candidates David Brenner, Alex Linser, & Sarah Stitzlein. LSDMC ballots distributed & voting took place.

LSDMC ballots counted (Stacie Flick, Kim Symon, Gina Brenner). Alex Linser & Sarah Stitzlein won the election

Sarah Lord, Principal's Report (see attached)

Jen Garcia, Business Manager - Of the 8 submissions for the \$5,000 – half have been purchased already
Update on the 8 submissions from teachers:

- Stephanie Neal (Yearbook Advisor) – Jen purchased the 3 camera bundle sets, which Stephanie has already received and is excited to use with the students
- Tara Litmer (Intervention Team) – Jen purchased a 1-yr subscription to MobyMax for Intervention Team for next year
- Colleen McHugh (3-6 Team) – Jen purchased 8 sets each of Recipe for Reading, The Alphabet Series, Volumes 1, 2 & 3
- Melissa Culyer (6-9 Team) – Jen purchased a 1-yr subscription of National Geographic Explorer for Grade 3 only
- Annette Delaney – (Gifted Intervention Specialist) – Jen will purchase chess boards and accessories on Friday 4/22/16 and will report next month to Rudder.
- Traci Cummings, Erin Dean, Robyn Appino (Makerspace) – waiting to hear from this group for a time to make the purchases, and will report next month.
- Jennifer Toebe (Disability Awareness Program & The Ethan Project) – waiting for invoices for these programs, and will report next month.
- Sarah Lytle (6-9 & 9-12 Teams) – Playhouse in the Park (2 performances) – this cannot be paid for until August when the Playhouse has contracts available for that season. This will be reported in August at our first SMPO Meeting of the year.

No-cost fundraising with “SmileAmazon.com” is up and running. The link is posted on SMPO web-site for quick access, but parents can simply log on to www.smileamazon.com and then select “Sands Montessori” to receive the rewards, then shop as usual.

Reminder to renew Kroger Plus Card rewards every April

LSDMC update, Alex Linser – currently recruiting applicants for ILT for next year. LSDMC elects these reps. The deadline for submitting an application is May 9th – interested candidates should send a “statement of interest” up to 250 words.

Magnet Enrollment Policy – CPS will not be making changes to sibling priority registration. Elisa Hoffman is in charge of the enrollment process hoffmae@cpsboe.k12.oh.us if you have questions. Look for more information about a levy coming next school year. The Vision 20/20 plan has helpful information as well – look for the link on the CPS website.

ILT update, Sara Sheets – Jen Bell (6-9 teacher) went to a district ILT meeting that focused on best practices. ILT is drafting a parent survey to help establish the “brand” of Sands that will also include a parent satisfaction survey. Working on a calendar for next year.

SEP update, Lissa Ellegood – There will be a new Scottish Dance Program after school next year with Melissa Volck as well as a new Gymnastics Program next year. All day preschoolers will be eligible for some SEP programs. “Raspberry Pi” will also be expanding. All SEP program info and descriptions are on the website www.sandsparents.org

Garden Committee update, Jackie Roberto - Carolyn Obermeyer, Bryan Lytle, Julie Singer are co-chairing the garden committee next year. This Sunday 4/24 from 10-2 a garden crew will be working on ornamental beds. Two moms are creating a master landscape plan for the entire school. Tara Brock led an effort with Crossroads and a “Go Cincinnati” grant. Volunteers will be building 7 more raised beds and a garden fence on May 14th from 9-1, 30 Crossroads volunteers are showing up to help and it would be nice to have Sands representation as well. The Butcher family (Natalie & John) are donating all of the wood chips & soil again (Madison Tree & Garden). Julie Singer (in charge of Cincinnati Flower Show) recently donated a planter as well.

Krystan Krallier, Communications – Communication issues have arisen. Krystan puts all SMPO updates on Facebook, sends weekly email updates, and shares info with Kathy O’Hara to post on the website www.sandsparents.org. Krystan is still hearing regular comments that parents are missing information and “didn’t hear about” different things going on at school. She is open to suggestions on how to improve communications.

Gina Brenner, Approval of Minutes for January, February, March
Vote to approve all three months – all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm