

Meeting minutes SMPO – January 17, 2017

Attendance:

Rudder Mbrs: Kelly Crantford, Joie Linser, Melissa Volck, Krystan Krailler, Sarah Gilchrist, Chelsea Meyers, Tara Brock, Sadie Bonifas, Paula Houston-Allen, Chrs Vockell, Kathy O'Hara, Vanessa Barth, Cynthia Stevens, Sarah Stitzlein, Craig Rosen

Others: Angela Lyman, Elizabeth Johnson, Janette Maupin

Welcome and call to order-

Meeting Called to order: 7:08 pm by President Kelly Crantford.

November meeting minutes approved.

Principal's Report-Dr. Elizabeth

Assistant Principal's Report

January 17, 2017

- Spelling Bee
 - Eighteen 9-12 students competed in the Sands Spelling Bee on Friday, 1/ 6. Two students from each classroom were selected through a classroom spelling bee or a spelling test. Each student studied 450+ words in preparation. Congratulations to 5th grader Nola Stowe for winning the Bee. Nola will take on-line test to qualify for the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee.
- Staff Meeting 1/6
 - Preventing Youth Suicide Presentation - Annie Tate
 - Reviewed RTI (Response to Intervention) procedures to ensure that students receive proper support when there are academic or behavioral concerns.
 - PBIS committee shared progress on the PBIS expectations logo and expectations in each of the common areas. Our staff has worked diligently to reinforce our school wide expectations.
- Student Council
 - Student Council promoted a Wild Fire fundraiser. We collected boxes of items that were donated to a local charity that took the items to Tennessee families in need.
- Socks
 - Erin Dean and Kat Winslow helped art students write tags on over 600 pairs of socks that were collected for local homeless shelters.
- ILT
 - ILT is working to define criteria to best serve students with reading intervention.
- Professional Development Day

- During the afternoon, the 3-6 and 6-9 teams will focus on Literacy Instruction and 9-12 will work on ELA/ Math Unit planning.
- Testing
 - DIBELS assessments for grades K-3 were administered last week.
 - MAP assessments in Reading and Math are being administered throughout January and February.

**2016-17 Sands Montessori
3rd Grade Fall AIR**

96 students tested

45 students scored Proficient or higher

20 of the Non-Proficient students achieved the promotable score for reading

*one student with non-promotable score withdrew

Target:

- 24 students who did not score a promotable score will achieve a proficient score
- 26 students with promotable score but non-proficient will achieve a proficient score
- 21 students with proficient score will achieve an accelerated score
- 15 students with accelerated will achieve an advanced score
- 9 students with advanced will increase their score within the advanced level

	Student Count	Average Scale Score	Percent Proficient or Higher
Sands	96	692	47
CPS	2862	670	32
State	135,188	675	37

Performance Level	Number of Students	Percentage
Limited	32	33
Basic	19	20
Proficient	21	22
Accelerated	15	16
Advanced	9	9

December 13, 2016

Principal's Report

- Winterfest
 - Winterfest was a success on Saturday, 12/9. Families enjoyed breakfast, a special performance by Zac Morgan, Santa and Mrs. Claus (Robyn Appino), and games.
- Hour of Code
 - Over 50 families attended Sands Hour of Code on Tuesday, 11/6. Dr. Elizabeth and Annette Delaney planned a wonderful interactive night for our families. Students could choose from Minecraft, Frozen, and Star Wars.
- Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day
 - We had another incredible turn out for Grandparents' Day this year on Friday, 11/16. Their support coupled with that of our families enabled us to earn over \$7,000 of Scholastic dollars. This will help us continue to build our literacy resources across the school.
- Chess for Lunch
 - Annette Delaney, our enrichment teacher, kicked off Chess for Lunch on Friday and Monday. There was such a great turnout that we are exploring space options beyond her classroom to accommodate everyone. Over 60 9-12 and 70 6-9 students attended!
- Professional Development
 - We continued our focus on empathy and diversity training during our November staff meetings. On 11/14, the PSC designed and led a privilege walk followed by team discussions on how to implement the DIRP strategies we learned in our last training. Justin Masterson from the Seek Company led our staff meeting on 11/28. We explored our biases and strategies for better understanding and relating to others who are different from us.
 - Paraprofessionals met as a team on Tuesday, 12/15. Crystal Dahlmeier and Heather Gerker from the GCCME (Greater Cincinnati Center for Montessori Education) worked with the team to help correlate our PBIS expectations with Montessori best practices. They will continue to train our paraprofessional team in strategies to positively and consistently address behavioral concerns throughout the monthly meetings for the remainder of the year. On Tuesday, 12/2 Beech Acres presented about trauma informed care and how we can best meet the needs of our students.
- ILT
 - During our last two meetings, ILT voted to allocate resources to support student learning. We submitted \$12,000 worth of orders for resources that will assist in closing the gap with our one plan goals (Subgroups will make a minimum of 15% gain on Math & ELA Spring State Assessments and we will increase to a C in K-3 Literacy). Materials ordered include novels, online math PD for teachers, leveled readers, and phonological and phonics kits. Orders for additional resources will be purchased out of building funds. These funds will focus on much needed preschool materials and literacy resources.

December Committee Reports

Innovation and Rigor: Recommends Google PD for staff; planning for Spelling Bee on 1/6; solving color printer issues; planning how to best utilize technology for spring testing, and brainstorming creative opportunities to help subgroups succeed. Meets second Wednesday of month at 8:15a.m; Robyn Appino, chair.

PBIS: Planning to post behavior matrix throughout the building, possibly with students' pictures; analyzing common behavior referrals and restorative actions; planning to share 4 key components through staff PD in January. Meetings are 1/3/17, 2/7/17, 3/7/17, 4/4/17, 5/2/17 Time: 4-5 p.m.; Chair: Annie Tate

Positive School Culture: Planning black history assembly; discussing best practices in relation to meeting the needs of diverse families; working on school song with Mr. Barkley, and planning. Meets First Tuesday of Month at 8:15 a.m.; Abbie Fox, chair.

Business Manager- Melissa Volk

Budget form was passed around.

Winterfest – made more than expected, thanks to Family Sponsors

Direct Classroom Support – those forms are due at the end of March

Read-A-Thon – packets will be going out, this is a great way to get kids involved.

Box Tops Check - \$959.30 Kroger \$2155.00

We are a bit behind on Fundraising for this year. Please keep that in mind when the remaining Fundraisers come up – and participate when you can.

Fundraising – Krystan Krailler

Read-A-Thon, how can we get more participation from 9-12 students? Family Reading Night will be geared toward older kids. *Breakout Kit* – Challenges for older kids to solve a mystery. *Book Swap*, Bring a couple of books that you don't read anymore and take some home that you'd like. Storytime with younger kids with book winners. Authors reading their own books. Bookbinding demonstration.

Door decorating contest "Favorite Book Cover" for teachers during Read-A-Thon. Goal to have SMPO folks be the judges. Winner gets a \$50 gift card to purchase books/supplies for class.

Re-worked prizes – See packet that comes home. We have had great success with families donating/Sponsorship.

Feb 2nd – Family reading night 5 – 7 pm

Feb 3- Reading begins

Money collected 2/21-2/28

February 3rd – Sands/Fairview ROCKS Doors open at 6:30 -11:00 – Woodward Theatre in OTR, bands are all parents of Fairview or Sands parents. \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door

Spring Sands Box sale is coming up! Start collecting goods and email thesandsboxsale@gmail.com to become a seller

Parent at large – Tara Brock

Tours still going on

Grandparent's Day – went well

Parent – Sadie Bonifas

Planning teacher appreciation lunch still ongoing. Or a new microwave? New K-cups? Teachers will talk about what they need. Candy/drinks for meetings. Food for

ILT Craig Rosen

2 meetings a month

SEP-not present

Communications-Krystan Krailler

Volunteer Coordinator-Paula Houston

We had lots of interest in changing the outside – sign.

Also need people to change bulletin board.

She will help get volunteers for Read-A-Thon

Athletics Coordinator- Chris Vockell

Little EAGLE BASKETBALL IS STARTING Kindergarten-4TH graders, older kids are the counselors. 3:45-5:15 starts Friday January 20, 27, 3rd, 10th - \$35 for 4 weeks of basketball. Older kids have a lot of fun working one-on-one with little kids. All kids participating get a t-shirt.

Volleyball – past person who runs the program isn't able to run it full-time. Two people have volunteered to help coach and assist. Hope to have enough kids to fill 3 teams. May open up to 4th grade. We may have to go to an outside group for more support.

Spring Soccer sign-up were Saturday – all teams are full with a waitlist. Will need to see how many volunteers are available before teams are announced. Parent Volunteers are usually needed 1x per week and one weekend day for younger kids. Older kids have 2x per week and one weekend say for younger kids.

Starting in the Fall, Cincinnati SAY Soccer, is going to change how they group kids for teams. It will change to Calendar year cut-off. This will affect existing teams and who they play with.

Technology- Kathy O'Hara

Website is all up to date

Teacher Rep- Vanessa Barth

4th and 5th graders are going to the Freedom Center, Feb 14th – eating packed lunch at school

Lots of reading going on.

Hamilton County Water talk about soil to our students. Hamilton County Parks to bring animals. Lots of great organizations that come to school for Free to teach kids about outside things.

LSDMC – Karen

What can we do to help? Integrating with ILT to pull efforts of both groups.

ILT- Craig Rozen

Starting to attend joint ILT mtg with LSDMC

Quarterly meetings with SMPO

Purchases made for teachers (money from Grant) see Dr. Elizabeth's notes

Based on ILT PARENT SURVERY, Parents would like better communication from the teachers on what issues and concerns they have with students. Modeled after other Montessori schools.

New Business

Nominating committee- SMPO will collect names of those interested in running for Rudder.

All requests for the \$5000-- Teacher form due by January 31—all will anonymized and read at a future SMPO meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Vockell

Meeting adjourned – 8:38 pm