

Meeting minutes SMPO – November 15, 2016

Attendance:

Rudder Mbrs: Kelly Crantford, Gina Brenner, Joie Linser, Melissa Volk, Krystan Krailler, Jana Stark, Chelsea Meyers, Theresa Martin, Chris Vockell, Kathy O’Hara, Sarah Fullen, Stacey Lane, Heather Gerker and Craig Rozen.

Others: Margo Smith-Joseph, Sarah Lord, Cynthia Stevens, Julia Miller and Angela Lyman

Welcome and call to order-

Meeting Called to order: 7:04 pm by President Kelly Crantford.

Kelly presented the results of the vote for SMPO Motto from last meeting – Winner is...

MMASST - Maintaining Montessori, Assisting Students & Supporting Teachers

Christmas Party SMPO – 12/13/16, Kathy found a local eatery/brewery for our location. Streetside Brewery, Eastern Ave. Cash Bar, Food TBD – more details to come

October meeting minutes we approved 13 in favor, 1 abstained

Principal’s Report- Sarah Lord

School tours are in progress, Tara Brock has been doing a great job. Krystan K brought up we may need to advertise to community that tours are available.

Thanks to SMPO for great events - Carnival, Father-Son Game Night, Mother-Daughter PJ Night

Teams meet monthly for Math and ELA data meetings. Teams reviewed the report card and identified areas of weaknesses to collaboratively design interventions. For ELA these include: writing, comprehension. For Math these include multiplication and division fluency as well as modeling and fluency. Teams are developing specific intervention strategies.

Students in the 3-6 classrooms enjoyed a performance of *Town Mouse, Country Mouse* by the Children’s Theater of Cincinnati.

Annette Delaney has worked with TT Stern-Enzi, local film critic (Contributing Film Editor with Cincinnati City Beat & Dayton City Paper) and the executive director/founder of the new educational nonprofit to offer WatchWriteNow. This after school class will be offered to 6th graders who aspire to learn about contemporary film criticism. Students will learn to help you find their own voice and will have the opportunity to see a variety of films while exploring themes and learning how to evaluate films.

On October 19th, teachers attended professional development related to their grade and subject areas including designing ELA thematic units, advisory, and effective learning strategies for Math.

The first Montessori Coalition met for the first time of the 2016-17 school year at North Avondale Montessori on Thursday, October 20th. Former Assistant Superintendent and Montessori Principal, Tom Rothwell, shared about the history of Montessori in CPS and the Coalition. The lottery process and social justice work were also discussed. Future meeting dates are: January 19th, April 20th, and possibly May 18th.

On October 24th, Justin Masterson from the Seek Company engaged the staff in empathy training. We learned about the importance of connecting with the personal experiences of others who are different from us. Justin shared the D.I.R.P. method to help us learn to make an empathic connection with another person with whom we may not be naturally empathic. The steps include:

- D - DECIDE THEY ARE WORTHY OF CONNECTION
- I - IDENTIFY THEIR EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE
- R - RECALL A TIME YOU HAVE HAD THAT EMOTION
- P - PLAY IT OUT - WHAT DID YOU WANT/NEED?

Justin will return to the November 28th staff meeting to revisit our discussion.

Cincinnati Bengal, Will Clark, joined the American Heart Association and the Sands Wellness Committee in presenting the Fuel Up to Play 60 Assembly for our students in grades 1-6. Mr. Clark encouraged students to maintain a healthy lifestyle and succeed in school. Sixth grade leaders assisted with the event and students sang and did the "hustle" for Mr. Clark.

Paraprofessionals met as a team on Thursday, October 27th. Crystal Dahlmeier from the GCCME (Greater Cincinnati Center for Montessori Education) presented on freedom and discipline in Montessori. Paraprofessionals were also introduced to growth mindset and discussed the schoolwide expectations from PBIS. During the November 15th meeting Crystal and Heather Gerker worked with the team to develop specific strategies to support discipline within the Montessori framework.

Students enjoyed fall harvest parties in many of our classrooms. Parents donated items and volunteered to run games.

The gymnastics enrichment class has begun on Mondays for afternoon preschool students.

Preschool teacher to start full-time *hopefully* very soon.

ILT Craig Rosen

2 meetings a month

LSDMC-Stacey

Approved bi-laws

Approved election Alex Linser as chair David Brenner as co-chair-did a Fantastic job!

One Plan still being reviewed, LSDMC has reviewed, should be approved by Christmas.

One Plan is a document that governs how education happens at Sands—a template that originated with the District. An improvement plan, a living-document – parental engagement. Use the document as a guide/data to find where to spend money where our students need it most.

Budget was distributed to all members. –

Carnival was great, great turn out, great fun! A slight adjustment had to be made for “Carnival” t-shirts. They were actually credited to Spiritwear. Food Trucks are still sending in their donations to us.

Parent at Large – Tara Brock

Three tours so far. Parents are asking great questions. More tours to come.

Grandparent’s Day is Friday morning, 11/18/16—VOLUNTEERS are still needed!!

Fundraising – Jana Stark

Jana Stark will be moving out of district, and this will be her last meeting.

Sarah Bloomer-Winterfest Chairperson, need volunteers for Fri set up, Saturday event. Will be accepting volunteers from Clark for this event. Family sponsors are needed (\$40-50). Covers fruit, raffle, decorations, pancakes. Items needed to borrow -- Asking local businesses to donate prizes. King Arthur’s Court can be approached (Stacey-LSDMC)

Stacy asked if there will be a nut-free pancake mix made available. We are not able to guarantee peanut-free griddle can be used either. We will offer craft-only ticket price. Sign up genius will be sent out.

Communications-Krystan K

Krystan would love volunteers to help with putting words in computers. If you can do that please reach out to her.

Google Photos may be a good avenue to store approved photos that we can share/use throughout the year. Would be nice to have a place to go to.

Volunteer Coordinator-Paula Houston

Not present

Athletics Coordinator- Chris Vockell

Girls Youth Soccer team, made it to finals. Ranked in top 16 in State of Ohio

Basketball preview night 11/18/16– 6-9 pm all teams will be scrimmaging. \$2 admission charge for adults only. Money goes to program and Principal’s fund.

Technology-

No news

Teacher Rep- Sarah Fullen

Teachers need to know when the proposals are due for the money distribution. Teachers would need to submit forms by January 31. From Sarah's feedback, teachers felt the money was given to more bells/whistles instead of more concrete needs.

Stacey-LSDMC had questions about how the money was being used. There were not a lot of details on the form filled out by teachers

Gina – when a person comes in to present their case, the verbal case is lost on those who only read the forms.

Social Committee meeting by teachers, planned a party. Teachers would request SMPO provide the paper goods and juice.

Heather Gerker motioned for \$100 to be given to teachers from Single Expenditure for this party. Gina seconded. 13 voted to approve – no one against.

Teacher request form must be submitted ASAP.

Old Business –

Trophy case was requested. We will use existing for now. As collection grows, we can re-consider

Math/Science night- Gina Brenner – alternated years with Reading night & Math/Science night

January 19th was chosen as night to resurrect this night. Maker Space, Bricks for Kids, Geologist (Stacey Lane volunteered) – looking for Nerds to Unite! Email Gina Brenner with ideas! GE Aviation, P & G sponsorship would be excellent. Sarah Lord suggested making this a daytime event as well.

New Business-

none

Joie moved to adjourn. Margo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm