

Meeting minutes SMPO – October 18, 2016

Welcome and call to order-

Meeting Called to order: 7:02 pm by President Kelly Crantford.

Kelly Passed out voting sheets for Goals for future meetings - attendees voted and passed back in

Next meeting will be in Cafetorium, November 15, 2016 due to Book Fair in Library.

December meeting is usually a Christmas party – no meeting. December 20th falls on Winter break.

Kelly asked for ideas on where to hold party. December 13th was chosen as the date at 7 pm. Bring \$10-15 gift exchange – Location TBD

Motion to approve the September minutes by Chris Vokell. Seconded by Krystan Kraller. Vote passed 13 yes and 0 opposed.

Vice-Principal's Report- Dr. Elizabeth Johnson

On Friday, 10/14, Sands 9-12 students enjoyed a visit with author, Zetta Elliot. 6th graders participated in a special writer's workshop with her.

On Monday, k-3 students participated in a Bus Safety Assembly.

The ILT has been working to finalize the One Plan, the school improvement plan, for this year. Goals target reading, math, early literacy, and school culture.

Parent Education Night was a huge success!! Our dedicated teachers worked extensively to create an engaging opportunity for parents to learn about the planes of development and mathematics at each of the three levels on September 28th.

On September 23rd students in K-6 participated in the Kindness Assembly. Students listened to mindful music by Stacy Sims in the gym and then students broke into groups that were led by sixth graders. Six graders read a book on kindness and then helped their group discuss ways to be kind. Afterwards, students shared their ideas of kindness school-wide and then practiced kind acts during the week long Kindness Challenge.

Our PBIS committee has worked hard to create a visual representation of our school wide expectations as well as a behavioral matrix. Students are responding well to the consistent expectations throughout the building.

Mr. Barkley had the choir perform out front to celebrate the Public School Walk-In on October 6th.

Sands is piloting Mindful Music on the announcements throughout October.

Conferences were on October 6th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Teachers created structures to share positive information with families and share about areas for growth.

Thanks to SMPO volunteers for organizing Mother-Daughter PJ Night and Father-Son Game Night.

A gymnastics enrichment class will be offered for afternoon preschool students starting next week.

Report Cards

Identified targeted areas for improvement in ELA/ Math - comprehension, problem solving, math concepts.

Collaborating with teams on strategies to support our subgroups.

Working in teams to analyze current achievement data, review student work, and revise instructional practices.

Parent Survey Feedback/Committees

Key Focus Areas to Strengthen Our School:

RIGOR - Innovation & Rigor Committee: Meets Second Wednesday of Month at 8:15a.m; Robyn Appino, chair

WHOLE CHILD - PBIS Committee: 10/4/16, 10/25/16, 12/6/16, 1/3/17, 2/7/17, 3/7/17, 4/4/17, 5/2/17 Time: 4-5 p.m.; Chair: Annie Tate

COMMUNICATION/CONSISTENCY - Communication Committee attends SMPO meetings and serves as liaison with school teams.

DIVERSITY - Positive School Culture Committee: Meets First Tuesday of Month at 8:15 a.m. Abbie Fox, cha

Budget was distributed to all members.

(3) Fundraising events have occurred this year. Fall Carnival is next Saturday-NEED Volunteers to sign up- via Sign up Genius. MANY volunteers are still needed

Split the Pot tickets were distributed. Challenge to invite (5) people outside the Sands community. Make this a Community event.

Jana will be stepping down as Fundraising coordinator due to moving out of district. We are looking to fill that role – most of the work is done for this year. But someone will still need to coordinate those who have volunteered for events already. Please contact Kelly

Parent at Large – Tara Brock

Winterfest is coming up – FKA Breakfast with Santa

Vanessa Barth is working with parent volunteers for Carnival.

Grandparent's Day Volunteers are need to keep students safe. No official start and end times are available yet due to the schedule shift. *Need help with organizing details and food donation. Please contact Tara to volunteer*

Mentor program brought up by Mrs Lord. Lord and Tara met discussed getting permission from new families about being contacted by SMPO before school starts. Then SMPO can generate a list of families that would want to be a part of the program. Sarah Gilchrist suggested talking to Jen Garcia- she started that a few years ago.

Teacher Reps-

Sadie Bonifas – 3-6

Meeting with teachers on 28th to figure out if teachers want something more than the traditional breakfast.

Stacie Flick – 6-9

Room parents are still needed for the majority of classrooms. A list is being compiled. Vanessa Barth will help with this- sending out a Google Doc to teachers to fill out for Room Parent assignments. She will send to one of the Teacher Reps with results.

Teachers wanted to know about \$5000-would teachers prefer to have this amount before end-of-school year? Vanessa Barth reported that they haven't had a chance to discuss in their team meetings. A form would need to be submitted to request the amount. Teachers have wondered if the lump sum can be distributed between grade levels. Response: Submit all requests by January 31st. Melissa Volk will email the form to Vanessa and Rudder. Voted on in February. There is still \$1500 in teacher money available for needs during the school year.

Communications-Krystan K

Fall Carnival – INVITE!! VOLUNTEER!!! All of the Food Trucks will be donating a portion of their proceeds to SMPO! PLEASE engage in posts, like SHARE, this boosts our exposure. Let's drive attendance with Food Truck Rally

Weekly emails – please send anything to be added to Krystan. 39.96% open rate for our emails to parents—this is pretty good but can always be improved.

Paula Houston volunteered to manage the Prize tent at the Carnival

Volunteer Coordinator-Paula Houston

Sign-up Genius-Paula has been personally calling parents to ask to volunteer for even just one hour.

Paula said she can help with Sign-up Genius for other events

Sands Enrichment Program (SEP) Coordinator: Theresa Martin

Gymnastics – Taylor is not sure. May not start until Winter. Not sure of location for this. Flyer will be going home this week.

Scholarships – waiting to hear back from Lunch list.

Parents need to be sure to communicate their child's participation to teacher since this is a change in dismissal.

Athletics Coordinator- Chris Vockell

123 kids participating in sporting events at Sands. Smaller numbers on teams which means more playing time.

Melissa Volk asked for what Chris needs for concessions. Chris said: Sam's. Ref Fees.

Technology-Kathy not present

Nothing to report via email

Square store is now available to purchase SMPO activity tickets and even Spirit wear – including Carnival Split the pot

Teacher Rep- Vanessa Barth

How did Box Tops go? Response has been double from last year. She has noticed a lot of traffic. Nancy is even running out of prizes! Box Tops App is available for bonus box tops based on your purchases.

Bus or Field Trip questions? Melissa will send a list to Vanessa of teachers that have made requests for Guest Speakers or Buses.

LSDMC – David Brenner

New by-laws – will be voted on. Reviewed Report Card results.

ILT-Heather Gerker

One Plan-

Stacie Simms – Mindful music. Met with ILT

Old Business

Timeline Jan 31 for submission of requests for money

Sadie Bonifas brought up idea from last meeting about Photograph Photo Bank. How can we ensure that children who should not be photographed are not in photos? Is there a place where we can deposit photos to use? Colleen McHugh – Shutterfly account for her class. We will continue to brainstorm.

New Business-

Girls on the Run -- 3-5 grade will be starting again in the Spring. Spring season runs February 13th-May 13th with a 5k on May 13 at Paul Brown Stadium. If you Tinterested in getting involved as an assistant coach, please let Kim Symon know. They will likely meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5:15.

Tara moved to adjourn. Krystan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm