

Rudder Meeting Minutes November 17, 2015

Members Present: Kim Symon, Kelly Crantford, Joie Linser, Kelli Jasper, Jennifer Garcia, Jana Stark, Gina Brenner, Krystan Krailler, , Krista Clark, Sarah Gilchrist, Lissa Ellegood, Karen Huneke, Stacie Flick, Craig Rozen, Sarah Lord, Richard Grosse

Others Present: Angela Lyman, Tara Brock, Margo Smith-Joseph, Melissa Volck, Shawna Wingerberg, Hannah Hill, Scott LeCates, Robyn Appino, Carolyn Obermeyer, Amy Scharffe

Meeting Called to Order at 7:14pm

Welcome - Speaker cards are available
Approval of October Minutes

Principal's Report:

- Thank you to the SMPO for the breakfast
- Book fair this week – Ms. Finney is dressing up as Clifford this week
- 2nd & 6th grader's Terra Nova reports will be coming home soon
- Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive
- Lockdown drill went well a few weeks ago – constantly working to make sure everyone is safe
- ILT has been working on the One Plan - Reading, math, and advisory goals. Partnering with Beech Acres in the area of mindfulness
- Crossroads – “Go Cincinnati” project partnering with the Sands garden committee in May (Tara Brock will have more information on this in January)

LSDMC – Richard Grosse spoke about LSDMC.

- The committee generated a survey monkey –based upon their goals/wishes (tutoring, diversity, etc.) to see what the parents/general population wants LSDMC to focus on
- The survey showed that the main topics to focus on were: increasing diversity, targeting the achievement gap, K-3 literacy, and the number one was to stay true to the Montessori philosophy

ILT – Sarah Lord & Craig Rozen

- What is public school Montessori?
- LSDMC grants are available, Craig Rozen explained (applications will be available over winter break)
- Sarah Lord stated that anyone is welcome and encouraged to come to the LSDMC & ILT meetings

Committee Reports

Garden Committee, Krystan Krailler & Krista Clark –

- Presented an update from Jackie - thank you to those who came to help with the fall garden clean-up
- Jackie will be talking with the teachers who were involved on how to improve the program with the raised garden beds
- Krista Clark is helping Jackie to get a grant from “Annie’s Home Grown” for the garden
- Craig said that two of the LSDMC grants went to garden committees last year
- Amy Scharffe suggested Garden Supply Company for mesh enclosures for the raised beds to protect the crop from animals

Business Manager, Jennifer Garcia –

- New SMPO community events section to the budget (has not yet been voted on)
- Spiritwear was under athletics so Jen pulled it out as a separate line

- Education/Technology Fund Drive (Gina Brenner)- we are looking into a program that will possibly help to organize online donations

Teacher Rep. Kelli Jasper –

- Some teachers are wondering about the amount allocated for direct classroom support this year. Jen Garcia will get this information out to teachers, she has that number for them.
 - Jen Garcia just sent an email yesterday about field trip buses (everyone gets \$161 for one school bus within the 275 loop). There is a new form in the office in the red crate for this purpose.
 - Regarding the color printer purchased last year for the teachers - \$700 is needed for new ink cartridges Discussion followed... Jen Garcia said that an SMPO request form will need to be filled out and pre-approved by the administration
- Kelli Jasper said that there was discussion of using direct classroom support money (\$20 per teacher going toward ink) or the cost of the ink can possibly be added to the budget as a new line item
- Krista Clark – this could be considered a “gift” out of the teacher appreciation budget
- Kelly Crantford – when was the printer given to the teachers? How much will this ink cost per year?
- Chess for Recess, Annette Delaney – this program will run during recess again this year in Ms. Delaney’s room December 4th- January 29th

Reporter, Chelsea Meyers – not in attendance

Fundraising, Jana Stark

- Presented a fundraising plan for the rest of the year (see attached)
- Gina Brenner – All of these events are new and experimental and their success or failure will determine what we do again in the future

December: Winter Fest - projected income \$1500. Zak Morgan is coming to perform!

January: Father/Son Game Night and Mother/Daughter Pajama Party (25 couples needed to break even or event is cancelled)

February: Sands Montessori Read-a thon - Projected income \$7,000 (Pledge Goal \$20/student)

March: Sands Box consignment sale (children’s clothing, toys, bedding, books) 50 sellers (\$1875), 80 sellers (\$3,000) 25/75 split

Silent Auction – Polly Camery has offered to chair – but we need 4-5 people to commit to getting donations and working hard to get the event planned

May: In the event that a Silent Auction does not take place there is a possibility of a Walk-a-Thon or Color Run at the end of the year – the monies brought in from this event would take the place of classroom baskets from the auction.

Total projected income \$11,160 (this number does not include a silent auction)

(contact info for Jana)

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Old Business

- Two teachers have requested to be reimbursed for tutoring materials (Seeing Stars). Administration was able to fund this

New Business

- SEP, Lissa Ellegood - \$1300 in scholarships were given out for participating families. The spring SEP packet is being put together now and they hope to have the packets out right after Christmas Break

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm