Meetings minutes SMPO – September 19, 2017

Attendance:

Rudder Mbrs: Joie Linser, Kelly Crantford, Krystan Krailler, Carrie Petts, Lisa Moreland, Margo Smith-Joseph, Jessica Smitson, Casey Linton, Colleen Noble, Holly Fritz, Pedro Souza, Sarah Fuller, Krista Clark, and Natalie Butcher

Others: Julie Miller, Angela Lyman, Kim Fulbright, Kimberly Richardson, Caitlin LaVine, and Elizabeth Johnson

Welcome and call to order –

Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm by President Joie Linser.

Meeting closed: 8:07 pm

Introduced Casey Linton new Volunteer Coordinator.

Natalie Butcher filled in for Business manager Sarah Gilchrist reviewed the budget. Over 2,000 dollars in spirit wear was sold at the open house

Principal’s Report – Dr. Elizabeth Johnson

Principal’s Report 9/19/17

2017-18 opened on a positive note.  We partnered with XU to begin our work on strengthening our      Montessori identity and reviewing our mission/vision.  Staff engaged in a scavenger hunt and identified core values that best represent our school.

Our 2017 Report Card shows improvement

* Our performance index increased from 95.6 to 97.4 which increased letter grade from a C to a B
* Our Gap Closing component (meeting the performance expectations for our most vulnerable populations) went up from an F to a C.
* Our K-3 Literacy component increased from an F to a C.
* Our Progress component (value added - showing growth from one year to the next) increased from a D to a C.

**Sands Montessori Spring Ohio State Test Results**

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|  | **2016** | **2017** |
| **Grade 3** |  |  |
| ELA | 68 | 79 |
| Math | 69 | 71 |
| **Grade 4** |  |  |
| ELA | 73 | 78 |
| Math | 77 | 86 |
| SS | 92 | 92 |
| **Grade 5** |  |  |
| ELA | 80 | 80 |
| Math | 80 | 75 |
| Science | 84 | 85 |
| **Grade 6** |  |  |
| ELA | 78 | 78 |
| Math | 69 | 75 |
| SS | 72 | 69 |

Sands Montessori 2017-18 Goals:

1. Academic:  Continue to utilize data to improve instruction.
2. Monthly ELA/Math Data Meetings
3. Monthly Vertical Team Meetings
4. Equip staff to support students’ social-emotional needs through character strength training/mindfulness PD
5. Strengthen our Montessori identity through partnership with XU - vision, mission, core values, tagline

Literacy intervention has begun and is focusing on the “not on track students” in grades 1-3.  New groups will form after Fall DIBELS/ MAP data is reviewed at the end of the month.

ELA data meetings began two weeks ago.  All teachers received Student Data Sheets, reviewed data that will be discussed at October data meeting.  We also reviewed the ILT approved literacy support plan.

We will begin vertical ELA/Math team meetings during the second staff meeting each month.

Due to concerns about safety, car line procedures were reorganized with full day preschool being dismissed 5 minutes earlier through the doors next to the gym.  This has reduced back up, improved safety, and helped arrival and dismissal flow smoothly.

In order to increase family involvement, parents are asked to volunteer four hours for single student households and six hours for families who have more than one student at Sands.

A strong request was made seeking 50 reading volunteers and 50 math volunteers.  Currently, the SMPO has provided 19 people who have responded.  We are working on a plan to get them involved.

Committee Updates:

Innovation and Rigor: discussing ways to increase access to technology; creating proposal for tech position; planning PD for staff

Communication:  teachers attended the SMPO meeting and shared the budget/request for Class Captains with the staff.

Positive School Culture: shared a system for acknowledging other staff members through notes; organizing school-wide peace tee-shirt design contest; investigating black female historical figures through music

Social:  planning one during school and one outside of school event per quarter; collecting “Flower Fund” money.

PBIS: reviewing plans for teams to teach and reteach school-wide expectations;

Bullying / Mental Health discussion

Sarah Lord, Carrie Bunger, and PBIS co-chair, Jacquie Newberry, attended a district training on preventing bullying and trauma informed care last Wednesday.

In order to promote a healthier school community, students will learn the importance of speaking up when another student is at risk of harming himself or others (either verbally or physically).  During the week long program SAY SOMETHING that runs October 16-20, students will engage in activities to promote a peaceful, safe school environment through positive relationships.

     Three Parts of Say Something

1. Know the Signs
2. Act Immediately
3. Tell a Trusted Adult

A recent survey conducted by Carrie Bunger, school psychologist, indicates that teachers would like to receive increased training and support for students related to social skills, anxiety/depression, social skills, and trauma informed care.  We continue to partner with Beech Acres and Children Inc.

**Officers Reports**

Business Manger – Sarah Gilchrist not present, Natalie Butcher filled in reviewed the budget. Over 2,000 dollars in spirit wear was sold at the open house

Fundraising – No officer

Asked parents to consider becoming the fundraising chair.

Krystan Krailler reported on the Carnival. The Carnival will be October 28, 2017 and it is the 2nd biggest fundraiser. Thanks to Sadie they have 1,500 dollars in sponsorship. They in need of one more sponsor of 500 dollars. A sponsor of 500 dollars or more will get their name on the human hamster bowling ball. They would like to get 1,700 in sponsors which would cover the cost of all the inflatables. The games and prizes are secured. There is a classroom caption for every room. Angela and Julie are in charge of volunteers for the carnival.

Parent at large – Carrie Petts and Lisa Moreland

Are meeting Monday about Grandparents’ Day

Teacher Liaisons – Jessica Smitson

Parent Teacher Conferences are October 19, 2017. Dinner will be provided for the teachers. Teachers have asked for the meals to be put in work rooms and to be portable. There was talk about providing dinner at open house next year.

SEP – Collen Noble

SEP Fall is going well

Communications – Chelsea Meyers and Tara Brock – not present

Volunteer Coordinator- Casey Linton

Need volunteers for carnival.

Athletics Coordinator – Holly Fritz

Eighty-nine children signed up for basketball. They are in the process of making teams. They are in the second week of soccer which is going well. They will get with Alison to combine spirit wear and sport wear.

Technology – Pedro Souza

Made two changes to the website

Teacher Rep – Sarah Fuller

Wanted to know if someone other than Sarah Gilchrist has the credit card. Joie has one and can bring it up when the teachers needs something.

The teachers would like a start and end dates for SEP. Colleen said she would get that to the teachers. The teachers are thankful for the classroom funds they are very helpful. They made a suggestion of having a carnival volunteer sign up table at parent teacher conference from 4 to 7. Krystan or Julie will be there.

LSDMC – Krista Clark

David Brenner is the Chair

Annie Tate is the Vice Chair

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson is the Sectary

Mary is Vice Sectary

They are looking at bully programs. It does not seem to be a problem at Sands du to the teachers and school culture. We need to remember to look at Sands view not a whole district view.

ILT- Heather Gerker and Sadie Bonifas – not present but sent in a report.

Working on Professional Development with Beech Acres/Children Inc. on Mindfullness again this year. More to come.

Grandparent’s Day was approved for December 8, 2017

ILT is looking at data to use support students who would benefit from gifted services. Annette Delaney gave some parameters and suggestions for best day to serve second graders. More discussion is suggested by teams. .

Instructional Funds - We will be receiving $15,000 from the district this year. A portion will fund the partnership Sands has with Xavier. A sub-committee will be formed with representatives from each teaching team. Money needs to be spent by the October 13th

Instructional Supplies $5000

Supplemental Text $5000

Electronic Instructional $5000

Reading/Math Volunteers - We have 19 volunteers and the goal is 50. Working on a structure for this service. A survey is recommended to assess how to best use volunteers. A discussion to identify students to be served will be during data meetings.

Since we have started year 3 of the “new” 9-12 structure we have begun the review process. We reviewed the Powerpoint that was presented originaly for the new structure and received a sample of questions we could use to construct an evaluation tool and Heather and Sadie are in the process of determining what data needs to be collected.

New Business

Krista Clark brought up that the dress code is only focused on girl clothing and would like to review it. She had questions about the gifted Tara Nova test scores and how to find out if your child can be retested. You can go to Power School to look at test scores. Dr. Elizabeth Johnson said she would look into both issues.

Meeting closed at 8:07 pm