

## Meetings minutes SMPO – January 15, 2019

### Attendance:

Rudder Mbrs: Krystan Krailler, Joie Linser, Melissa Volck, Samantha Devries, Andi Curry, Holly Fritz, Margo Smith-Joseph, Carrie Petts, Priya Rolfes, Raj Shah, Kelly Crantford, Jen Robbins, Chris Vockell, José Pedro do Amaral, Caitlin LaVine, Sarah Fullen, Lisa Bowden, Krista Clark, and Gayle Beck.

Others: Heather Gerker, Madeline Gerker, Nikki Marksberry, Casey Irvin, Amber Davies, Sarah Lord, and Sarah Henry.

Welcome and call to order –

Meeting called to order: 7:04 pm by President Krystan Krailler

Meeting closed: 8:42pm

Sarah Henry is a parent of a kindergarden student at Sands. She is working with other parents, children Mt Washington Community and CSP to a sidewalk on Sussex Ave. They came across roadblocks to get a sidewalk; no funding. There is grant money from the state of Ohio, but CPS has not completed a Safe Routes to School Travel Plan since 2007 which prevents them from getting money from the state. In 2007 CPS paid for an engineer to complete this report. Sarah has taken it on to complete the report and is asking that parents fill out a survey. It costs 200,000 for a sidewalk on Sussex and property owners would have to donate the land or the city would have to pay for it. If anyone is interested in helping Sarah, you can email her at [sarahelizabethhenry@gmail.com](mailto:sarahelizabethhenry@gmail.com)

Madeline a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student said that teachers complete the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan, still waiting on 10 classrooms.

Community Resource Coordinator -Nikki Marksberry

Has received a grant from Hamilton County to do a food waste audit, for 6 days Ms. Colleen working with students will be monitoring food that is thrown out at lunch.

There is a problem with food insecurity. There is a need for family who receive food assistance due to the government shut down. Inter Parish Ministry will give Nikki power packs for kids to take home for the weekends and breaks. Nikki will be having a food drive the last week of January and each class will be assigned food to bring. Nikki has a snack closet for children in need. Nikki will be using the money from Gold Star to buy Kroger gift cards.

Goldstar is hosting a fundraised the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Principle Report- Sarah Lord

Current enrollment is 712. We welcomed 5 new students yesterday, including two kindergartners, 2 third graders, and a sixth grader.

Thanks to Carrie Petts and Lisa Moreland for doing an outstanding job organizing Grandparents and Special Friends Day. We also appreciate all of the volunteers who helped make this day such a success. We received a great deal of positive feedback.

The December Book Fair had record sales, thanks to your support!

Dr. Nate Fite will join our staff last week as School Psychologist. He will be at Sands 1.5 days per week.

Sophie Kroner is the new full day preschool paraprofessional.

Wendy Olmstead joined our staff as the paraprofessional in Brenda Boedker's class.

Hiring process for a 6-9 para for Pam Schall's class.

The Innovation and Rigor Committee submitted a letter to Sarah Trimble Oliver, Chief Communications Officer for CPS, requesting that printing privileges be reinstated for students at Sands. The committee is also reviewing tech needs survey results from the staff and prioritizing needs and goals for 2019-20.

Ms. Linger led our choir in a performance for families on Thursday, 12/20 and at school on Friday, 12/21.

Ms. Mitza, Ms. Abbie, and Ms. Emma's classes presented a holiday performance on Thursday, 12/20 complete with singing and dancing.

Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Karen hosted a holiday walk and reception with families complete with sweets that students prepared.

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3rd Grade ELA Support Tutor: Approved  
4th-6th Grade Math/Reading Support Tutor: Approved  
Additional Office Staff Person - Denied  
IAT Support Person - Denied  
K-2 Reading Support Tutor - Denied

Monday, we have our third and final math professional development training during the district wide PD day. We will also meet as a staff beforehand to discuss our school-wide behavior.

January is an assessment month: DIBELS (assessment team will assess K-3), MAP ELA/Math, and district Readiness Assessments in grades 3-6 to prepare for the upcoming Spring state tests.

## **Officers Reports**

Assistant Business Manager – Samantha Devries

Balance on Hand 12/31/18 Checking \$28,867.68 Savings \$ 58,047.01

Income from basketball registration for the Little Eagles camps is mostly complete. Soccer registrations will start at the end of the month. Donations are beginning to come in from Family Reading Night and the Read-A-Thon. Expenditures the past two months went out for reimbursement for direct classroom support, regular subscriptions, basketball supplies, league fees and insurance and finalizing Carnival. Donations for the ETFD total \$1025 from the fall fund drive. Facebook donation was \$750, and they may match some.

Fundraising – Holly Fritz

Family reading night is January 31, 2019 and kicks off the Read-A-Thon.

A parent is interested in chairing a craft show for next year, November.

Parent's night out is April 27, 2019.

Read-A-Thon is the biggest fundraiser. Hoping to raise \$15,000. Students who read over 100 minutes and read the most minutes will be put in a drawing for a new iPad.

Father daughter dance is March 9, 2019.

Mom prom is March 16, 2019.

Parent at large – Carrie Petts

Grandparent day went well. One suggestion was for 6<sup>th</sup> graders to be special friends for the younger grades.

Parent Liaisons – Raj Shah

The next parent teacher conferences will be March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and will need 45 to 50 meals.

SEP – Jen Robbins

Still getting registrations. A lot of people registered last week.

Communications – Andi Curry

Need new information by Monday at 6 pm and will send out email Tuesday or Wednesday.

Please email to [sm pocommunications@gmail.com](mailto:sm pocommunications@gmail.com)

Everything is going well. Will be posting stuff for Read-A-Thon, food drive and SMPO meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator- Kelly Crantford

If you need volunteers for an event let Kelly know. Is getting a list of upcoming volunteer needs.

Athletics Coordinator – Chris Vockell

Basket Ball is half way through the season. The Little Eagle camp had 40 kids and the older kids were the counselor

Spring Soccer registration is January 26, 2019 at noon. It is an 8 game season.

Baseball -Andrew Lehman has got it started and may need to buy equipment. The season is March to early June.

Technology – Pedro Souza

He needs to make some upgrades before he can make changes to the website. He plans to do it this Friday.

Teacher Rep – 3-6 Caitlin LaVine

Next week all the 3-6 teachers are going to Beech Archers for the afternoon for a training on trauma and how to support children who have experienced trauma.

Have started MAP testing but it is challenging without a computer lab.

Bus fee have increased by \$30. Wanted to know if SMPO will still cover it. SMPO will.

Teacher Rep – 6-9 Sarah Fullen

Shared that they are testing 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and the problem they are having not enough mouses for the laptops.

Karen will be presenting in DC at the American Montessori Society.

Teacher Rep – 9-12 Lisa Bowden

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are going to see a play on Harriet Tubman. They are also testing students.

LSDMC – Krista Clark

LSDMC (Local School, Decision Making Committee) meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the month at 4. They are looking to increase diversity on the committee, there are only two men. They are looking at how they can increase diversity. They completed a mid-year review and are on track.

Pastor Penny is looking to raise money for technology.

ILT- Gayle Beck

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Old Business

Approved November minutes

New Business

15,000 dollar single expenditure in the budget. Open to suggestions.

Annual grant teachers need to put in applications January 31, 2019 so Principe Lord and Dr. Elizabeth can review and SMPO will review and vote on at the February 19th meeting. The school is in need of space and would like SMPO to go through stuff in the storage.

There were questions raised about using the 58,000 dollars for shade for outdoors or technology. Rachel Danhires has a proposal for gaga pit.

Meeting closed at 8:42 pm