

SMPO Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2019

Attendance:

Rudder Members: Krystan Krailler, Joie Linser, Melissa Volck, Natalie Butcher, Samantha Devries, Andi Curry, Holly Fritz, Carrie Petts, Priya Rolfes, Raj Shah, Kelly Crantford, Jen Robbins, Chris Vockell, Catlin La Vine, Sarah Fullen, Lisa Bowden, Angie Reynolds, Tara Brock, Derenda Gayle Beck

Guests in Attendance: Jacek Biesiada, Sarah Moorhouse, Nikki Marksberry, Jeremiah ? (illegible) and Sarah Lord

Welcome and call to order

Meeting called to order: 7:05 p.m. by President Krystan Krailler

Meeting closed: 8:17 p.m.

Discussed Crossing Guard Appreciation Day plans. A card was routed for meeting attendees to sign.

Principal Report: Sarah Lord

Thank you to the SMPO for your outstanding support with the Read-a-Thon! Our top readers were very excited to participate in the lunch and limo adventure! We are grateful!

Thank you to the Rolfes family for donating the ipad! This really motivated students to read!

Thank you to the SMPO for the dinners from Servatii's and LaRosa's for conferences. We really appreciated having a delicious meal on such busy nights!

Thanks to all the volunteers who planned and worked our dances this month!

Current enrollment is 712. Families of students who were accepted in the second round of the lottery were notified and have until March 21st to register.

Malykia Wheaton joined our staff as a paraprofessional for a kindergarten student in Ms. Morgan's class. Sarah Moorhouse joined our staff as a paraprofessional in kindergarten student in Ms. Caitlin's class.

Lisa Webb has been contracted by the district to assist Tara Litmer in servicing her IEP minutes.

5th grade enrichment students continue their Food Waste Warriors program. They will analyze the data and make recommendations of how to be better stewards of the environment after the program concludes in two weeks.

We had our Black History programs on 2/22 and 2/25.

We have had several in house field trips and presentations:

3-6: Rumpelstiltskin, School Symphony

6-9: Wings of Wonder, Cincinnati Zoo on the Move

9-12: Cincinnati Zoo on the Move

6th grade student, Audrey Simon, was featured on 55KRC on Saturday morning to discuss her Passion Project on bees and her partnership with the Cincinnati Zoo.

We are looking to hire for the ALE (Alternative Learning Environment) position.

Grades 3-6 have been administering ELA and Math Readiness assessments.

On 3/20, CPS will recognize the outstanding service of our crossing guards. Sylvester Smith

We are planning a school-wide peace assembly in April. Our goal is for every staff member and student to have a tee shirt.

On Monday, 3/11 our staff participated in training for the Ohio State Tests that will take place in April and May.

North Avondale is beginning the pathway to American Montessori Accreditation and have invited us to partner with them. ILT is reviewing information to determine interest level and next steps.

Community Coordinator: Nikki Marksberry

Food Waste program update: The program is currently in the collection phase, evaluating food waste of children who purchase hot lunch in the 6-9 group/105-110 students. Currently averaging 45-50 lbs of food waste per student, but will begin data evaluation next.

Presbyterian Church - Partnership looking at donations for school supplies and food security donations.

Business Manager: Natalie Butcher

Checking Balance on Hand – 2/28/19 — \$52,835.73

Savings Balance on Hand – 2/28/19 — \$58,062.01

Incoming funds from past month from Read-a-Thon, Father Daughter Dance, Mom Prom and Peace T-shirts and spring athletics. Preliminary reports have the RAT netting \$23,480.60 with one deposit and a few expenses to still clear the bank. Both dances had a good turn out. The Father Daughter dance was up in both admissions and raffle from last year. Mom Prom was held this past weekend and we are waiting deposits and expenses from both dances to clear the bank for accurate final numbers. Baseball and soccer have had a few additional signups.

We are still collecting funds for Peace shirts. As of this afternoon, 404 student orders have been received with funds collected allowing us to purchase 597 shirts with generous donations from many families. At least 115 orders are still needed to help cover the cost, \$690.82, for the additional 309 students in school.

Outgoing expenses this past month for dances, RAT prizes, direct classroom support, baseball equipment, regular subscriptions, and teacher appreciation meals. I have been in contact with many of our grant recipients and begun purchasing those items.

Communications: Andi Curry

Discussed Facebook outage and impact on open rates. K. Krailler suggested resending to unopened contacts. Discussed formation of SMPO Facebook Group and Instagram account to broaden reach in the Sands community.

Fundraising: Holly Fritz

Mom prom and father daughter was a success

Jazzercise class will be April 6 at Norwood - 100 percent SMPO and will match up to \$250

There will be four different classes we can choose from.

Details have been finalized for the upcoming Parents Night Out - April 27. It will be held at Chapter Mt. Adams. Tickets are \$10/person open to all sands families and supporters. Tickets will go on sale April 1 on the SMPO website.

Read-a-Thon was a success!

Parent-at-Large: Carrie Petts

We're officially booked for Back to School Picnic, which will take place on Aug. 11. We will have access to the park from 2-dark. Suggested coordinating with Donatos race representatives to limit trash/cleanup from their event.

Communications to put out a save the date notification/FB event.

Parent Liaison: Priya Rolfes

Food for parent conferences went well

There's possibly money remaining in the budget for a year-end-treat for teachers.

Volunteer Coordinator: Kelly Crantford

Nomination forms for Rudder went in the teacher mailboxes this afternoon and will go home soon. Tara Brock noted a goal for LSDMC was to continue diversifying SMPO leadership.

SEP Coordinator: Jen Robbins

Currently in the process of setting up the Fall enrichment programs.

Scholarships for 2018-29 school year totaled \$2,966. Scholarship budgets are completed and coordinators are currently discussing funding options for 2019-20 SEP program.

Athletics: Chris Vockell

Basketball is over: Out of 12 eligible teams, 3 teams won their tourney and 4 came in second place.

Basketball in the Spring is available through the Excel program (McNicholas High School). Students from McNic get gym time and offer discounted rates to Sands students who play basketball in the program.

Approximately 20 students will participate.

Soccer is starting—there are 13 teams with a total of 145 kids playing soccer. Baseball is happening and didn't require entirety of start-up funds requested (approximately half). Equipment sourced through a donation and Play-It-Again Sports.

Technology: Jose Pedro do Amaral

Not present at the meeting but working on changes to the website provided by President Krailler.

Teacher Representative: 3-6 Caitlin La Vine

Thankful for dinner
Bussing, finishing up field trips
Great to alleviate costs for families
Continuing Beech Acres Training

Teacher Representative: 6-9 Sarah Fullen

Thank you for dinner and classroom support. Students enjoyed using new resource materials.

Teacher Representative: 9-12 Lisa Bowden

Thank you for dinner
Bussing included 2 trips to Aranoff (Spirit of Harriett Tubman and going to see Black Violet)
Used classroom support - 22 during zoo event.
Discussed sixth grade graduation - \$50 budget available

LSDMC: Angie Reynolds

District meeting Feb. 27 - discussed budgeting process, More funding for psychologist, Participated in a bullying presentation.

An update to the Ohio Revised Code changed the number of active minutes students should receive per week to 150. This will be rolled out through pilot schools first.

Working on PBIS committee end of year survey (mission, vision, school climate)

NAM asked to partner with Sands on American Montessori School accreditation (will work through as a staff first).

ILT: Derenda Gayle Beck

Determining conference dates for next year
Testing plan finalizing
Budgets
Peace shirt assembly and discussion of changing schedule for the next school year

Old Business

Approved February meeting minutes

New Business

Tara Brock/Sunshine Committee - RJ Rushing spoke to a blend of SMPO and staff regarding mods for the additions/shade based concerns for the Sands Playground with the goal of providing more things for kids to do.

He's putting together a proposal that would stagger improvements over the next 10 years. Typically \$2k and he is doing for free because of shared visions.

Hoping that the proposal will be ready by next SMPO meeting.

Go Local Event will be held on May 18. There will be a 4-hour blitz at Sands to spruce up gardens, mulch, paint the two sheds and add shelving to sheds.

Nomination Committee - The link is live online and the hard copy will be distributed. All positions can be shared.

Nikki - Introduced the M.O.R.E. Program - Men Organized Respectful Educated Trusted male adults creates relationships/mentors young men in a school. Kicks off in 4th grade through high school. \$5k to participate - goes back to the instructor. Potential for funding help after next year.

Sarah advised it would have a good impact on school culture for students. Nikki to further explore.

Meeting closed at 8:17 p.m.