

SMPO Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2019

Attendance:

Rudder Members: Krystan Krailler, Joie Linser, Melissa Volck, Natalie Butcher, Samantha Devries, Andi Curry, Margo Smith-Joseph, Holly Fritz, Carrie Petts, Priya Rolfes, Raj Shah, Kelly Crantford, Rachel Danhires, Chris Vockell, José Pedro do Amaral, Catlin La Vine, Vanessa Barth, Angie Reynolds, Sarah Stitzlein, Tara Brock

Guests in Attendance: RJ Rushing, Casey Irvin, Sarah Klayer, Gina Wallace, Sarah Moorehouse, Courtney Maxie, Alain Blanton, Allyse Sonnega, Michele Durban, Isra Forney, Thomas Wood, Sharice Wood, Nikki Marksberry, Heather Gerker, Sadie Bonifas, and Sarah Lord

Welcome and call to order

General Meeting called to order: 7:02 p.m. by President Krystan Krailler

General Meeting closed: 7:54 p.m.

Rudder meeting called to order: 7:54 p.m.

Rudder meeting closed: 8:49 p.m.

RJ Rushing – Adventurous Child presented a proposal for outdoor classroom

The Sunshine Committee has been working on enhanced outdoor space and this is the first draft.

Adventurous Child was founded in 1986. Their goal is to get children to go outside. They design, manufacture and install the playground equipment. They would work with U of M, Texas Tech, UC, and Dayton on their designs. Their clients are preschools, Head Start Programs, YMCAs around Cincinnati and Dayton. They incorporate shade in an outdoor classroom. There are positive consequences to being outside; increase productivity, increase attention span and better behavior.

There are two areas that will be enhanced.

1. At the west end of the playground using the hill there will be an outdoor classroom, a pergola with a 12 x 12 floor, 14 x 14 lattice roof and two 8 x 8 canvas squares that provide shade on the sides. There will be a natural pathway, amphitheater seating using the hill, natural seating, stumps used for seats, two chalkboards and dry erase board. There will also be natural shade provided by adding trees.
2. The grass between the garden and the preschool playground. There will be a bonded wood fiber path, trees for shade, and a natural obstacle course. It will be handicap accessible.

This will be done in phases and the first phase would be number 2.

The parents and teachers had concerns which RJ answered

- How to keep it safe from vandalism? Can remove the canvas shade in the winter so it is not ruined by snow. The chalkboard and dry erase board can be resurfaced. RJ will take it back to the shop to figure out how to put locks on the boards to keep them safe.

- How long does the structures last? And what is the maintenance? The canvas shade will fade but will last 20 years. The structures will last 20 years. The maintenance is low.
- How long does it take to construct and install? It will take 10 weeks to manufacture and in busy season it will take 12 to 14 weeks. It will be done in phases. The nature path will be done first and it will take a week to install. The amphitheater will take two weeks to install.
- What is the cost? Total cost is 56,000 to 42, 000. It will be 42,000 if RJ does not provide the trees. The nature path cost is 20,556. The amphitheater/classroom cost is 32,000.
- We will have to get approval from ILT, LSDMC and facilities.
- The SMPO has 58,000 in saving. There could also be possible grants or a GoFund me page could be set up.

SMPO 2019-2020 Rudder Board Elections

Position and Nominee

- Vice President – open
- Executive Secretary – open
- Business Manager in Training – Michelle Durban
- Parent at Large – Allyse Sonnega
- Parent Liaison – Krystan Krailler
- Teacher Representatives – Caitlin LaVine(returning), Sarah Fullen/Vanessa Barth(returning), Lisa Bowden (returning)
- SEP Coordinator – Rachel Danhires (returning)
- Volunteer Coordinator – Priya Rolfes
- Fundraising Coordinator- Holly Fritz (returning)
- Communications Coordinator – Andi Curry (returning) and Gina Wallace
- Technology Coordinator – Pedro do Amaral (returning)
- Athletics Coordinator – Chris Vockell (returning)
- LSDMC Representative (2 seats) – Angie Reynolds, Courtney Maxie

Each nominee introduced themselves. There were only one person running for each position. The board voted and everyone was approved for the position they were running for.

Principal Report: Sarah Lord

Current enrollment is 712. The third round of the lottery ends April 12. We hope to receive final notification from families who will attend by May 1.

We began ELA OST on Monday, 4/8. ELA testing continues through 4/19 for students in grades three through six. Math and Science testing will follow.

Staff shared created strategies for acknowledgement at our staff meeting last week.

Several members of the PBIS team and I attended professional development prior to Spring Break. Our team learned about CICO (Check-In, Check-Out), Restorative Practices, Teacher Self Care, and Bullying Prevention.

We had a fire drill 4/2 on and we will have a lock down drill and search and seizure (in 9-12) before the end of the year.

Spring conferences took place on 3/14. We appreciated the LaRosa's dinner provided by the SMPO.

The top readers from the Read-a-Thon enjoyed Lunch & Limo on 3/19. We had a nice lunch at LaRosa's and then were celebrated at Busken Bakery where the manager gave every student a free cookie.

We have enjoyed in school presentations: Wings of Wonder, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful (6-9), Cincinnati Zoo on the Move (3-6).

Some 3-6 students have visited Green Acres and 9-12 went to Music Hall.

Sixth graders presented their Writing in Motion performance to families on 3/19 and our 9-12 students on 3/21,

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

Teachers participated in Learning Teams on 4/3. Traci Cummings led a session on Restorative Practices.

Seven third grade students who are currently non-promotable as per the Third Grade Guarantee have been invited to attend the Summer Stars Reading Program. Currently, three students have accepted.

Our teams have been working hard to schedule students as they transition to new levels for 2019-20.

We continue to explore options for creating additional spaces to best serve the needs of our students and staff.

Community Coordinator: Nikki Marksberry

Has extra yearbooks but there is a limited amount. Cost is \$17.

Care Portal is through Job and Family it is a service where you can put in one request for needs and it will go to the 6 churches involved in the program and they will respond if they have items needed, rather than having to contact each church to find out if they can fill the needs.

Presbyterian Church - Partnership with Sands to help provide power packs that are sent home with children in need of food to get through the weekend. We need to get 40 people to sign up for the 5K Hunger Walk. The cost is 25 dollars.

Business Manager: Natalie Butcher

Checking Balance on Hand – 4/16/19 — \$60,835.89

Savings Balance on Hand – 4/16/19 — \$58,069.89

Incoming funds from past month from dances, direct donations for the Read-a-Thon, and Fidelity matching grant. Athletics had incoming funds from spring soccer.

Communications: Andi Curry

We have a 30% open rate for emails sent out. Discussed formation of SMPO Facebook Group and Instagram account to broaden reach in the Sands community.

Fundraising: Holly Fritz

Jazzercise class was on April 6th still waiting to hear how they did.

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. We need to sell 50 tickets by Friday or it will be canceled. As of right now 14 tickets have been bought. There is \$2,000 worth of prizes. They will have a student do an all call to the families reminded them of Parents Night Out. Need help selling tickets at the door.

Parent-at-Large: Carrie Petts

Nothing to report

Parent Liaison: Priya Rolfes

Food for parent conferences went well.

Volunteer Coordinator: Kelly Crantford

In need of Vice President and Executive Secretary for next school year.

SEP Coordinator: Rachel Danhires

Currently in the process of setting up the Fall enrichment programs. Trying to get in contact with Hobby Pop. There will not be a fencing class due to no space.

Scholarships for 2018-29 school year totaled \$2,966 which was under budget.

Athletics: Chris Vockell

Nothing to report

Technology: Jose Pedro do Amaral

Would like to add a tab to the website about the history of the Sands and what Montessori school is.

Teacher Representative: 3-6 Caitlin La Vine

Noting to report

Teacher Representative: 6-9 Vanessa Barth

Has been collecting box tops and wants to know when they will be collected. Will have a contest in May.

Encouraged family to get the Duke Energy Kits, school will get money.

Teacher Representative: 9-12 Lisa Bowden

Not present

LSDMC: Angie Reynolds, Sarah Stitzlein

In the process of the annual survey.

They are adjusting the budget because SMPO gave money for Alex.

ILT: No one present

Old Business

Approved March meeting minutes

New Business

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.

Casey Irving would like to be nominate for Vice President. It will be voted on at the May meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:49 p.m.