

SMPO meeting notes 8/27/19

SMPO General Parent Meeting

Fall Meeting - August 27, 2019

A. Welcome & Call meeting to order -Melissa Volck; 7:09 pm

B. Introduction of 2019-20 SMPO officers - Melissa Volck

C. Principals report - Sarah Lord

- Thank you for breakfast for first staff meeting □ Morning schedule:
 - o Free breakfast beginning at 9 am o Doors open at 8:50 am
 - o Students need to be in class at 9:15 am
- Thank you for your patience as district figures out issues with busing and transportation. If you have issues, please email Sands staff; they take seriously and pass those along
- Spent last 7 days teaching and reteaching school expectations with all students; reading to all classrooms; working hard to promote kindness; reviewed school expectations □ New to handbook: discipline flow chart; please review online handbook for details. Broken down by grade level for proper procedures.
- New restorative room where students can go to take a break when they are having issues. It includes sensory stations and is fully staffed with a Beech Acres professional; that person can also help students process things in order to go back to class focused and ready to learn.
- New model with Beech Acres: Mr. Craig Dobson is the team lead, coordinates all the services for students and family. Full time therapist in restorative room, part time 3 days per week, and a family partner that helps families. We are excited and seeing benefits for students.
- Many opportunities to be involved: sporting programs, enrichment programs
- Part of what makes Sands special is partnerships with families, we invite you to become involved
- 723 students this year, we are up from last year; 45 teachers, 41 paras, 100 staff total

D. Old Business - none

E.. New Business

- Proposal for playground shade (present & vote) – Joie Linser (see PPT presentation) o Joie linser moves to approve o Krystan Krailler second motion
 - o Approved by majority (no no votes or abstentions)
- 2019-20 budget (present & vote) – Samantha DeVries o Expected income: \$35,850
 - o Motion to approve: Nikki marksberry; second: Chris Vockell o Vote approved by majority; no abstentions, no no votes

- Scouting: Tara Brock: Cub Pack 281 that Sands participates in. Boys and girls K-5 with interest in scouting can go to a pack meeting Mon sept 9, 6:30-8 pm. Feel free to join and try it out. Girl Scouts also option
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 - F. Adjourn - Melissa Volck : Sam motion, Priya second; approved by majority. Adjourned 7:36 pm

SMPO Rudder Meeting

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Rudder members in attendance: Melissa Volck, Joie Linser, Emily McNicholas, Samantha DeVries, Michelle Durbin, Allyse Sonoga, Krystan Krailler, Caitlin LaVine, Vanessa Barth, Lisa Bowden, Cynthia Stevens, Rachel Danhires, Priya Rolfes, Holly Fritz, Andi Curry, Pedro do Amaral, Chris Vockell, Tara Brock, Courtney Maxie, Sarah Stitzlein, Sarah Moorehouse
 Others in attendance: Sarah Lord, Nikki Marksberry, Natalie Butcher, Margo Smith-Joseph, Jon Paasch, Sarah Henry, Angela Lyman, Gwen Magee, Gayle Olsen, Jamie Struve, Megan West, Nate Carrey, Sarah Wartman-Reedy, Thomas Wood

- A. Welcome & Call meeting to order - Melissa Volck, called to order 7:37 pm
- B. Reports
 - a. Principals Report - Sarah Lord:
 - i. Thanks for funding for staff retreat; Worked hard on PBIS plan, and this was a great day. Thank you for the gift of time together outside the school environment.
 - ii. Report card, preliminary report from last year is available. A final report card is expected later this fall. Some highlights:
 - 1. Achievement: grade C. How we scored on tests, the progress that was made, gap-closing among subgroups
 - 2. K-3 literacy: grade B. Use assessments to determine how students improve over the year
 - 3. Predict overall grade of C for the year
 - 4. Predict overall grade of A for closing gaps for subgroups
 - 5. K-3 literacy: meeting goals
 - a. Additional 3rd grade tutor, one serving grades 4-6
 - b. Community Resource Coordinator - Nikki Marksberry: See report
 - c. Business manager - Samantha DeVries: budget approved, increased classroom support from draft budget, but still down from last year due to increase in costs for other things like 9-12 planners, district increase in bus costs and other increases in spending.
 - d. Communications - Andi Curry & Gina Wallace: Great promotion so far this year, new emails and followers rolling in. New group on FB is going well and growing.

As you see content online, the more you engage, the higher the visibility for other people to see and pop into their feeds. Instagram has also started, so if you prefer to get news that way, it's an option.

- e. Fundraising - Holly Fritz: We need volunteers. Co-chairs for dances and PNO. Talking with some folks about dances, but no commitment. Craft fair is a go – November 16, 9 am – 2 pm. \$2 cash admission, 12 and under are free. Tables available to rent, including tables for kids for just \$5. Jessica Raines is event chair. More information to come as they finalize contract for booth rentals and other information. Holly received information for Scentsie fundraiser, maybe at Christmastime.
- f. Parent at Large - Allyse Sonnega: Picnic was great, spoke at new parent night. Looking for parents for GP day and field day. Putting together folder for potential/new parent tours and schedule for that. Working on GP Day flyer. If you have stuff for the lobby sign, email it to Allyse and she'll add. Right now she's just putting information up from the calendar on upcoming events.
- g. Parent Liaison - Krystan Krailler: Provided breakfast for the first staff meeting of the year the Friday before school starts. Working with teachers to come up with ideas for meals for conferences – both in terms of what they want to eat, and how it's easiest to get to them during busy evenings. Looking to restart staff appreciation potluck this school year, likely with a breakfast sometime the first semester and a lunch in the second where parents and families can stop in with a dish for staff. More details to come. Also looking at ways to say thanks to paras and others throughout the year.
- h. Volunteer - Priya Rolfes: Information sent out for volunteer signups; will be coming out with a new push to get families signed up to express interest in opportunities. Will send information to various chairs.
- i. SEP - Rachel Danhires: registration is open. Acting skills class had to cancel. New classes for babysitting certification and home alone courses may be available beginning in October. Most classes are already at minimum attendance needed to run the course. Younger grade level karate is full, but the older one still has openings.
- j. Athletics - Chris Vockell: Spring – successful baseball kick-off to return of program, availability for more teams this spring. Soccer: 12 teams, 141 players this fall. Basketball registration is ongoing, typically ended up with 15 teams and 120-30 players in previous years. Speaking with folks interested in volleyball going again. We have partnered with Accel Basketball, yearlong program; provide them with gym time. Any Sands students that play get a significantly reduced rate. BBall program purchased a new sign for the gym exterior. Thanks to Principal Lord for approving it and Mr. Bob for installing it before students arrived for the year.
- k. Technology - Pedro do Amaral: Made a few important changes to the site: calendar is now updated, as well as a google calendar to see current events. Updated all software on the site so we're running newest version of everything.

When you see discrepancies, please send replacement text and Pedro will make the update. Caitlyn LaVine to provide a history of Montessori to add a section to the website to serve as education on the Montessori method and how it came to be. Also added Say Something info to the website.

- l. 3-6 Teacher Rep - Caitlin LaVine: thanks for breakfast! Teachers are working on preliminary assessments, getting kids acclimated to classrooms.
- m. 6-9 Teacher Rep - Vanessa Barth: We're opening the school year, going over expectations, what kids want to have in their classroom, what environment they want for their community; we're getting to work. So far so good! Nat Geo magazines already rolling in, too!
- n. 9-12 Teacher Rep - Lisa Bowden: We had our planners and organizers distributed and we've taken a big jump into the deep end, get acclimated to having different teachers, and taking responsible for themselves in a bigger way. We work to equip them with the skills they need for middle school and beyond. Hats off to 69 for training them up. Thank you SMPO for organizers and planners, we appreciate the funding.
- o. LSDMC (Local School Decision Making Committee) - Sarah Stitzlein: 4 parent reps. LSDMC committee makes sure Sands does what it says it does. We keep school in line with mission and purpose. Parent survey coming out to find out what parents think are going well and what can be improved. Teachers and community reps also participate. Meetings open to all – second Tuesday of every month at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and participate.
- p. ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) - Sarah Moorehouse: Our open house night Sept 26 5-6:30 pm. Ms. Robyn starting a character program, anyone who participated in summer program needs to send to her so she can make sure they're included. ILT meetings are the first and third Wednesday at 8 am in the Media Center if anyone wants to join.

C. Old Business

a. Facebook group: Talking to teacher or principal first if you have an issue would be appreciated to ensure the correct information is out there. Try to keep it positive, constructive and educational and set a tone for how Sands is teaching students to treat each other. D. New Business – None.

E. Adjourn - Melissa Volck: Caitlyn LaVine motion, Sarah Moorehouse second. Meeting adjourned 8:37 pm.