

SMPO Rudder Meeting
SEPTEMBER MINUTES

September 20, 2022; 7pm via in-person and Zoom

Meeting Agenda & Reports Sent Prior to Meeting

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:

Courtney Ryan - President

Kim Fulbright - Vice President

Dave Rolfes - Fundraising Coordinator

Laura Hughes - Executive Secretary

Robyn Appino - Library Media Specialist

Yomira Calles- Spirit Wear (not rudder member)

ZOOM ATTENDEES:

Cybil Brown - Assistant Principal

Andrea Money Penny - Business Manager in Training

Chris Vockell - Athletics

Jimmy Franxman - Athletics

Jacob Ottlinger - Intervention Teacher Rep

Alissa Paasch - ILT

Allyse Sonnega - Parent-at-large

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Tonight's meeting was hosted by **Courtney Ryan**, SMPO President.

Kim Fulbright made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August.

Laura Hughes seconded the motion.

Meeting minutes were approved at 7:07pm.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

- **Courtney Ryan** welcomed everyone and invited Cybil to the spotlight.
- **Cybil Brown (reporting for Principal Lord):**
 - Gave thanks to the SMPO for raising money for and funding the yellow buses and field trips, for organizing "Say Something" shirt orders
 - Say Something week is October 3rd-7th; ordered t-shirts in hopes that students will wear them and other spirit wear every Friday for Sands Spirit Fridays
 - Many families made donations so ALL students had a shirt
 - There will be a schoolwide photo of all students together
 - Gratitudes to all who donated
 - Sands is using a staff acknowledgement form to recognize staff. Many families have been using this form
 - **Cybil** and **Courtney** briefly discussed making the link to the form in the monthly newsletter more accessible
 - Replacing "Red Card System" with "Class Dojo" that we have been using which is a more updated version of recognizing students and staff
 - Students will earn points and the top earner in each home community will be recognized on Friday mornings during the shoutouts
 - **Courtney** suggested getting creative on recognizing the teachers and staff for doing such a great job from the SMPO (Class Dojo for teachers!); **Dave** acknowledged this and was in agreement

- Currently working towards using the restorative space which is an addition to the ALC using a classroom set-up to support students who are experiencing behavior issues
 - This space allows us to be proactive instead of reactive while providing a space for students to de-escalate
- Looking for volunteers for Dads On Duty
 - Nicole Koozie is the contact person for that and there is a form to put on FB for people to sign up. Courtney acknowledges that she will add this to the upcoming Thursday SMPO newsletter
- Academics; ELA and Math assessments coming up
 - Shared a PowerPoint demonstrating that we are one of very few schools in the area with such good ratings
 - Below is a link to those results:
 - <https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/school/033530>
 - You can also log into ODE to find this information; encouraged everyone to take a look

➤ **Courtney Ryan:**

- Introduced Yomira Calles who will be assisting with selling spirit wear. Discussed meeting up with her for new spirit wear and a vendor. Also made note that the student council will be in attendance for the October meeting!
- SMPO is providing subs tomorrow in partnership with student council
- Someone has been hired for the Community Resource Coordinator position and he started yesterday! His name is Keith Schomaker and he was sent as a teacher for Summer Scholars. Since he did such a great job over the summer, he was asked to join the Sands community in a different and more permanent capacity.
- Gave accolades to families using outdoor structures during Open House and talked about witnessing awesome community building. “When you're given a natural space, it draws people in to be playful and interactive with others.”
- Told an inspirational story about how she watched the transformation of a child using the outdoorspace as a restorative space and it was beautiful!
- Recollected being interviewed by Nature Guys Podcast earlier today that led up to the formation and build of the play scape. The outdoorscape is gaining traction, recognition and interest! Podcast will be aired internationally! =)

➤ **Andrea Moneypenny:**

○ **Balances:**

- Checking: \$33,819.00
 - went up about \$4,000 for basketball signups!
- Savings: \$61,103.04
 - **Cybil** shared that for this month, half the buses were paid for AND a 9-12 mini-grant went out and was utilized!

➤ **Allyse Sonnega:**

- working with Principal Lord on scheduling tours for new families that are interested in the school
- Donuts with Grownups is coming up on November 22nd
- Stephanie Dent is stepping in to help with Parent Liaison
 - Need to vote Andrea and Stephanie in during the next meeting

➤ **Jen Robbins - Sands Extracurricular Program (SEP):**

- absent; reports sent via email

➤ **Dave Rolfes:**

- Streetside event is coming up! For any beverage sold to any patron from 6-8pm, \$1 comes back to SMPO
 - Streetside asked for children to be supervised and seated if possible
 - You can print off coloring pages from Streetside website for children
- Briefly explained steps to register for fundraising apps through Amazon and Kroger.
 - We get paid quarterly by Kroger and average about \$1,200 per payment per quarter for about past 2 years with only 209 people signed up
 - **Courtney** suggested adding a “Did You Know” section in the newsletter or anything promoting the apps about how each person that is signed up for the apps can raise \$7-8, hopefully encouraging them to sign up
 - Amazon app link made \$3,300 with 224 people signed up in past 2 years

- Discussed doing more of a public fundraiser for the outdoor campus. outdoor campus should be celebrated and utilized for fundraising with things such as plaques, and/or trees (put your name on a tree or plaque)
 - **Kim** noted how it benefits not only the school but also the neighborhood families
 - **Dave** proposed the following questions:
 - How forward do we want to be?
 - Do we want to be more passive?
 - **Courtney** added that we will need to use a fence in order for preschoolers to play; post and rail vs. wrought iron?
 - Sarah Lord's biggest point is that it must be aesthetically pleasing
 - Post and rod pros:
 - it is natural, cost effective, volunteers can help, it can be ordered and delivered in a week, and for about \$2,500, Native Roots would sell us 30 bushes for us to plant ourselves.
 - plan to use bushes to fill out and be beautiful to cover post and rod
 - chose not to spend any money on any plaques until Spring to ensure trees don't die over Winter. Need to create shade structures requiring at least 5 trees
 - Mitza Constantini donated two benches to be used as buddy benches. She wanted there to be a visual place for a child to sit that alerts other children that that child needs a friend in hopes that it will ensure that everyone on the bench has a friend.
 - **Courtney** notes that the SMPO must find a way to acknowledge and thank her for this
- Chipotle event is on October 19th in Fairfax from 4-8pm
 - Must be sure to mention that you are with Sands
- Have not heard from Dewey's Pizza
- Goldstar in Mt. Washington is lined up for December
- Reached out to Nikki Marksberry to see if Mt. Washington School might be interested in collaborating for an event
 - Brainstormed about whether it would be a joined event or a friendly competition

- **Jimmy Franxman:**
 - soccer season is a few weeks in and going well so far!
 - basketball registration ended on Friday but we are still looking for players of different ages (specifics in newsletter)
 - we have a record number of 16 teams!
 - will follow up about spirit wear sale orders

- **Beth Lippert (3-6 Teacher Rep):** not online

- **Karen Huneke (6-9 Teacher Rep):** not online

- **Lisa Bowden (9-12 Teacher Rep):** not online

- **Jacob Ottlinger:**
 - we have been completing benchmark assessments, organizing and providing accommodations for testing, and getting progress reports ready to go for when grades go home

- **Robyn Appino:**
 - Reminder that FC comes every Friday to PE classes
 - Choir is starting up soon...next Thursday in fact!
 - Book fair is scheduled for October 24th-28th
 - Family shopping night will be on the 27th which is also family conference night!
 - Students have been utilizing SORA, an online audiobook and ebook app which allows full access to Cincinnati Library catalogs.

- **LSDMC (reported by Courtney):**
 - still looking for 2 community members to join
 - **Cybil** discussed looking into whether or not community members can also be a parent?
 - Noted that there were a few parents interested

- **ILT (reported by Courtney):**
 - updates in agenda email

OLD BUSINESS

- **Courtney:**

- Brought up the idea of memory making events again:
 - how do we get creative? No more mom prom or daddy daughter dance; doesn't feel inclusive for modern day families...what can we do so that children are having an experience with people that are close to them?
 - space and timing would need to be staggered somehow
- outdoor movie night?
 - Simple, low budget, impactful...
 - tasked group to come back with ideas next month
- **Yomira** proposes Trunk-or-Treat
 - **Courtney** asked **Dave** to reach out to Nikki Marksberry for potential partnering
- Asked everyone to write down ideas and bring them to the next meeting. Offered to start a Google Doc for which we can all collaborate on and plans to revisit this next month
 - **Robyn** suggested having 2 dances:
 - k-3 dance hosted by 4-6 grade families
 - 4-6 grade dance hosted by k-3 families
- Shared Robyn's powerpoint proposal for updating the furniture in the library. Below are a few facts and financial quotes that were given:
 - Lakeshore: lifetime warranty, will need 32 tables and 32 chairs and they come with flight bounce:
 - \$16,606.08
 - Cheaper chairs with no bounce: \$14,492.80
 - DEMCO: no lifetime warranty: \$13,157.16
- **Courtney** reviewed the carryover income on the budget spreadsheet which explained that it came from families that made donations during the pandemic:
 - untapped money which needs to be used on the school immediately and not placed in the savings account. Without fundraising or touching the savings account we already have almost \$13,000 to support that. Is this considered a district cost?
 - Urged Robyn to reach out again to the district for financial assistance or to propose a matching fund amount?

NEW BUSINESS:

➤ **Kim Fulbright:**

- Donuts with Grownups and STEM night are upcoming
- Student council is excited to collaborate with SMPO

- Sent out the parent survey about changing the time of the meeting and got 9 responses with 3 votes for each time group
 - 6:30-8pm wins
 - will be advertising for 6:30pm meeting time next month
- Readathon volunteers (4) are set and ready to go including two repeat volunteers from last year and 2 that volunteered with the Spring carnival
- Need someone to lead a book club

Kim motions to adjourn.

Dave seconds to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm