

SMPO Rudder Meeting
JANUARY MINUTES

January 17, 2023; 6:30pm via in-person and Zoom

Meeting Agenda & Reports Sent Prior to Meeting

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:

Kim Fulbright - Vice President
Sara Lord - Principal
Dave Rolfes - Fundraising Coordinator
Michelle Durban - Business Manager
Andrea Moneypenny - Business Manager in Training
Laura Hughes - Executive Secretary
Chris Vockell - Athletics
Robyn Appino - Library Media Specialist
Karen Huneke - 6-9 rep
Alissa Paasch - ILT
Jimmy Franxman - Athletics
Emily McNicholas

ZOOM ATTENDEES:

Lisa Bowden - 9-12 rep
Beth Tracy-Kaliski - 3-6 Teacher Rep
Allyse Sonnega - Parent-at-large
LeAnn Gardner - Community Coordinator
Jen Robbins - Sands Extracurricular Program (SEP)
Amy Hueneman - Volunteer Coordinator
Beth Delay - Readathon Coordinator
Stephanie Born

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

- Tonight's meeting was hosted by Kim Fulbright, SMPO Vice President.
- Kim reviews the SMPO mission
- Kim asks for approval of november minutes
 - Andrea Moneypenny motions to approve November minutes
 - Karen Huneke seconds the motion
- *Meeting minutes approved at 6:39pm.*

- Readathon Coordinator (Beth Delay) briefly discusses getting the ball rolling and is meeting with Robyn Appino tomorrow to brainstorm on how to do more within the school with the funds that are raised.
 - Parents have voted to keep the pledge page
 - Want to focus more on participation with children and families
 - Last year we had about 50% involvement
 - SMPO agreed to market the goal of raising the amount of \$38,000
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 - Karen Huneke suggests letting parents know where all the raised funds are allocated to in order to understand why it is so important to raise the funds in the first place

Beth thanks group and signs off

REPORTS AND UPDATES

➤ **Michelle Durban:**

- Checking: \$64,651.34
- Savings: \$33,105.00
- Most of the money increase within the last month has come from Spring soccer registrations and basketball

➤ **Parent at large reports in agenda**

➤ **SEP reports in agenda**

➤ **Amy Hueneman:**

- Only 2 rooms left that still need room parents! (this is an improvement from last year)
- Shout out to the chairs of the upcoming events
 - asks for requests to solicit for things with the room parents for the events
- We need 2 members for the nominating committee where we actually ensure that we have a robust rudder and the positions are filled for next year.
 - Beginning the process to get the nominations kicked off.
 - Asks for 2 volunteers.

➤ **Communication and Technology in reports on agenda**

➤ **Dave Rolfes:**

- Readthon has been discussed
- Profits from recent events and accounts:
 - Kroger: \$1,147
 - Amazon: \$155.42
 - Goldstar: \$406
 - Tom and Chee: \$248
 - Deweys: \$75

- March 1st Chipotle fundraising night will be adjusted for another date due to scheduling conflicts
- Streetside event is coming up in April
- Asking Goldstar about May
- Total for outdoor campus is \$10,992
 - \$7,992 was donated
 - \$3,000 was matched
 - An additional \$3,800 is also available from donations made last April and May
- Goal for now until the end of the school year is to get tree charm or a plaque, decide what would be on the plaque, and prepare for a potential springtime celebration
- Michelle reminds Dave to write thank you notes to people that have donated

➤ **Beth Tracy 3-6 rep in reports on agenda**

➤ **Karen Huneke:**

- Math Facts is looking for volunteers; explained the need to help students reach goals of fluency
- Jan 30 - Feb 3 will be a schoolwide fundraiser with “Double Good Popcorn;”
 - a link went out in SMPO communications; can share with friends and families
- Goal with the money raised in in May (once the testing is done for the students) is to have a volunteer day
 - will need to fund 4 buses
- STEM night is coming Thursday, February 26th.
 - Event is from 6:30-7:30. There will be a pizza truck at 6:00, There will also be a bake sale

- Feb 6th - 10th Student Council will be doing candy grams and will deliver them on the 14th. This will be coming out in the next SMPO communication.
- March 3rd is the Snowflake Dance for 9-12!
 - Will do a signup genius for chaperones and snacks, treats, and drinks.
 - Pizza will be provided
- There has been a big conversation with students about dance expectations and behavior. Student council will meet with 9-12 classrooms and facilitate that conversation further
- Tentative 6th grade dance date is May 8th

➤ **Lisa Bowden:**

- MAP testing is almost through
- Focusing on 6th grade recognition and making plans for that

➤ **Jacob Ottlinger:**

- Will start accommodating students for testing and beginning to work on benchmarks with kids

➤ **Robyn Appino: reports in agenda**

- Congressman Greg Landsman has a son at Sands and is coming in to be a politically neutral guest speaker for social studies (potentially) on Valentine's Day

➤ **Sara Lord reporting for LSDMC:**

- YMCA is our new community partner.
- Interviewed for a new community resource coordinator.
- Have been working on mathathon.

➤ **ILT: reports on agenda**

➤ **Sara Lord:**

- Thanks to everybody for a wonderfully celebratory December
- Had a great turnout for our family holiday giveaway
- Students came back ready to learn from winter recess
- We are continuing to use Class Dojo and we were highlighted on the news 2 times highlighting the letters of encouragement written to Damar Hamlin

- Craig Dobson is no longer with us but we are glad to temporarily welcome Robert Johnson and are consistently interviewing for the position
- Need support and volunteers for students to master their math facts for the upcoming Math Fact Challenge.
 - Suggests a button maker to reward children for knowing their facts.

➤ **Chris Vockell:**

- Basketball season is off to a great start!
- Little Eagle Basketball Camp is happening! It has been three years and we are excited to bring it back. Currently working on the planning process for that.
 - Will be held the first 3 Fridays of February after school
 - 15 spots left
 - asking older kids to be counselors
- There is a spirit wear check for \$342; asks the group what to do with it?

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kim discusses revisiting ideas for memory makers and mentions posting an ongoing Google Doc for everyone to add to
- Asks teachers for anecdotal stories to begin a collection for the outdoor campus
- Brief discussion ensues about deciding on a fence for the campus

NEW BUSINESS:

- STEM night is back, Kim asks the group if there is anything that the SMPO can do for that?
- Suggests taking a look at the budget and think about how we can grant Student Councils' ask for \$2,000; a small portion of the money raised for the Read-a-thon will go towards that
 - Let's think about adding a line item for student council next year
 - Discussion ensues about how to make this happen
- Business Manager will come back next month with a more educated decision and full on budget review and we can take a vote

➤ **Emily (Carnival Volunteer Coordinator):**

- It is time to start getting the committee together to plan for the carnival!
 - There are 7 sub committees that we will need
 - The date is scheduled for April 22nd (Earth Day!) from 11-3 or 12-4

- would like to get the student council involved...
- maybe talk to Ms. Llinger about having a student performance there?
- Would like to partner with someone to ensure community participation! Make it a celebration!
- Asks group for ideas...
 - beer vendors?
 - Clark Steel Drum Band would like to get involved in the community more...maybe they can attend...
 - dunking tank?
 - Will think of a back-up in case it rains plan

➤ **Kim:**

- Ask the group if we are we missing any dates on the SMPO calendar?
 - Karen suggests putting student council events on there
- Are there any questions?

- Karen motions to adjourn.

- Michelle seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm