

August 29, 2023 General Parent Meeting

Rudder Attendees

Kim Fulbright
Courtney Ryan
Alex Shepherd
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Andrea Money Penny
Amy Malmstrom
Michelle Durban
Stephanie Dent
Meghan Covey
Amy Hueneman
LeAnn Gardner
Jimmy Franxman
Dave Rolfes
Erin Heitsch
Kari Armbruster (1st term)
Kristin Neidich
Beth Tracy-Kaliski
Karen Huneke
Lisa Bowden
Robyn Appino
Kris Spurgeon
Sarah Lord
Katelyn Hembree

Meeting Begins 6:45pm

Kim

Welcome Parents

Explains Meeting today and goals for budget approval

Explains Rudder and purpose and that all are already a part of SMPO

Tells where to look for engagement

Kris Spurgeon

Introduce Dug, the Intern

His work

There is a large cost that we will fundraise for
Kids Love Him!

Procedures for interacting with him properly

Kim

Ice Breaker

Such a success...so much talking and laughing!

Explain the budget model

Andrea

Income:

Explain the budget set up and what is a money generator and what is for community building
Carnival

Read-a-thon

Left space for income questions

Expenses:

Ran down the list of what the money supports

Grade level support

Teacher appreciation

Student council

Field trips/buses

Extracurriculars

General Expenses

Support Lines

Community Building

Grant

Space for questions

Budget Approved

Meeting Adjourned 7:19pm

Rudder Meeting Begin 7:20pm

Introductions of the Rudder to General Parents

Sarah Lord

SMPO thanks for picnic and strong start to the school year

Kids are ready to learn
Parents are active
Restorative Practice here at Sands to help children learn to make better choices and learn from mistakes
Reading with the Principal underway
Student Assessments underway
Transportation Issues are slowly getting resolved
Staggered start with open house is working
Class Dojo to be aware of student progress
Sensational Sands Staff recognition
Parent Volunteers are needed for the school to run smoothly!
 Dads on Duty
Dug

Courtney asked about driving and using right lane only
It was confirmed that only right lane should turn in

Katelyn Hembree explained the need to treat teachers for dinner and to make labels

Dave Rolfes reminded all of Chipotle Fundraiser next Wednesday 4-8pm
Streetside 6-9pm Oct 2
Two biggest fundraisers are at Gold Star (first is Oct 18 all day long)

Megan Covey Code Ninja and Leggo robotics now available

Karen Hueneke student council is campaigning currently and voting for 9-12 coming. Also will have so many events coming up.

Kris Spurgeon thank you for the chalk welcome.

Lisa Bowden wants to reinforce how much excitement is surrounded around student council and the leadership it is showing.
Thank you to SMPO for all of the financial support with trips and planners to take that off the plate of the families. These help prepare them for middle school.

Robyn Appino represented fine arts. Excited to have the kids back. Classes will collaborate with Brazee Glass studio to create a glass mural for the school.

Kari Armbruster explains what the LSDMC is.

Sarah Lord and ILT approved schedule and will meet again to set goals and work in teams to achieve these.
Encourages ideas and feedback from parents to be emailed to herself that she can take to ILT or LSDMC

Kim

Need to vote on Kristen Neidich (ILT) and Amy Malmstrom (Business Manager in Training) joining the Rudder

Unanimous Yes

Kim

explains that some side committees are getting started:

outdoor committee

community building

carnival committee

all would love help if parents would like to get involved in a different way

Open House reminder with a stay and play on outdoor campus with Kona Ice and food truck
Bake Sale is cash only

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Closed 7:56pm

Reports:

[Principal's Report](#)

Community Resource Coordinator: Updates from RC including Open House info, programming, supplies needed.

Business Manager

Communications: Newsletters have begun going out. I have slightly modified the intro to newsletters to include whats in the issue so people understand whats new etc (based on feedback I've received) Plan to work with Amy and Alex on ideas for communications and room reps.

Technology: Website is up to date. Please let me know if you have anything you'd like shared out or ideas.

Fundraising: Three events on the calendar already: Mount Washington Chipotle on September 6 from 4pm to 8pm. Offer must be mentioned when ordering. Streetside Brewery on October 2 from 6pm to 9pm. Their food truck is closed on Mondays so outside food is welcome including picnic style you bring from home. Mount Washington Gold Star on October 18. A portion of all sales from all day will be donated back to SMPO.

Parent at large and Parent liaison: We had a fun back to school picnic on August 10th with many new and familiar faces in attendance! The event formerly know as Grandparents Day is next on our agenda (date TBD but typically sometime in November), and our PAL/Parent Liaison squad will be putting our heads together to think about a new/different, effective/efficient, welcoming/inclusive, and fun way to bring generations of Sands caregivers together — input from Rudder and community is invited and welcomed in the brainstorming process!

Volunteer Coordinator: We will be sending out a survey to last year's Room Reps (previously called Room Parents last year) to see where we have gaps in the role. If you're interested in becoming a Room Rep, please reach out to amyhueneman@me.com.

SEP: Enrichment Program registration is happening now! Classes begin as soon at September 11. Find out more information here-->

<http://sandsparents.org/services/sands-extracurricular-program-sep/>

Athletics: Soccer games are starting the second weekend in September.

Communications about basketball signups will be going out within the next week.

3-6 teacher rep: The 3-6 team has welcomed all of our new children and it's been an amazing start to the year! We are grateful for the families who have supported their children in successful transitions to school and for reaching out when issues or questions have arisen. The treats and welcomes by the SMPO and our communities of families has been so wonderful and many thanks from all of our teachers. We definitely felt the love and appreciation from everyone.

6-9 teacher rep & Student Council Rep: Student Council is off to an incredible start. We have 60 students who applied this year! This week students are campaigning for President, Vice President and Secretary. Those running will deliver a speech on Thursday at 10:00 to their 9-12 communities. Voting will take place on Friday. Winners will be announced Friday before dismissal. At Open House members will be present to great families, hold a huge bake sale and will sponsor the Kona Ice Truck. Students will also be handing out information for our Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser that kicks off Friday morning at 8:00 am. Money raised to be used to support Student Council events.

9-12 teacher rep: The 9-12 team has been busy establishing routines and hitting the ground running. We're putting our wonderful grant money to use with two amazing trips for our communities. This quarter, all 9-12 communities will be visiting Gorman Farms and Green Acres. We would also like to thank SMPO for our binders, planners and binder folders. These organizational tools are vital to our 9-12 communities and help our 9-12 students prepare for middle school and beyond. Everyone is excited to gather this week for Student Council speeches and election. Our 9-12 communities are learning and engaging in activities to develop amazing leadership skills !

Intervention Specialist rep: The Intervention Team is so excited to welcome Dug, a facility dog trained by Circle Tail, to Sands Montessori. Dug is a 2 year old yellow lab trained by Circle Tail in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Corrections. Nicole Kusi, Tom Pilutik, and Kris Spurgeon are the trained handlers for Dug. They have attended hours of training to learn Dug's "language" and how to help him be a great facility dog. He's always so excited to come to work each morning and see everyone. Once Dug has had a chance to adjust to the new surroundings he will be out and about in the building more often. Please help remind your student to ask permission to pet Dug and also "if he's walking he's working." Our long term goal is to have Dug permanently placed at Sands. This will require extensive fundraising and a budget to maintain his care. The team is researching requirements and brainstorming some ideas.

The Intervention Team is grateful for the beautiful chalk art that welcomed us back to school. Thanks to the families who gave their time to help us feel loved.

Fine Arts rep: ART: New glass mural installation: Students in grades K-6 will participate in a project to create a glass mural to be installed outside the gymnasium wall. This is a project in collaboration with Brazee Glass Studios and

is funded by our art studio funds from Art To Remember.



PE: Community Involvement Anti Vaping Program "Catch My Breath" Courtney Calvin Ohio Department of Health 9 - 12

Cincy Dance all 6 - 9 beginning on November 6

FC Cincinnati Clinic January 29 - February 2 All Students

Beechmont Rollarena \$4 admission plus skate rental 6:30-8:30 quarterly dates: October 3rd, December 5th, March 5th, May 7th

LIBRARY: We will have our first book check beginning Thursday, September 7th through Wednesday, September 13th. We will have book check out every 2 weeks (every other week). Students are allowed to check out 2 books. Students may keep their books for 2 weeks. They may not check out new books until the previous checkouts have been returned.

You will receive an automated email message throughout the school year when books are overdue. There are no late fees. Please contact me about lost books or books that are damaged beyond repair to discuss how to replace them.

MUSIC: Choir - The first rehearsal for the Eaglet choir is Monday, September 11 and the Eagle Choir will begin meeting on Thursday, September 14. Both rehearsals being at 8:00.

LSDMC

ILT: Nick continuing as chairperson Parent rep will act as timekeeper 8-9 Wednesday 1st and third of

month Form to submit to ILT agenda 1 week before please. If SMPO has any issues to add to the agenda, please get to an ILT member at least 1 week before meeting. Staffing and back up for tests are struggle for staff and administration. SMPO can not offer volunteers (licensed staff only). How can SMPO support staff & students during testing? Acadience & Dibels testing Back to benchmarking testing in fall to have data for spring tests. Winter testing will be used to benchmark for K-3 students. 4-6 will test in winter only if fall missed spring benchmark. Different approach to one plan from CPS board. Plan from over 80pgs to 34 pgs. Yay! We will keep SMPO aware of changes as we become aware. 9:10 to 3:40 are the official in classroom hours at Sands. Carline stops at 9:07 Students late at 9:11 Carline begins at

3:35 with 3-6 Busses leaving at 3:40 There is a form available for any issues with Dug regarding allergies or anxiety around animals.