

SMPO September 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Kim Fullbright
Alex Shepard
LeAnn Gardner
Stephanie Dent
Kris Spurgeon
Robyn Appino
Nikki Marksbury

Meeting begin 6:38

Courtney Motion to approve minutes Nikki second

Kim

Share a highlight and challenge for the family with the school year

Reports

Cybil

355 families to open house

Thank you for the library furniture!

Student council is elected with over 50 students participating with Karen

Enrollment 673

Midterms go home friday

Girls on the run

Playscape and shade structure are popular

Restorative room is on first floor 1009 with leader Ms. Laura Hughes

Benchmark assessment

Spirit week and no school monday

Sixth grade flag football game

Suicide Awareness and prevention education required for sixth graders

More info coming home shortly

psychologist , social worker, and Beechacres involved

Nick Black leading

Katelyn

Thank you to SMPO for sweets and meats food truck

Needs shoe donations

Gently used - any size

Leave at office or community center

Out of gas and kroger cards but hoping or more
Clark Montessori Oct 5 info night at sands 5:30 in library
Working to form a stronger relationship

New email address for business manager

Dave and Erin

Chipotle \$343 raised

Streetside Oct 2 6-9pm will have a pizza truck. No outside food allowed

Ask for SMPO member to be present at each event to engage families

Email Dave if you can be that person sandsmontessorifundraising@gmail.com

Third fundraiser Oct 18 Goldstar in MW all day long!

Michelle

Rethinking Donuts for Grownups to make more organized and cost effective

Day before thanksgiving break

Students leave after donuts for the day and overwhelmed front office

Beth

PATHS program with Nicole started for social emotional learning

Honeymoon is over and we get to see the true child!

Skills are developing

Bus quote up to \$420/bus

Shockingly higher

Michelle explained that bus dynamic pricing and it averages out

Karen explains that she is not comfortable asking parents from money for limited field trip time

Kim explains that we will uphold our promise to pay for the bus

Dave stresses the importance that SMPO wants to do that

Michelle would like to brainstorm budget ideas to make it work

Karen

Staff loved openhouse turnout and food truck

Student council delivered food to teachers

STEM to you from NKU livestreamed on Wednesdays that teachers are utilizing

Lisa

9-12 complete benchmarks and getting ready for sixth IOWA

All going to Greenacres

Excited for spirit week

Kris

Dug made the news

Rotates between three and working full schedule

Last friday he worked hard to make an emotional day better for many
Exhausted by end of day
Amazing to watch how it is working
Fundraising process to fully adopt Dug and make this permanent
More info on that for Oct

Robyn

Chugging along

Nikki LSDMC

First meeting wans bylaws etc

Did discuss bus situation and constantly late

LSDMC will author a letter to the board

Urges families to reach out directly to board member explaining the hardship to
make a bigger impact

LeAnn wonders if we should let the facebook bus chat groups know

Cybil noted that some buses have come over an hour late and that the issue is worse
than ever

Parent noted that many groups would be happy to write letters and show to board
meeting

Cybil explains that she and Sarah Lord are calling each day and are told that it is a
routing issue not a staffing issue

Casey ILT

Benchmark beginning

Meeting tomorrow and there will be changes to schedule during Oct testing

Ask SMPO to support teachers and paras as they are working more and need
more to get their work done

Kim

READ THE REPORTS!

Old business

Carline issue of using the two lanes to turn in as well as that middle lane is being used
by some to turn out. Parent says it is still confusing and feels dangerous. Lines need to be
painted.

Michelle noticed that with drop off starting the same time even though school
starts five minutes early so the rush feels greater with a shortened window. Cybil commented
that they were trying it to see how it went with a shorter window and feels as if it is going very
smooth with few tardy students

Committees

Looking to fill carnival cochair

Alyse heading up community committee and would like help

New Business

Karen said Sarah Lord was asked to do a trick or treat or halloween celebration by a parent so they brainstormed a trunk or treat and potluck for a memory maker

Stephanie suggested no potluck but do trunk or treat only

Alyse, Karen, LeAnn, Allie, and Katelyn, Michelle will all work together on that

Halloween parade is on and details for parents will come soon so parents can take off work

Motion to adjourn 8:01