

## October 17 SMPO Meeting

### Members in Attendance

Kim Fulbright  
Andrea Money Penny  
Alex Shepherd  
Kristin Neidich  
Dave Rolfes  
Erin Heitsch  
Amy Malmstrom  
Amy Hueneman  
Meghan Covey  
Beth Tracy-Kaliski  
Lisa Bowden  
LeAnn Gardner  
Michelle Durban  
Robyn Appino  
Kris Spurgeon  
Sarah Lord

Call to order **Kim** 6:32pm

September Meeting minutes motion to approve **Kristen**  
Seconded **Andrea**

### **Kim**

Look at where we are. One more meeting of 2023 in November. December will be a more social situation and less of an official Rudder Meeting.

It is important to look at how we get this work done and being intentional on building community and folding new families in and inform them on what the SMPO is and ways to get involved.

How can we build good structures and pass those on so that as turnover happens, we don't have to reinvent what is working each time?

**Kristin** mentioned that November meeting is the week of Thanksgiving and same day as Donuts for Grown Ups

### **Small Groups**

Why is it important that I am here tonight?

Ideas shared out:

- Like knowing what is going on at the school and being able to help
- Community and the new energy post covid that is at the school now

**Sarah Lord** Principal's Report

- Thank you to Amy H. for recruiting room reps. Just two more rooms to recruit!
- Thank you for the help for student council tailgating party.
- 675 students enrolled at Sands
- Homecoming flag football was fun and STAFF WON
- First quarter is finished already!
- Say Something anti-bullying week was important for students to recall skills when problem solving
- Mr. Black and Ms. Kusi presented on how to be inclusive and strengthen proper social skills
- Skating Party was good
- Benchmark data is in and teachers are working to support students that need ELA and Math skills for students through more repetition. Specialists and Parent volunteers are also helping.
- Greenacres and Gorman Farm field trips were a blast.
- Bus problem is still going on - sometimes up to an hour late arriving or getting the children home. This is not sustainable for the needs of the children.
  - Finger pointing is happening between District and First Student Bus service and the issue is not getting resolved.
  - ODE says over 30 minutes is out of compliance
- Costume Parade - how can we make sure each kid has a costume? Maybe ask for donations to keep on hand so kids can grab them. Drop costume donations off in the office
- Children's Theater is putting on Spongebob for all third graders per district direction - buses paid for

#### **Katelyn** Resource Coordinator

- Thanks for all for snack and shoe donations

#### **Andrea**

- Balances are in. Money for sports coming in. Let's remember that all teachers get \$500 for classroom support
- New email [sandsbusinessmanager@gmail.com](mailto:sandsbusinessmanager@gmail.com)

#### Fundraising with **Dave** and **Erin**

- Teamwork makes the Dream work!
- Erin and Dave crushed it with Streetside and raffles and split the pot earning \$700.
- Gold Star tomorrow!
- MadTree Bengals game on 10/29 will have gift baskets built to do another raffle and split the pot
  - Currently collecting items to add to the baskets
  - There will be games and crafts for kids
  - **Amy H.** suggests to google as a nonprofit and it's cool to see what people are willing to give

- Lunch with the Principal and the Coveted Parking Spot could be a good raffle prize
- Also gift cards you won't use or a talent you can share
- Another idea would be a family portrait

#### **PAL and PL**

- Grandfriends Day will be in the classrooms this year!

#### **Amy H and Volunteers**

- 2 more room reps needed and will reach out personally to get those filled
- Some requests are coming in to help with events like Trunk or Treat and Grandfriends Day

#### SEP nothing to report with **Megan**

#### **Jimmy and Sports**

- No more SMPO communication for basketball moving forward
- Will work with Katelyn for room sign outs
- Trying to avoid Sunday basketball games so not to cross with church
- Spirit wear is changing vendors for basketball uniforms (using Cools) and other uniforms and sportswear may follow
  - New basketball uniforms are coming and they are awesome!

#### **Beth 3-6**

Notes in Agenda

#### Student Council **Kim**

- Getting ready for dance and helping with Grandfriends Day

#### 9-12 **Lisa**

- Notes in agenda
- Greenacres Art Center is so special and encourages all to check it out
- Almost all finished with Gorman Farms visit
- Walnut Hills Music Program and Dance coming up
- Testing is delayed but will be coming soon

#### **Kris**

- Dug's birthday is celebrated this Friday so bring cards and banners to share in cafeteria
  - A bone-shaped cake will be there
- Fundraisers to adopt Dug is coming
- 6th grade WHEE testing is paused
- 3rd grade reading test coming next week

#### **Robyn and fine arts**

- Thank you for all the supplies from Prime Day Amazon and all the work from SMPO
- Book Fairs are always successful and accrued \$5000 from Scholastic and she used that to get new non-fiction books that we are all excited about - it is a great collection!
- Book Fair next week!

#### LSDMC Sarah

- Kari Armbruster is the elected president
- Looking at ways to engage community
- Focusing in transportation issue

#### ILT Kristin and Sarah

- Looked at the ELA data and iReady and Acadience data. Math data will be looked at tomorrow. That data will be used to decide how to support and close the gaps and for teachers to plan accordingly

#### Old Business

##### Kim

- Carline clarity TBD
- Bus Issues - we have a draft template that folks can use. Let's send a letter from the SMPO that Kim will compose and share the template with parents for the bus chats, facebook, SMPO letter, and
- Field Trip bus costs have increased dramatically and we are looking at ways to forecast costs and how to cover it. Should we look at other companies?
- Trunk or Treat (**LeAnn**) updates - need more participants to get a car ready. She reached out to room reps to talk to caregivers to volunteer for a car and to champion the decorating
  - Need 12 more cars to decorate and candy donated
  - Playscape is decorated and there will be pumpkins to decorate
  - (**Erin**) suggests asking Doscher for candy and maybe a fire engine from local department

#### New Business

##### Kris on Dug

- Time to fundraise to adopt Dug. \$10,000 Adoption fee and paperwork must be done by December 31.
  - Fundraising must go through district Activity Fund for children fundraising
  - Adult fundraising can go through the SMPO
  - Ideas:
    - Classroom competition Dollars for Dug. Winner gets pizza party or pick the reward.
      - With 675 students, it would take each child to bring in \$15
    - Adults can donate electronically through Square

- Ask businesses
  - Allow other fundraisers to contribute
  - Dug T-shirts - I Dig Dug
- SPMO Ask from **Kris**:
  - Manage Adult Donations
  - Volunteers to help with t-shirts
  - A loan or gift to help us adopt Dug
- Discussion on how the best way to go about electronic fees
- Do we have business sponsors that we could ask
- Communication Strategy will be a flier, emails, social media, will have a QR code or link
- December 1 is our ending date for fundraising; Students will have until Nov 3
- SMPO can vote next month to fill the cost gap
- We can find a matching donation sponsor
- Marketing will need videos, updates, big social media presence

**Kim** on Financial Requests

- 9-12 to go Nutcracker want \$800 on December 1. They received \$5000 for field trips from the mini grant for this year.
  - Next month let's talk about a process for requests as they come all year after the budget has been voted on and approved.

**Amy H.** Motion to Adjourn 8:33

**Jimmy** Second