

SMPO General Parent Meeting August 27, 2024

Attendees

Alex Shepherd
Andrea Money Penny
Kristin Neidich
Erin Heitsch
Amy Malmstrom
Meghan Covey
LeAnn Gardner
Jimmy Franxman
Sarah Lord
Lee Allen
Michelle Durban
Allyse Sonnega
Ally Jones
Courtney Ryan
Kim Fulbright
Dave Rolfes
Samantha Trumble
Kari Armbruster
Robin Thierauf
Lisa Bowden

20 (ish Parents/Caregivers)

Call to Order 6:35 pm

Motion to approve August Pre-Budget Meeting Minutes: Lee Allen
Seconded: LeAnn

OLD BUSINESS

Car Line

Parents notice that it is feeling better this year

Sarah Lord said no one has applied for crossing guard

Jimmy mentions other schools have parent volunteers

Mackenzie Metcalf asked for a sign up sheet

LeAnn reminds that only public safety personnel can direct traffic

Diane asks if this is chronic problem

Courtney asks if there a connection with bus issues

Sarah said buses have been on time! So it is just beginning of the year blues

Erin explains that there was miscommunication with registering for bus

Sarah said there was a gap in transferring info with new system to enroll for buses

Erin said there may be more students in the same boat and don't know what to do in meantime as they wait for bus

Kristin reminds all of the letter that went home about carline etiquette and to start with reinforcing that

LeAnn has suggestions from resource officer:

Revise etiquette and print and hand out during carline to re-educate parents

Parent said the email was helpful for first timers

Signs posted

Sarah reminds to listen to what staff are asking drivers to do

Sarah reminds CPS is not responsible for hire, but a city responsibility

Parent Comments and Questions:

Can we hire a police officer for a few weeks?

Can we market the position for crossing guard better?

How about one way flow of traffic so all turn left to keep it moving and left on Rainbow?

Can we get a light?

Pay for signs and street lines painted?

Remind us to look at it with data.

Is crossing the problem? Is a bridge an option?

Look at what is happening and brainstorm solutions.

Mural Painting

LeAnn confirms that painting will be September 8

MW flag colors blue and yellow with feather and designs

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Amy introduced team and explained where income comes from:

Readathon

Carnival

Smaller income events throughout the year

Kroger

Spirit wear

Expenses go back to students:

Picnics, events, council, each grade with student support

Staff get other 50%:

principal funds, appreciation, \$500 each, \$5K minigrant, building supplies and needs

Our community events and initiatives:

Trunk or treat, campus improvements
Mural
Oktoberfest
Improve outdoors - shade

Dug was a good example of popup fundraising

The hope is to bring in \$60K for the year
Expenses up to \$67,000 this year so we will be creative but will also ask
Andrea said total in checking and savings
Amanda suggests high yield savings account or cd for savings
Amy said Clover Leaf has lower fees than Square
Should we be applying for more grants?

Motion to approve 2024-2025 budget: Courtney
Seconded: Kari
All in favor - unanimously approved

Chorus and Plays and shows: Meghan West
Mrs. Linger is taking the year off so no choir and she is looking for solutions
She shared benefits of performing arts as an option for children
Performing Arts Inc. is a possible partner that works with other schools and is extremely popular
30-80 kids, all get a part on stage or behind the scenes, 8 practices, two 30-minute performances, in line with SEP offerings
Costs would be Sound system for \$800 to rent and volunteer needs
Mackenzie M. suggests high schools have students and supplies to help
Parent suggests maybe schools can swap costumes
Amanda O reminds dates can be worked with Spring Soccer
Meghan C says Playhouse and performing arts and legacy theaters are all offering things so she can work to make it a spring program
Scholarship money is available

Trunk or Treat
Samantha Oct 25 will be the date along with fall dance
Needs a committee for supplies and volunteers and will work with room reps (all rooms covered!)

Spiritwear needs a volunteer for the general orders
Kuhlz has a rack of Sands spirit wear
Need someone creative to make it fresh
Megan Edwards and Diane are volunteering to work spiritwear!
Open House needs a table to sign up to volunteer for different events
Michelle will run the table and sell spirit wear

REPORTS

Principal Report with Sarah Lord:

Thankful for back to school picnic, breakfast, lunch, sports,
658 students

Soaring Eagle award this month is Angela Ucker-Gabennesch and Nicole Kusi

Dug is busy bringing the joy

Dojo is being used as an Acknowledgement System

YOU BELONG HERE tees to all students

Please get spirit wear for every friday

No computers home anymore

breakfast and lunch free for all this year

Please create FOCUS accounts and reach out to Nancy for support with that

Staff prof dev on team building and collaborative culture

Ohio State Testing showed improvement in 6 or 8 areas, the other two were off by a few points

Let office know before 2pm if changing dismissal of student

LeAnn and communications:

has magnets with QR code to have a one stop shop for important links

Fundraising with Dave:

Chipotle Oct 2

Get Kroger account linked. 250 families for \$5k for school

With Erin:

sign up for Sands booth at Oktoberfest

Tentative Bengals watch party at MadTree October 20 for fun if we don't need funds

Kari said Potted Palm would love to support Sands

Parent said church across the street would like to volunteer and support school as well

Samantha would like to plan younger memory maker event

Meghan Covey sign ups SEP open tomorrow 7am

Soccer is up and basketball is coming. Maybe volleyball next year

Robin 6-9:

teachers are learning 4 new management systems FOCUS, Canvas, new IEP system in

FOCUS, para review platform

Fraud training for state for all public employees

Additional 18 hours of dyslexia training

Need grace as they work through a lot

Mr. Lee ILT and student council

Karen will be around still to help

9-12 Sarah needs 2 male, purple badge volunteers for Camp Joy

LSDMC with Kari:

needs community reps - business owners or outstanding community members MW, Anderson,
can expand across city

ILT with Kristin:

needs one more parent

CRC board approval then we can get a community resource coordinator hired top priority

8:11 motion to adjourn meeting: Courtney

Seconded: Kristin