

SMPO Meeting September 17, 2024

Attendees

Alex Shepherd
Andrea Money Penny
Kristin Neidich
Erin Heitsch
Amy Malmstrom
Meghan Covey
LeAnn Gardner
Jimmy Franxman
Cybil Brown
Lee Allen
Michelle Durban
Allyse Sonnega ?
Ally Jones
Courtney Ryan
Dave Rolfes
Samantha Trumble
Kari Armbruster
Karen Huneke
Lisa Bowden
Beth Tracy-Kaliski

Many Parents/Caregivers due to the gun scare

Call to Order 6:31pm

Motion to approve meeting minutes: Courtney Ryan
Seconded: Kari Armbruster

A Word from Cybil
Script read similar to email

A random driver heard at bus stop and saw student with something in car aiming at cars driving by

Saw the kids get on bus and with extreme caution decided to call 911

Went to district - William Bell, lead of security, was talking Sarah Lord through each step of action

Kept all students on bus

Used a security wand on all students and checked backpacks

8 kids on bus - all oblivious to what was going on

12 officers handled very well

Quick and easy procedures

No lockdown - followed securities procedures

The bus numbers reported didn't match but district tracked the bus stop

Child pulled from class was not on bus, but interviewed without parent knowledge, so there is some confusion there

Cybil and Sarah followed district protocol with security, media, and teachers, and parents

Suggestions to put something on facebook to tame social media

Parent asked if it is safe to come back to school? - Cybile replied, Absolutely. She was very impressed with it all

What are the consequences for threats from children? Typically expulsion - age dependent

Under grade four it is illegal to expel - come back tomorrow

A hearing officer decides an expulsion timeframe for older children

OLD BUSINESS

Carline

We have applicants for crossing guard! Process goes through CPD and then training will happen (will look into timeline)

Speed humps are approved and funded but for next fiscal year

Mural

LeAnn said the media did a good job covering it and shown light on the need for a crossing guard

Trunk or Treat

5:30-7pm

Spring Musical

Time to pick a date and need two months prior for practices

NEW BUSINESS

Soccer

Amanda O, head of soccer as well as SAY east

Needs someone to start training with her to take over for next year

2 meetings a year

Recruit coaches and players

Schedule practices and games

Budget

Amy M

Extra \$1500 from Camp Joy. School would like to use it post retrospectively

Other option would be to keep in budget as it is not balanced

Most agree to keep in the budget to help balance.

Cybil

Thank you to all families

open house - great turn out

LeAnn and team with mural

Camp Joy volunteers - kids had such a blast

658 kids for current enrollment

Positive culture committee of the month Angela UG and Nicole Kusi

The receive a special parking spot

Staff had FOCUS training - call if you still aren't getting email or calls

Oct 18 Fun Run fundraiser is part of SAY something curriculum

Student Council elections are done!

Sands is Cincinnati Magazine's top Montessori School

Spirit week 24-27 - is twinning tuesday too cliquey? Let's think of alternatives for next year

Midterms September 27th

LSDMC

We have a Community resource coordinator in waiting

CRC is hired and hoping a hire in January will happen for the school

Beech Acres has been picking up the slack

CRC is willing to step in if we have a gap until then

Is a Holiday Store an option without a resource coordinator? Need a parent to step up and help out

Will have Wish Tree and Student Council will be helping with that

Can Mount Washington Elementary and Sands collaborate for Thanksgiving and Holiday Presents?

Spirit Wear

Megan Edwards has a new spirit wear design in collaboration with Kuhls. There is some athletics gear on the rack currently

Wear your spirit wear on Fridays!

LeAnn

Rudder needs to check out the google drive and add or update docs

Thank you to the artists of the mural and they will also be doing a bike safety and family bike ride at Stanbury - need volunteers for set up and clean up - Oct 26 -Tiffany Bush can help

Quick surveys on fb to grab caregiver opinions on communication, events, etc

Can we get an agenda of SMPO Meetings out earlier to share out and maybe more parents will join?

Share out Meeting minutes with families as well

Can we get a committee to help with different tasks (ie amazon wish list, community council, etc)?

Fundraising

Erin reminds us that Oktoberfest is Thursday - Sunday! Swag, costumes, noisemakers!

Need one shift Sunday 2:30-7:30pm then DONE

Sam Adams booth number 207 - share to all!

Samantha Trumble is making a banner

Chipotle 10/2 4-8pm

Michelle D and Parents

Need someone to run Donuts with Grownups on Nov 22

Sports

Jimmy

Someone please take Amanda's Spot

3-6

Beth

6-9

Karen

Student Council

Lee Allen

Fall Dance is Masquerade

Going to create bylaws and governance to develop character and values in the student council

Nikki is inviting them to come to Mount Washington community council for exposure

9-12

Lisa

Camp Joy - HOORAY to all volunteers

Students worked so hard and felt so happy

Intervention

Sarah Holycross

Fine Arts

Librarian Mariah resigned and Mr. Deris is subbing for now

Questions

Still need business manager in training and soccer lead

Playground Shade needed - something bigger and in a different spot

Also need cement poured for Gaga Pit

Can we have an asset map of caregivers and family members - utilize skills and connections as well as support each others local businesses

Motion 7:50pm Courtney Ryan
Seconded Lee Allen