

SMPO Meeting February , 2025

Attendees

Alex Shepard
Amy Malmstrom
Meghan Covey
LeAnn Gardner
Robin T
Cybil Brown
Lee Allen
Michelle Durban
Alysse
Ally Jones
Courtney Ryan
Jimmy Franxman
Kari Armbruster
Beth Tracy-Kaliski
Megan West
Kristin LSDMC

Rachel McKinney
Melissa

6:38 Call to Order Alex
Seconded Allie
Move to approve meeting minutes Courtney
Seconded Amy M

Old Business

- Read-A-Thon (Kristin)
 - Feb 7-21
 - Only at \$15K
 - Are there too many asks?
 - Fun Run and Read-a-Thon competing
 - This will change 25-26 Budget
 - Started earlier this year and may want to consider moving back to March
 - Time for a Fundraising Committee to be more strategic on Asks
 - Amy reminds that we started in \$12K deficit
 - Didn't have a Family Reading Night or have Robyn to pump it up with Book Fair
 - Need a limo and lunch with Principal
- Spring Carnival
 - April 12 (or 27 rain day); 12-4pm

- Spring Musical (Megan)
 - May 1 potentially an in-school experience (is there overlap with testing?)
 - May 2; 7pm for families
 - \$5 ticket fee
 - Going well! Looking

New Business

- Communication Feedback (LeAnn)
 - Surveyed Rudder to see value
 - Doing OK with 50% engagement!
 - Want to show value in newsletter
 - Eliminate friction
 - Respect the time of caregivers by clear communication
 - Asking for help with refining newsletter
 - Spending money well
 - Need to Improve community building with caregivers outside of Rudder
 - Making online option more widely known vs. getting them here
 - Start the meeting with more intentional time/ice breaker
 - Do we need more opportunities to meet outside of Meetings
 - How can we hook them to come and then get them to come back
 - Should we have another General Parent Meeting halfway through the year
 - Asking families about what skills they have to help the community
 - How can room reps be more proactive with helping classrooms getting together
 - Using Slack for SMPO
 - Would streamline communication on a separate app that can allow for file sharing a sub groups
 - Questions arise if it will be overwhelming for teachers
 - This can be optional for them
 - LeAnn will set up a free version to test and
- School Tours (Michelle D and Kari A)
 - Have a living google doc for signing up to be tour guide and to take tours
 - Follow a schedule that is getting refined
- New Requests for Spending (Amy)
 - Brenda Tech would like DVD players in all classrooms
 - Will ask them to apply for Mini Grant
 - Amanda Bannister would like (3) 6ft table cloths monogrammed for displays
- ACTION: Alex will get Mini-Grant information out by March 1

Reports

Principal's Report (Cybil Brown)

- Many thanks to STEM Night, International Night Planning, Conference Meals
- Enrollment at 649

- Discipline Data looks wonderful and still working to fill educational gaps
- Jim Crossett Board Member visited Sands
- Resource Coordinator interview process underway
- 3-6 had Zoo penguin here
- Black History Month! Decorating doors and focusing on facts
- Some 6-9 Green Acres
- Clark Montessori will volunteer on a regular basis
- Little League Basketball Camp
- Denied a reading specialist; was given a .5 Specials Teacher instead - looking at how to use that efficiently and potentially share with other school

Business Manager (Amy)

- High yield savings account should start making a little money
- Paid out mini grant from last year

Fundraising (Erin)

- Dewey's coming up
- Kroger money is coming in
- Chipotle and Gold Star coming in Spring
- Oktoberfest paperwork is in
- Needs something on paper to reachout to corps for carnival baskets

Athletics (Jimmy)

- Camps going on
- Tournaments this weekend
- Soccer season coming up!

Spirit Wear (Megan)

- Carnival t-shirt designs!

Student Council (Lee)

- Made a little money in bake sale and candy grams

9-12 (Lisa)

- Native American units are fun and motivating
- Black History Month has great content and discussion

LSDMC (Kari)

- Two open positions for next year

ILT (Kristin)

- One open position for next year

8:02 pm Motion to Adjourn - Courtney

Seconded Amy M