



PTO Meeting
October 8, 2024; 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Sandburg Library

I. Welcome/Introductions

Attendance: Keri McKabe, Julie Mathews, Lindsey Blankenship, Robyn Kline, Stacy Cote, Jenn Bush, Laura Sweeny, Kelley Reppe, Angela Pace, Andie Jones, Emily Boone, Rachel Edwards, Amy Edstrom, Sophia Meyers, Taylor Alicea, Sara Montelongo, Tal Smith, Monica Dosen, Kate Ryan, and Andrea Fitch

II. Principal's Update (Keri McCabe)

- A. Keri provided a breakdown on how PTO money has been spent the past two years.
 - 1. 22-23 School Year
 - a) Staffing Support (\$40,000)
 - b) Sandy the Mascot Costume
 - c) Interactive TVs (split with the school)
 - 2. 23-24 School Year
 - a) Staffing Support (\$50,000)
 - b) Staff Jackets (split with the school)
 - c) Food for staff/staff gifts (split with school)
 - d) STEAM Lab Program (Mystery Science)
 - e) ART Studio Support
 - f) Music risers
 - g) *Approved Sensory Walk (has been selected but not been installed)
 - h) *Approved Tetherball (has not been installed due to the possibility that portables may be purchased/installed next year)
 - 3. 24-25 School Year
 - a) Staffing Support (\$30,000)
 - b) Mystery Science (\$2,000 - already purchased)
 - c) Marquee (\$15,000)

III. Teacher Liaisons Update (Taylor Alicea & Rachael Edwards)

- A. Specials - the specials teachers are adjusting to having more students per classroom (since Mrs. McGillis has filled the vacant 3rd grade position), but they are able to see students every 3 days (instead of every 4). Special teachers are thankful for the parent volunteers that helped spin the Run4Funds shirts. K-2 Teachers are thankful to parents for their support before and during the fun run. 2nd Students are posting "fact family haunted houses" around the school and decorating the school with "creepy carrots."
- B. 3rd-5th Grade Teachers are thankful for the support of room parents and other parent volunteers before and during the fun run. They are also thankful for the PTO and parents for

continuing to stock the snack cart. Intermediate teachers continue to promote kind, respectful behaviors and encourage families to attend conferences. 4th Grade is preparing for their field trip to the Colorado History Museum on Halloween. 3rd Grade welcomes to Mrs. McGillis to their team as she is fulfilling the vacant 3rd grade position. They are 2-weeks into their targeted WINN literacy groups, which are supporting students in their development of the 5 components of literacy. Everyone is preparing for Fall Break next week!

IV. Board Updates

A. Executive Update (Lindsey Blankenship & Jenn Bush)

1. Halloween Parties
 - a) We will know how many parents will be allowed per classroom by tomorrow (10/9) and that information will be shared by Amy Nelson, the room parent coordinator. The parade will begin at 8am and parties will go from around 8:20-9am. No masks or weapons are allowed. If you are a class parent, it is encouraged that other parents be allowed to attend parties.
2. Speaker Series
 - a) Lara Baker, a well-renowned defense attorney will be presenting on November 6th. Her talk will focus on the dangers associated with phones, screens, social media, and alcohol/drug abuse. This is an adult only event.
3. Home Tour
 - a) Thank you to all of the volunteers! The event raised just over \$5,200! The money will go towards scholarships to cover the cost of enrichment for families who could benefit from the support. The scholarships will cover 75% of qualifying students' enrichment tuition. A committee will review applications and determine which families will receive the support.
4. Save the Dates
 - a) CSACC Meeting - October 10th @ 6pm
 - b) Trunk or treat - Saturday, October 26th
 - c) LPS Stride - October 27th
 - d) Lara Baker (1st in Speaker Series) - November 6th from 6-8pm.

B. Treasurer (Kelley Reppe)

1. Vote on 24/25 PTO Budget
 - a) It is being proposed that the PTO provide the school with \$45K to support staffing (\$30K) and cover ½ of the cost of the electronic marquee (\$15K)
 - b) Jenn Bush motioned to pass the budget proposal and Stacy Cote seconded the motion. The proposed budget passed unanimously.
 - c) We have received \$3,500 this school year, primarily from King Soopers points and Out and Abouts.
 - d) We have spent \$1,200 on online learning subscriptions and provided \$1,500 to the social committee (back-to-school night/coffee for kindergarten teachers).

C. Communications (Robyn Kline)

1. The newsletter is coming out tomorrow and will include information on the Stride and Run4Funds.

V. Committee Updates

A. Social (Sophia Meyer)

1. Trunk or Treat (Saturday, October 26th from 3-5pm)
 - a) Timeframe:
 - (1) 1-3pm (Set-up)
 - (2) 3-5pm (Event)
 - (3) 5-6pm (Clean -up)
 - b) Volunteers Needed (see sign-up in newsletter)
 - (1) Crossing Guards
 - (2) Runners (operate music/speakers)
 - (3) Vote Counters (for best trunk)

B. Run4Funds (Monica Dosen)

1. Last Year's Goal was \$58K and this year's goal was \$60K. We are currently at \$54,202, which is \$110 per student. If we get up to \$125 per student, we will get a greater cut of the profits (71% vs. 69%). Room parents encourage donations between now and Friday, since many classes haven't earned the Pig Race yet!
2. Spirit Awards were awarded to 1st Grade for the primary grades and 3rd Grade for the intermediate grades.
3. Gregory's Class has the most laps, so they have earned an extra recess.
4. The class with the highest number of donations/per student will win the hamster party.
5. *Positive Feedback*: teachers and parents liked that 2 grades were able to run at one time. Continue with themes and parent participation. Continue having buddy groups run together.
6. *Things that Will be Revisited*: Consider a prize overhaul, potentially logoed prizes. Consider ways to capitalize on themes to increase the amount of money raised. Consider having teachers pre-determine color and theme, determining whether spin-art on shirts should be included, and potentially decreasing the number of volunteers.

C. Streets of SouthGlenn (Andie Jones)

1. Spooky @ The Streets (Friday, 10/18 @ 4:30 - 7:30pm) - Remember to upload family/friend photos. The school receives 1000 points for every individual pictured.
2. Holiday Parade (Friday, 11/22 @ 6-8pm) - The Miller's antique car will lead the parade and be available for group photo opportunities. We'll have Metallic streamers for flare. We are working to establish a specific starting and ending point to ensure a group photo can be taken to earn the greatest number of points.
3. We were in #1 place earlier this week, but Gaskill has recently taken the lead.
4. Rental spaces at Southglenn are available for school/neighborhood groups. When booking, tell them you're associated with Sandburg and the school will receive bonus points.
5. For the month of October, you can receive 15 points for every \$1 spent on eating out or at the movies.

D. Out & About (Jenn Bush for Elizabeth McCollough)

1. Mici's Out & About raised \$263.89!
2. Upcoming Events:
 - a) Kona Ice - October 16th (20% back)
 - b) Varsity Inn - October 24th from 5pm - close (20% of dine-in food & soda sales go back to Sandburg) **Families have to mention Sandburg when paying**

E. The Stride (Amy Edstrom)

1. The Stride is Sunday, October 27th, at the Littleton Museum (6028 S. Gallup Street, Littleton, CO 80120)
2. 5th Grade Student Council Members will be going around to classrooms to encourage participation and will be working the Sandburg tent the day of the event. We currently only have 40 participants sign-up.
 - a) Important Dates:
 - (1) Sign-up by October 25th to be counted towards Sandburg's #s
 - (2) Sign up by October 23rd for early packet pick-up
 - b) Distances: 5k, 10k, Kid's Walk (1 mile). Only registrations for the 5 & 10K are included in our tally.
 - c) Prizes: the school with the most participation (by school percentage) will receive \$2K. Schools can also win spirit awards. Sandy the Mountain Lion will be there!

F. CSSAC Update (Emily Boone)

1. Our first meeting is this Thursday, October 10th, at 6pm in the library. The meeting will include Keri's presentation on the school's UIP (Unified Improvement Plan) as well as a security presentation from the district. Tell everyone to please join us!

G. District Accountability Committee Report (Jenn Bush & Kate Ryan)

1. The last DAC meeting focused on the purpose, duties, and composition of a school SAC.
2. A Board of Education Member (Andrew) reviewed their guiding priorities - 1) All Means All inclusion policy; 2) Security; 3) Supporting mental health/wellness of students and

- teachers; 4) Improving teacher recruiting and retention strategies; 5) Restructuring the long-range planning committee (by having a standing committee that meets regularly)
3. Middle School Standards Changes - Melissa Cooper, the assistant superintendent discussed the switch to standard-based grading, which uses the numerical system currently used in elementary schools (versus a letter-based system). Teachers have worked with their cohorts to create rubrics that align with the Common Core Standards to ensure that teacher's grading practices are aligned. Teachers are working to provide students with meaningful feedback regarding their strengths and specific areas for growth. Additionally, the task force decided that a missing assignment would be given a 50%, instead of a 0%, allowing for grade recoverability.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm by Lindsey Blankenship.
Meeting Minutes submitted by Kate Ryan.