



PTO Meeting
March 11, 2025; 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, Jess Pramov, Christi James, Barb Hunt, Elizabeth McCullough, Kelley Reppe, Angela Pace, Nicki Swafford, Tal Smith, Beverly Tew, Ryan Mueller, Kati Cahill, Kelly Hilst, Deb Hohler, Andie Jones, Jean Voight, Liz Glenn, Kara Coulson-Powell, Rachel Edwards, Sophia Meyer, Kate Ryan, Rob Fitch, Lindsay Krupp, Jillian Kozlowski, Alex Taylor, and Anna Gebhardt

II. Principal's Update (Keri McCabe)

A. CSSAC Presentation/Sandburg Weighted Staffing Overview

1. Enrollment Projections (the district funds at 25.1 for K - 2nd; 27.87 for 3rd - 5th)
 - a) Projected at 490 (originally funded at 474; gave us more at K)
2. Principal/Secretary/K Paras - 2.55 + # of K sections (.25)
 - a) 3.31
3. Support Programs (Specials, included district provided STEAM pt.)
 - a) 8.0
4. Student Population Support (SpEd, ELL, 504, F&R, READ)
 - a) .59
5. BOE Approved - IC (.5) Lit Specialist (.5), Mental Health (.785), Asst. Principal (1.32), Health Asst. (.305)
 - a) 3.954
6. Total Points: 33.77
7. Other Funding Services
 - a) PTO, Rollover, Pool Points
8. Current Grade Level Numbers:
 - a) K - 74
 - b) 1st - 72
 - c) 2nd - 83
 - d) 3rd - 84
 - e) 4th - 88
 - f) 5th - 89
 - g) Total - 490 (20 FTE to staff classrooms)
9. Considerations
 - a) FTE needed for classrooms, specials, backfill for BOE positions - GT, intervention, instructional coach (new teachers require 30 hr of coaching), mental health (bump up to .8), health office (for 5-6 hr a day), para support

B. Staffing Survey Results

1. Staff (35 responses) - identified smaller class sizes/para support as top 2 priorities
2. Community (171 responses) - identified smaller class sizes/para support as top 2 priorities
3. What FTE is needed for classrooms?
 - a) 7 options presented to classroom teachers (every option included an extra class at 4th and 5th; no options proposed added classes to 2nd or 3rd)
 - b) Brought Option A & B to PTO/CSSAC executive board (both had K - 3rd at 3 rounds and 4th - 5th at 4 rounds)
 - (1) Option A: 5 immediate teachers, 9 primary teachers, 7 others = \$32,400 from PTO
 - (2) Option B: 4th/5th grade at 4 rounds, instructional paras for Grade 2 for each classroom, 1 instructional para in Grade 1 and 3, one lunchroom para = \$44,000 (PTO support/+Sandburg Carry Over \$10K; Total = \$54K)
 - c) Voiced Concerns/Questions of the Community
 - (1) Putting additional rounds at 4th and 5th despite district ratio recommendations and research around early intervention and smaller class sizes at foundational grades.
 - (2) Concerns re: the fully new 4th grade team.
 - (3) Questions re: the data that more students move in that K, 4th, and 5th - longitudinal data does not support this suggestion at the upper grades consistently.
 - (4) Concerns that 4th and 5th grade don't have any paras to support behaviors, etc.
 - (5) Is the district still looking into getting us a portable? - No
 - (6) Could the district provide pool points for 4th and 5th grade TAs? - No
 - (7) Could one of the extra pool points from 4th or 5th move to 2nd grade based on numbers - maybe, Mrs. Sieck would decide, although as of now they are interviewing for 4th/5th grade positions
 - (8) Could 4th Grade be de-compartmentalized? - Mrs. Sieck would need to decide/it's been discussed.
 - (9) Can we use teacher volunteers to help offset large classrooms? - Yes, based largely on teacher preference.
 - d) Positions we need to fill: 2nd Grade? (1), 3rd Grade (1), 4th Grade (2), 5th Grade (2) - Mrs. Spilker is moving to STEAM.

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

- A. K - 2nd: Kindergarten is studying Hawaii/Alaska; working on geometry; strengthening reading, writing, and math skills. 1st Grade is completing a unit on national symbols & penguins/creating leprechaun traps; 2nd is finishing fairy tale writing, starting to work on my journey West.
- B. 3rd - 5th: 5th Grade is getting ready for middle school visits, the 5th grade musical, and Ameritowne; student-led conversations went really well; 4th grade is thankful for snacks/PTO dinner; 3rd grade is thankful for snacks, conference dinner, and parent participation during conferences. They are prepared for CMAS, wrapped up fractions and moving back to multiplication, division, and 2-step story problems. In writing, they are working on comparing/contrasting. In social studies, they are working on geography/continents/oceans/regions of Colorado.
 1. Shout Out to the 3rd - 5th Destination Imagination Teams - all 3 teams qualified for the state competition. A huge thanks to everyone involved!
 - a) Discussed holding an informational meeting to better understand the commitment and ensure that there is enough volunteer support to continue to program next year.

IV. **Board Updates**

- A. Executive Update (Lindsey Blankenship & Jenn Bush)

1. Voting on Providing Funding for TAs at \$54K (offsets the school getting another classroom teacher)
 - a) Lindsey Blankenship brought the vote to the floor.
 - b) Jenn Bush seconded the vote.
 - c) The vote passed unanimously by the PTO board.
2. Upcoming Events
 - a) Sweetheart Dance (Friday 3/14 @ Powell Middle School)
 - b) Teacher Drawing
 - (1) Forms Due - March 16th
 - (2) Winners Announced - March 20th
 - c) Sandburg Teacher Appreciation Week: March 31 - April 4
 - (1) Theme: "You Are Out of This World"
 - (a) Monday: We Love you to the Moon & Back (Show your love)
 - (b) Tuesday: As a Teacher, You are a Dream Crumb true (Bring a Sweet Treat)
 - (c) Wednesday: You light up our lives, like the SILVER Moon and GOLDen Sun! (Color Day)
 - (d) Thursday: Through all of the stars in the sky, you are the APPLE of my eye. (Bring a healthy treat)
 - (e) Friday: You are EXTRA-terrestrially Special (Favorite Things)
 - (2) PTO will still shower teachers with love and support during the traditional Teacher Appreciation week. This will include door decorating.

B. Treasurer (Kelley Reppe)

1. Cash balance at the Beginning of the Year: \$36,357
2. Total Income/Fundraisers - \$5,198
3. Total Expenses - \$10,455
4. Total Net Income YTD (February, 2025) - \$52,529
5. Cash at End of Period - \$88,886
6. Cash Reserve Requirement - \$10,000
7. Funds Available for Disbursal - \$78,886

C. Fundraising (Jess Pramov)

1. Neon Nights Spring Fundraiser, 4/12 from 6-10pm
 - a) That 80s Band will be performing (costumes encouraged, but not necessary)
 - b) 220 tickets (currently 16 sold)
 - c) Dinner - indoor/outdoor seating; menu TBD
 - d) Amazing Auction Items - all online with the exception of a few. It will open the Monday before and close that Saturday evening. Accepting auction items through March 21st (i.e. Broncos suite tickets, club-level Rockies tickets, home design services, baskets)
2. Teacher Drawing
 - a) Made it digital
 - b) More coming in comms/Mrs. McCabe will put it in the AM announcements
 - c) Will create a QR code to help families see the options and increase participation (will go in Friday folders).

V. Committee Updates

A. Social (Angela Pace)

1. Sweetheart Dance (this Friday)
 - a) \$4/person beforehand & \$5/person at the door
 - b) Dancing, pizza/snacks, seating in bleachers
 - c) Need more volunteers, particularly during later in the night

- d) Jen/Kelly will take payment at the door
- e) \$1 pictures with Sandy
- B. Streets of South Glenn (Andie Jones)
 - 1. Box in the Front of the Building to drop receipts
 - 2. Current Offer starting on 3/16 (Sunday) - April 30th - earn 5x the points
 - 3. Remember music, Snobaun, and Sur la Table lesson receipts can be submitted. We need these bigger ticket items!
 - 4. 1st place with \$860K - Gaskill, 2nd place with \$615K - Sandburg, 3rd place at \$376K - Newton
- C. Hospitality (Laura Sweeney)
 - 1. PTO provided Mici's pasta with the option of zucchini noodles during conference week. It was a big hit with teachers.
- D. Out & About (Elizabeth McCollough)
 - 1. Mici's - raised \$112
 - 2. Little George's - on Tuesday (3/18), 20% give back
 - 3. Kona Ice - next Thursday, 3/20
 - 4. April TBD - In communication with Varsity Inn. If it doesn't work out, Chook or Rolling Smoke are options.
 - 5. May 8th - Chipotle

Meeting Adjourned at 7:53pm by Lindsey Blankenship.
Meeting Minutes submitted by Kate Ryan.