Sand Creek Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April, 2022 at 4:15 pm

Meeting Location: Sand Creek Library

Josselyn Ruby Susan Lyons Paul Lopez Kendra Delany

Katie Lawson Katie Lemeshewsky Becca Winegar Jenna Marshall

Leia Bruxvoort Kathy Landgrave Misty Durante Joanie Smith

Sarah Burgoyne Pam Pekarek Brooke Schoonover Nicole Mann

Christine McMahon Jen Baker Lauren Pfeifer

1. Grant Proposals
   1. Brooke Schoonover-Speech Language Pathologist: Social Thinking Frameworks Collection Set 1- $137.56
      1. Frameworks Collection Set 1- (Grades K-6), We Thinkers! (Grades K-2)
      2. These items meet K-6 learning outcomes and extended learning outcomes in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Communicating, specifically in the areas of Oral Communication. In addition, these items can meet K-6 learning outcomes for Social Emotional Learning and following agreed upon rules.
      3. These are evidence-based curriculum items that target pragmatic language and social skills at the skill level.
   2. Joanie Smith- 1st grade teacher (2 grant requests)
      1. Heggerty Decodable Books Frog Series-$240.00
         1. These will be primarily used in first grade but will be happily shared with any grade where students are needing reinforcement at this level.
         2. These books have actual meaning to them and a storyline, instead of just random words.
         3. These can and will be used in classrooms as well as being used by our Reading interventionist Mrs. Thorstenson.
         4. This will be added to the decodable library.
         5. This cost includes multiple sets of books.
         6. Over the course of the school year, teachers have already spent over $240.00 on making copies.
      2. Heggerty Decodable Books-Toucan Series- $240.00
         1. These books will be available for all of first grade to use, as well as any interventionist.
         2. Students need numerous opportunities to read books that they can decode without guessing. These books provide the "application" portion of a reading lesson, giving our students a chance to put their phonics skills and comprehension to the test. They are colorful and engaging.
         3. These books are wonderful decodables to use with our early readers! They need to be in books that reinforce specific phonics lessons. This is the second set to go along with the Heggerty Frog Series.
   3. Christine McMahon and Paul Lopez- 4th grade teachers: Generation Genius subscription- $350.00 (the cost per year/per subscription is $175.00)
      1. Generation Genius is a K-8 teaching resource that brings school science and math standards to life through fun and educational videos paired with lesson plans, activities, quizzes, reading material.
      2. This will be used for the remainder of this school year and next school year.
      3. STEMscopes is more of a planning tool for teachers and is available for all grades at Sand Creek.
   4. A voting Google doc will be sent to all who attended this meeting.
2. President’s Report- Sarah Burgoyne
   1. Open board positions for 2022-2023 school year
      1. Secretary AND Treasurer positions open
         1. We have a few interests to fill these positions and feel good about the upcoming school year. These positions will be voted on at next months meeting.
      2. Kindergarten Round Up- Tuesday May 19th 5:30pm-6:30pm. PTO will give a 3-5 minute presentation letting the new families know what PTO does and how parents can get involved.
3. Principal’s Report- Pam Pekarek
   1. Thank you to the PTO and all the families who donated the items for the delicious meals during conferences.
   2. This coming Friday, April 15th Ms Bound and Mr. Kremer’s class collected the most money during Wish Week coin challenge. They get to turn Mrs. Pekarek into a human ice cream sundae.
   3. The band and orchestra will be hosting a concert on May 4th. They perform during school and then again that evening.
   4. Muffins with Mom will be May 10th
   5. Donuts with Dad will be May 11th
   6. Looking at turning the week of May 9-13 as Spirit Week. More details to follow in the next couple of weeks.
   7. May 13th Talent show will be hosted in the school gym from 2:30-3:45
   8. May 20th is Field Day
   9. May 25th 6th grade graduation will be hosted in the gym in the morning
   10. May 25th Kindergarten Celebration will be hosted in the gym in the afternoon.
   11. CMAS testing is finishing up this week
   12. Admin is working on teacher placements over the next couple of weeks.
   13. New Hires
       1. Linsday Ensign is our new Gifted & Talented teacher. She is coming from Stone Mountain Elem.
       2. Haley King is our new Art teacher, she is coming to us from Rifle, Colorado.
       3. Hired 2, veteran teachers to fill the 3rd grades openings. One teacher is coming from Arrowood Elementary, the other from Soaring Hawk Elementary.
       4. The district has given Sand Creek funding to hire another Literacy Specialist, Joanie Smith has taken this position. There will be a 1st grade position open.
       5. Building engineer hired, his name is Jeffrey, and he is coming from the transportation department. He will start next Monday.
       6. Drew Archer is coming back to Sand Creek next year as a full time EA.
       7. Jenn DiCapo has found another job at a different school
       8. Looking to hire a EA 1, this persons tasks would include helping with lunch recesses, support the front office with any needs, make copies. Roughly 4 hours a day 10:00am-2:00pm.
4. Treasurer’s Report- Katie Lemeshewsky
   1. Budget Update
   2. Dos Amigas made $300
   3. Crumbl Cookie made $141
   4. Cold Stone made $676.76
5. Teacher’s Report- Misty Durante, Kathy Landgrave, Kendra Delaney
   1. Everything is going well, Pam’s reported all the staff changes in her report.
6. School Beautification Update- Becca Winegar
   1. SCE garden (Mrs. Stage)- Looking at the water access for the garden beds.
   2. Community Clean up- We are looking into having a spring cleanup day around the school sometime in May. One big project would be getting rid of the junipers in the front of the school.

\*\*\*\*\*Front of School Beautification\*\*\*\*\*

* 1. We have submitted 2 of our 3 plans to the district. The plans submitted are the LED signage and the front of the building outside landscaping.
     1. The LED signage is almost in the final stages of approval, we hope to hear back from the district real soon.
     2. The front building outside landscaping project has not been approved by the district yet.
        1. We have check in with landscaping companies to see if this was approved how quickly could they jump on our project.
           1. One landscaper said they could start right away
           2. One landscaper could start in mid-July but is nervous about completing the project before school starts in August.
           3. We have not heard back from 2 of the landscaping companies.
  2. School Spirit is the 3rd plan that has not been submitted to the district.

1. Committee Reports
   1. Spring Fling April 23rd- Becca Winegar
      1. Kids welcome, each family can make their own decision. There will be no set activities for children
      2. We will send out a email reminder to teachers on Monday, April 18th and ask them to forward it to their parents
      3. Our goal is to raise $25,000
         1. The funds raised goes towards next years budget for teacher grants, curriculum, teacher appreciation, etc. Also the BIG push is to help fund the rest of the Beautification project for the school.
         2. The auction items listed right now, if we total the minimum bid amounts, it would be $5,000.
         3. We will have QR codes on every table for anyone to scan and bid on auction items
         4. On the auction website we also have a section for our Special Appeals for this Spring Fling. The LED Sign and the Sand Creek Landscaping Fund.
         5. Max Taps and the food truck(s) will be donating a % of proceeds that night back to Sand Creek PTO
         6. Looking to auction off a few of the garden beds.
            1. We are looking into the water system we have access too. Right now, it looks like watering the garden is a manual process.
   2. Restaurant Night- Sarah Burgoyne
      1. April 12th- Mici’s TONIGHT!
      2. May 15th- Papa Johns
   3. Teacher Appreciation- Susan Lyons
      1. Teacher Appreciation- Week of May 2
         1. Volunteers to decorate teacher lounges
         2. Volunteers needed for crossing guard duty
         3. Invite to chalk the sidewalks Sunday May 1st, 3pm- Bring chalk!
   4. School Spirit Week May 9th-13th- Amanda Schoep
      1. May 10th Muffins w/ Mom
      2. May 11th Donuts w/ Dad
      3. School spirit days culminating in the talent show
2. Questions/Comments from the Community
3. Announcements
   1. Last PTO meeting of the school year: Tuesday, May 10th at 4:15 pm in the Sand Creek library
4. Adjournment 5:51pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Leia Bruxvoort PTO secretary