Sand Creek Elementary PTO- Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: August 16th, 2022 at 4:15 pm

Meeting Location: PD Room

Present at Meeting: Emily Drost, Sarah Burgoyne, Becca Winegar, Nicole Mann, Pam Pekarek, Katie Lawson, Michelle Rudolf, Christine McMahon, Lauren Feigenblatt, Susan Lyons, and Sophie Betser.

10 people voted on grants and bylaws, Michelle left the meeting after presenting.

1. Welcome and Introductions- Sarah Burgoyne
2. Teacher Grants
   1. Rachel Mynes- Grant request presentation given by Pam Pekarek and Katie Lawson.

* $600, one time purchase
* Grant Request for BIMAS 2 (Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System)
  + Web based tool with data management system used for monitoring effectiveness of behavior intervention for specific students.
  + In addition to monitoring students already on behavior plans, it can help determine if intervention is necessary for students.
  + Monitoring effectiveness of intervention programs benefits the specific students and the school at large.
* VOTE at Meeting: 10 Yes, 0 No, Grant Approved
  1. Traci Thorstenson- Grant request presentation given by Pam Pekarek and Katie Lawson.
* $486.88 for DIBELS Data System. Program was already purchased, the grant request is for reimbursement.
* Grant request covers the cost for $250 students for only the 2022-2023 school year.
  + This may become a recurring cost. iReady is developing a similar program which might be available for the 2023-2024 school year.
  + The program helps identify the bottom 13% of students to determine if literacy intervention is necessary. Results will be uploaded to a universal system that effectively identifies benchmarks for literacy intervention.
  + The program will allow intervention team to monitor progress and track growth. DIBELS can create graphs, reports, and establish percentiles. Previously teachers would do this by hand. This will help the intervention team decide if their strategies are working or if the student needs more help.
  + Currently SCE tracks academic intervention through iready, however this is not an effective tool. iReady tests are strenuous and are only given to students three times a year.
  + DIBELS evaluations can be given every 6 to 8 weeks, which is much more effective in measuring progress and effectiveness of intervention measures.
  + Plan is to access all kinder and 1st grade students, those with IEP, or students identified by a teacher who might benefit. Also to be used by SpEd and ELL.
* VOTE at Meeting: 10 Yes, 0 No, Grant Approved
  1. Michelle Rudolf : presented in person
* $288.62 (approximate amount - will be finalized after purchase).
* Grant request is for outdoor paint and supplies for a Sensory Path. During grant submission, Michelle provided a slideshow detailing how large the stencils are (and therefore how much paint is requested), and pictures of where paths will go.
  + SCE already has stencils to make the path, however supplies are required to complete.
  + Grant amount estimates 3 gal and 3 qt of paint and supplies.
  + Two Sensory paths will be painted, one on the upper playground (near fence opening leading to basketball courts), and one on the lower playground (sidewalk above basketball courts).
  + Grant request will impact all students because it will be near both play areas.
  + Michelle asked PTO to help organize a painting party after supplies are purchased, if the grant is approved.
* VOTE at Meeting: 10 Yes, 0 No, Grant Approved

1. Bylaw Ratification- Emily Drost

* Last review of PTO bylaws was five years ago.
* Changes to bylaws (summary, all changes can be found on document provided by Emily):
  + Review will be every two years.
  + Grant process:
    - Removal of grant levels by amount requested.
    - Principal reviews all grants to determine if funds are available from the school or if they should be submitted to the PTO.
    - At the Community meeting, the treasurer will discuss available funds for grants before voting.
    - Voting- need a quorum of PTO board members. Bylaws outlaw who else can vote.

1. Principal’s Report- Pam Pekarek

* Pam started off thanking the PTO for the success of ‘Meet the Teacher’, there was a great turnout of students and parents.
* School is looking to hire EA4’s and a part time front office volunteer.
* Pam handed out flyers discussing the proposed levy and bond measures, so parents can educate themselves.
  + She mentioned the school and faculty cannot discuss after the School District Board votes to place on the November ballot.

1. ~~Treasurer’s Report- Becca Winegar~~
2. ~~Teacher’s Report- Misty Durante~~
3. Committee Reports
   1. Fun Run- Sarah Burgoyne
      1. Sponsors needed ASAP

* Only had a couple sponsors, needed more. PTO board to continue calling and emailing possible sponsors.
  + 1. Volunteers needed
* Have some parent volunteers, need to attract more for the entire day.
  1. Needed Committee Chairs
     1. Community Events
        1. Work with classroom reps for small get togethers. We have a couple volunteers. PTO expressed they would like a parent rep for each grade and a committee chair on the PTO to oversee parent reps. The parent reps would help organize events for the grade.
        2. Monthly gathering opportunities (not restaurant nights)
     2. Masquerade Ball
* We need a volunteer to chair. PTO would like to bring this event back.
  1. ~~Teacher Appreciation- Susan Lyons~~
  2. ~~Restaurant Night- Ashley Scott-Trainer~~
     1. ~~Aug 16th- Chick fil a~~
     2. ~~Sept 14th- Panera~~
     3. ~~Oct 13th- Panda Express~~
     4. ~~Nov 15th- Cuba Cuba Sandwicheria~~
  3. ~~Garden Committee- Sophie Betser~~

1. Questions/Comments from the Community
2. Announcements
   1. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13th 2022
3. Adjournment 5:30 pm