

Sandburg PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Attendees: Lara Stavridis, Kim Roy, Liza Passarelli, Shawna Roubitchek, Angela Bagdasarian, Wendee Reedy, Renee Pas, Sarah Makinney, Melissa Klimek, Beth Hosler, Krista Nunemaker, Alison Dondlinger, Rachel Olson, Audra Stanley, Linda Fehrenbacher and Stacy Burns.

Approval of September minutes: Motion to approve the September 2018 PTA Meeting minutes by Beth Hosler second by Alison Dondlinger.

Teacher presentation: Mrs. Kerins and Mrs. Gumbach presented on the SEL program that is being taught in place of guidance. There are 5 components to it:

- Self Management
- Social Awareness
- Relationship Skills
- Self Awareness
- Responsible Decision Making

The teachers are incorporating various learning strategies such as, SEL goals, PBIS, collaborative learning, learning environments, calm classroom, utilizing grade level teams, promoting school wide activities and community days. On Mondays in acceleration, they will have SEL instruction with an activity or community days project. Sandburg students set goals in September. They will continue to have monthly themes to work on various life skills. Their presentation can be found on Lisa Kerins website. Additional information can be found at <https://casel.org/> and <https://www.isbe.net/pages/social-emotional-learning-standards.aspx>.

School Board President – Kara Caforio

There is a school board liaison for each school, and ours is Chris Blum. He was not able to make it today, so Kara filled in. She spoke about the referendum and Master Facilities Plan.

How did we get here:

- 3+ years of planning and community input
- Facility needs are greater than the annual maintenance budget can address
- We rely on local funds and district must go to referendum in order to make major improvements and upgrades
- No longer get state facility funding
- 12 years since last referendum

Some details about the plan:

- It is not just a plan for right now. It is a future focused plan that should take us out 20+ years.
- Jackson, Jefferson, Emerson next 3 oldest buildings after Lincoln & Field.
- Not using much of our debt capacity. Good financial status.

How they will stay on budget:

- Todd Schmidt was hired as the new Director of buildings and grounds & will be overseeing the project.
- District has been financially responsible and was able to save the taxpayers 13.5 million on previous bonds.
- District 205 has had increased enrollment and has not cut programs. They have maximized their resources.
- They have built in allowances for any unforeseen situations as in increases in material or labor costs, or tariff issues.

Maintenance going forward will be done with a solid plan for each building so that work can be done proactively instead of reactively. Maintenance budget will be raised to \$2 million until buildings are at a better state.

The referendum says that the district CAN borrow up to \$168 million, but they do not have to borrow all of that if they continue along under budget.

Kara pointed out that we will eventually get about \$500,000 from the Nitti development near Field. They have only received about half. That money must be used at Field, Sandburg or York.

It is being put away right now, until they receive it all.

President's Report

Lara discussed that the executive board chose to take an educational stance on the referendum. There was a discussion about what that means and it was reiterated that no vote was taken by executive board or by the general membership. A separate newsletter will be sent out as needed to help educate the community about the referendum.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Fehrenbacher announced that P/T conference sign up is tomorrow. Spartan store has been a success. She would like students to wear spirit wear and take a picture of themselves. She will hang them up with a 'Spartans Represent' theme. Walk to school day tomorrow is rain or shine and the fresh start breakfast is coming up. The Best Buddies program is starting and Mrs. Fehrenbacher will share out the school improvement plan very soon.

Membership report

Kim Roy reported that we are at 64% of families who have joined the PTA. She reiterated that a PTA Membership includes directory spot access. There are not physical PTA member cards this year. Membership cards can be printed at home via the Membership Hub website.

Upcoming event details discussed

- Field PTA raffle for YES for D205 campaign
- Reflections is starting up
- Book Fair during conferences, October 19-26.
- Discussed hot chocolate for Fresh Start breakfast. May be too expensive.
- 7th grade social will be moved inside this Friday

Bylaws

Lara read through and amended the bylaws to include that the secretary position on the board can be shared by two people as co-chairs. Krista Nunemaker made a motion to approve and Beth Hosler seconded.

Next Meeting

Next PTA meeting is on November 13th at 7pm in the Sandburg library

To be discussed more:

- Threadless, custom t-shirts by staff and students
- Class of 2023 shirts for 8th graders

Meeting Adjourned