

Sandburg PTA Meeting Minutes November 13, 2018

Attendance:

Lara Stavridis, Krista Nunemaker, Kim Roy, Beth Hosler, Angela Bagdasarian, Liza Passarelli, Linda Fehrenbacher, Tom Walker, Susan Larrick.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Fehrenbacher stated she will provide information on the Illinois school report card next month. Also, the water bottle filling station in the basement should be coming soon.

Beth Hosler inquired how the PTA can help parents with the 8th grade transition to York since there have been changes. Mrs. Fehrenbacher suggested bringing in someone from York to speak at a PTA meeting. She is exploring the possibility of holding a special meeting for all 8th grade parents.

Teacher Presentation:

Tom Walker provided overviews of four areas where teachers and classrooms are in need of assistance. He also provided presentations on behalf of Mrs. Leban.

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1. Mrs. Leban's class is in need of 4 – 5 more Spheros (Robots) for coding so kids could work in pairs, as opposed to larger groups. The robots are \$129.99 each.
 2. Mrs. Leban's class is in need of more licenses for the Merge Cubes in the class to offer students more options in this augmented technology because the licenses they have offer very limited functions. The cost per license is \$170.
 3. The outdoor ed group is in need of new lock boxes and locks due to the poor quality units they currently have. Mr. Walker's class would build the boxes and they are looking to split the cost of the boxes and locks with the PTA (approximately \$250).
 4. The school is in need of a video display message board to display upcoming events and school information. Other middle schools have one. The estimated cost for 48" display and mount is \$1,104, but Mr. Walker is looking around for more estimates.
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Approval of October 2018 minutes:

Motion made by Kim Roy to approve minutes and second by Liza Passarelli.

Treasurer Report:

Krista Nunemaker said that the left over money from last year could cover licenses needed for Mrs. Leban's cubes and that the Innovative Programming Budget could cover some of the other costs outlined by Mr. Walker.

Beth Hosler made a motion to use the Innovative Program budget to cover the request, except for the Display Monitor totaling \$920. Angela Bagdasarian seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Secretary Report:

Beth Hosler will add the November 28 Academic Night to the PTA newsletter.

Also, Beth Hosler brought up doing a Parent PTA fundraiser. The board discussed doing a trivia night fundraiser to be held on Saturday, January 19, and to hire a trivia night emcee / organizer. More details to come.

President's Report:

The Spartan store is going well. Regarding the Threadless T-shirt contest, no one entered. This is something we will incorporate into the Makerspace Club to get more student involvement.

Regarding the PTA Grant request from Mrs. Leban, the deadline is November 18.

The District is changing the website platform / template, so we have not been actively updating the Sandburg PTA website since much of it will need to be rebuilt soon.

Upcoming Events:

More planning and information to come regarding the parent night fundraiser on January 19.

Next PTA Meeting:

Next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, at 9:30 am, in the Sandburg library.

At next meeting, Mrs. Fehrenbacher:

- Requested Mindfulness Therapist / Speaker, Bridget Caragher, LCSW, Co-Founder & Therapist at Green Door Therapy.
- Invited the Sandburg Choir to sing songs at the December meeting.