

Sandburg PTA Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Attendance: Lara Stavridis, Beth Hosler, Kim Roy, Angela Bagdasarian, Christine Simonis, Krista Nunemaker, Linda Fehrenbacher, Jeff Gail

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Lara Stavridis. Sandburg 7th and 8th Grade Choir performed two songs for us. Awesome!
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Mindfulness Presentation – Bridget (LCSW) from Green Door Therapy walked us through a mindfulness activity that can be done briefly every day and handed out a pamphlet with information on her new business in Villa Park where they offer individual, couple and adolescent sessions.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from November 2018
- V. Principal's Report
 - a. Mrs. Fehrenbacher feels strongly about mindfulness. She talked about two apps that she likes – Head Space and Calm – and about the Calm Classroom practices that are used sometimes at Sandburg and are often used at the elementary schools. The Maker Space is also a great calm space for kids.
 - b. Water bottle filling station is being installed today.
 - c. Hour of Code was very successful and was very popular with the 8th graders.
 - d. Still collecting Books for Bernie's Book Drive.
 - e. "Be the Change" acceleration class is currently collecting shoes for Soles for Kids.
 - f. Middle School Course Selections are due by Friday, December 14th.
 - g. There is a Go Fund Me page and a Meal Train for the Garecki family.
 - h. The School Report Card from Every School Succeeds Act gives every school/district a rating. Exemplary is top 10%, Commendable is upper 70%. Scores come from PARCC. The school is looking more seriously at PARCC. Only 4 states are still using the PARCC test. It hurts the school's scores if a lot of kids opt out of the test.
 - i. Please take the 5 Essentials Survey. We need at least a 20% parent participation rate for the survey to count.
- VI. Treasurer Report
 - a. Paid \$3000 for Maker Space furniture.
 - b. The budget has funds to purchase planters for front of school for winter.
 - c. Some additional clubs may need money from the Student Clubs budget, including GSA, Best Buddies, Robotics.
 - d. There is some money left in the Maker Space budget to use for supplies.
- VII. New Business
 - a. There are 4 open positions on the Board of Education if anyone is interested.
 - b. Trivia Night is being moved to Friday, January 18th at the Diplomat West. Tickets to go on sale this week. \$35/person.
- VIII. Upcoming Events
 - a. Special Board of Education Meeting tonight (12/11/18) at 6:30 p.m. for construction timelines
 - b. 12/13/18 – Emerson First Annual Holiday Market – open to all

- c. 12/13/18 – York Apparel Open House to pick up pre-orders and purchase other items
- d. 12/18/18 regular Board of Education Meeting
- e. 1/17/19 8th graders meet with York Counselors to review schedule. Parents and students need to fill out the blue sheet with elective choices and the opt in form (if necessary)
- f. 1/18/19 – Trivia Night for parents at Diplomat West
- g. TBD Movie on Angst