

**Sandburg PTA General Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2019 at 9 a.m.**

Attendance: Angela Bagdasarian, Alison Dondlinger, Evelyn Toreja Boutin, Lara Stavridis, Krista Nunemaker, Liza Passarelli, Wendee Reedy, Linda Fehrenbacher, Jeff Gail, John Gaunt, Stephanie Miller, Shawna Roubitchek, Stephanie Miller, Beth Hosler, Stacey Rojinski, Tracy Ries, Susan Larrick, Nikki Dolvig, Trupti Parikh, Amie King, Jonathan Coan, Kim Murphy, Nicole Krzak, Patti Berner, Kelly McDermott Goldstein, Julie Fitzgerald, Laura Stukel, Kristen Noble

Meeting called to order by President Angela Bagdasarian. Pledge of Allegiance.

Performance by the 7th and 8th grade choir

Welcome/Introductions:

- Welcomed all the attendees, thanked the choir and reiterated that the goal was to keep the regular PTA meetings to an hour.
- Linda Fehrenbacher introduced Mr. Baker, K-12 Fine Arts Coordinator.

Minutes: The minutes of 5/14/19 were approved. Motion by Evelyn Toreja Boutin. Second by Wendee Reedy. Motion passed.

Principal Report – Linda Fehrenbacher

- Thanked the teacher appreciation committee for treats on the first day of school and for dinner before curriculum night.
- Explained rules for middle school students attending York HS football games. There were some supervision and discipline issues at previous game and that from now on, middle school students (under 14 yrs old) will be required to carry their school ID with them and will need to be supervised by an adult.
- Student sign up for career day will be Friday, September 20th.
- New part-time Dean this year at Sandburg, Kelsey Thompson, previously an art teacher at York HS. Splits time between dean and teaching.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer – Evelyn Toreja Boutin

- Presented and discussed proposed budget. Highlighted change that this year the PTA is passing RevTrak fees on to payees.
- Motion to approve by Patti Bernard. Second by Liza Passarelli. Budget adopted with no changes.

Secretary – Liza Passarelli and Lara Stavridis

- Asked that additions to the weekly PTA newsletter be emailed to Liza and Lara by Monday each week. Newsletter will go out on Wednesday's.

Membership – Wendee Reedy and Krista Nunemaker

- Currently we have 45% of our families signed up as members. Looking for 100%!
- Teacher membership is up from last year.

President Elect – Alison Dondlinger

- Need chairpersons for school beautification, SERG and Summer Rec Open House (SROH).

President – Angela Bagdasarian

- 8th grade social on Friday. Food generously donated by new Culvers in Elmhurst. Linda Davies, chairperson.
- 6th/7th grades socials in October.
- Look out for new rules for middle school students attending York HS football games. Send them out via Directory Spot with tailgate reminders.
- Career Day is Friday, September 27th.

Committee Reports:

Career Day – Laura Stukel

- Friday, September 27 from 11:45am-3:25pm. Lunch for presenters, then sessions from 1-3:30pm
- Thanked Beth Hosler for handoff materials. Made for easy transition.
- There will be 19-20 different panels. Professions include a substance abuse counselor, female CIO of McDonalds, and some arts and STEM related fields.
- Looking to expose our students to more diversity.
- Kids select top 6 professions to participate in on Friday.
- Christy Gumbach added that the fall seems to be a better fit for this event so that teachers can refer to it throughout the year but will discuss.

6th Grade Fall Social – Nicole Krzak

- Looking for more volunteers

New Business:

Fine Arts Festival – John Gaunt, Sandburg Music Teacher

- This year Sandburg is hosting the Fine Arts Festival on Monday, Dec 16, 2019.
- Commissioned an original piece of music by Josh McGehee. Will premier at the festival. Asking for \$500 commission fee.
- Discussion ensued and question asked whether we could co-sponsor the festival with the Music Boosters.
- Motion to allocate \$250 of our Innovative Programming budget by Evelyn Toreja Boutin. Second by Liza Passarelli. Motion passed.
- Thanked the PTA on behalf of the entire faculty.

Upcoming Events:

- Cross Country Meet with Kona Ice Truck 9/17 4-6PM
- 8th Grade Fall Social 9/20 5-7PM
- Thrive D205: How to Raise an Adult at York High School 9/23 7PM
- 8th Grade Career Day 9/27

- 6th Grade Fall Social 10/4
- 7th Grade Fall Social 10/18

Save the Date Events

- Foundation 205 Events: Harlem Wizards on 11-2-19 and Gala on 2-8-20. This year the foundation is focusing to support the major D205 initiatives shared such as technology upgrades (e.g. out of date classroom projectors) and virtual reality items.
- Sandburg PTA's 2nd Trivia Night will be on 2-1-20.

Karen Clark, head of the Sandburg cafeteria, brought in fresh donuts and fruit.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. Next meeting is 10/21/19 at 7 p.m. in the Sandburg library.

Minutes compiled by Lara Stavridis, Co-Secretary