

Sandburg PTA Meeting Minutes
11/18/19 at 7 pm

In attendance:

Lara Stavridis, Laura Gibson, Evelyn Toreja Boutin, Suzanne Wilcox, Angela Bagdasarian, Wendee Reedy, Jacky Oviedo, Linda Fehrenbacher, Julie Fitzgerald, Robin Sparacino, Melissa Szala.

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

October Minutes. Motion made by Wendee Reedy to approve the October minutes. Second by Robin Sparacino. Motion passed.

Parent Music Award Request - for medals purchased to recognize the 10 Sandburg students from band and orchestra who played at the Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) Honors Festival. Motion made by Evelyn Toreja-Boutin to reimburse Robin Sparacino \$63.85 from the student recognition budget. Second by Laura Gibson. Motion passed.

Principal Report – Linda Fehrenbacher

- 1) Poet: Poet visits for 8th grade on Friday, 7th grade on Monday and 6th grade on Tuesday. Focus on Carl Sandburg.
- 2) Thank you: from the staff for dinner during conferences, health fair breakfast, Halloween treats and book fair support.
- 3) Sandburg was one of two D205 schools to receive Exemplary Status for our IAR test scores.
- 4) The school improvement plan will be shared at the January PTA meeting.
- 5) Planning a “Month of Sandburg” for January 2020.
- 6) Last week of the UCCA food drive. Seminar completion amongst the 6th grade seminars.

Teacher Report - none

Treasurer Report – Evelyn Toreja Boutin

- PTA took in \$183 for Kona Ice fundraiser.
- PTA made \$612 from the Elmhurst Brewing Company Fundraiser (EBC still confirming exact amount). Discussed doing this again in the fall as a “Welcome Back” event and using their outdoor patio.

Secretary Report – Lara Stavridis

- Presented proposed change to PTA bylaws Article VI, Section 2a. to read “The officers of this association shall be a president, vice president, a secretary (or co-secretary), membership (or co-membership) chair and a treasurer.”
Change to be submitted to the IL Regional Director for approval and voted on at the January meeting.

Membership Report – Wendee Reedy

- We are at 55% (330 or 605 families have joined to date).
- Teacher membership is at 50%.
- Jackie Oviedo posted on the Sandburg 6th grade Facebook site.

President Elect Report – nothing to report

President Report – Angela Bagdasarian

- Mentioned to be mindful when purchasing or requesting food items for PTA events to reach out to Elmhurst (local) businesses first if possible.

Committee Reports:

- School Supply Kit chair Lynnea Brown is looking into changing suppliers. Checking prices with 1st Day School Supplies.
- Reflections chair is going to purchase gift cards for the 15 students who submitted entries this year. Discussed Starbucks, City Centre, Classic Cinemas as good options.
- Trivia night registration forms and payments due by Dec 16th (cash/check only).

New Business:

- Suggested trying to manage a Sandburg Families Facebook page to help publicize events. PTA board would be administrators and comments would be turned off.

Upcoming Events:

- Academic Boosters 8th Grade Parent Coffee 12/5 8:30AM Yorker Room
- Library Book Discussion – Middle School Matter – Registration begins 12/7
- DIT Workshop (PTA Scholarship Fundraiser) 11/21
- Sandburg Trivia Night at Knights of Columbus 2/1
- Foundation 205 Gala at Medinah Country Club 2/8
- PTA Fundraiser Sip & Shop with Cuvee and Kie and Kate 3/5

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm. Next meeting is Jan 21 at 9am in Sandburg Library.
Motion by Wendee Reedy; second by Evelyn Toreja Boutin.

Minutes compiled by Lara Stavridis, Co-Secretary