

Field School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 1pm via Zoom

I. Call to Order/Welcome – 1:00 pm

- A. In Attendance: Trish Poulson, Heidi Thomas, Linda Fehrenbacher, Katharine Wagner, Genious Chaudry, Liz Roder, Patti Berner, and Molly Polins.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion to approve 11/09/21 Meeting Minutes (as amended) by Heidi Thomas, 2nd by Genious Chaudry, motion passed.

IV. Guest Speakers

- A. Linda Fehrenbacher, Principal at Sandburg Middle School
- 1) Sandburg is excited to welcome the Field 5th grade students next year. Planning has already begun and the teachers and staff at Sandburg are ready.
 - 2) Mrs. Thomas will take the lead re: the specifics for the 5th graders and Sandburg is more than happy to help in any way to assist.
 - 3) On December 21, 2021, Principals from Sandburg will be presenting to the current 5th grade students about what to expect next year. Plans are underway to schedule a presentation for the current 4th grade students in the near future.
- B. Patti Berner, Sandburg Middle School PTA President
- 1) The Sandburg PTA is ready to help the Field PTA in any way next year.
 - 2) The 2021-2022 Sandburg PTA President (Tracie Reis) is already meeting with the Bryan Middle School PTA President to share ideas on what has worked for Bryan during this year's accommodation of Lincoln 5th grade students.

IV. Principal Report- Heidi Thomas

1. The standards focus for the 2nd trimester is non-fiction. Phonics is also a current focus for K-2 graders per District 205 guidelines.
2. This time of year is also a focus for SEL (Social Emotional Learning). Much work is being done in the classrooms re: this topic.

3. New recess equipment has been purchased. It will be placed in grade-level color coded bags. It has been discovered that some grades are not treating the equipment nicely; dividing the equipment into color coded bags will ensure fair quality of equipment for all students.
4. A 'Farewell to Field' program is in the initial stages of planning. It is tentatively scheduled for May 14th. The program will consist of student performances, tours of the building, and celebrations. Mrs. Thomas would like help from Field parents in planning and coordinating the program.
5. There will be a Holiday Sing-A-Long during the day on Wednesday, December 22nd. It will happen in individual classrooms via Clever Touch. There will also be a showing of the movie, 'Christmas Again', starring Field student Kenny Rasmussen.
6. Finally, we are limiting the number of classroom party volunteers. Kindergarten and 1st grade will have a total of 5 volunteers; 2nd grade up to 4 volunteers; 3-5th grade will have a total of 3 volunteers.

V. Executive Committee Reports

A. President – Trish Poulson

1. Nothing new to report.

B. President-Elect- Mindi Honken (as reported by Trish Poulson)

1. Winter Classroom Parties will be held on Wednesday, December 22.
2. Please submit the names of your volunteers as soon as possible.

C. Treasurer- Genius Chaudry

1. The treasury is in good shape. We have had about \$50 in AmazonSmile donations.
2. We are still waiting on the earnings from both the Book Fair and Square1 Art.
3. \$3500 in unused Fall Fest funds are available for the PTA to use. One possible idea is to use those funds for the 'Farewell to Field ' program.

D. Membership- Lauren Johnson (as reported by Trish Poulson)

1. Nothing new to report.

E. Programs- Kelly Asseff (as reported by Trish Poulson)

1. Nothing new to report.

F. Ways & Means- Liz Roder

1. There are two Eat & Earns to report: Portillo's raised \$140 and Panera raised \$175. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the PTA!
2. We are still waiting on the report of funds earned during the Shop & Earn event that happened last week.

VI. Standing Committees

A. Twinkle Tour- Tasha McDougle

1. There are 33 houses participating in the Twinkle Tour this year and 4 family donations.
2. A total of \$1,034 has been raised!
3. Voting will end on Monday, December 20th. The winners will be announced on Wednesday during the classroom holiday parties.

B. Reflections- Ryan Favro

1. The winners of the Field judging have moved on to the District level.
2. The following Field students have moved on to the Regional Final:

Kaitlyn Wagner (photography)

Eliza Asseff (Visual Art)

Emmett Bruch (Film)

Brynn Richardson (Music)

Elin Seiler (Literature)

Moxey Wehrle (Dance)

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Nathan Martinez (Music)

Evan Seiler (Literature)

3. The judging will take place over the next month and we will receive results in mid-January. There will be a celebration this coming spring.

C. Book Fair- Kevin Bruch

1. Waiting for the final sales numbers and earnings to be reported.

VII. Upcoming Event Dates/Reminders

December 16- Scholarship Fund Event at EBC 6:30pm

December 20- Twinkle Tour Voting Ends

December 22- Classroom Winter Parties/Last Day of School

December 23- Winter Break

January 6- Winter Break Ends/School Resumes

January 14- NO SCHOOL (Teacher Institute Day)

January 17- NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King's Birthday)

January 21- Dad's Club Event

January 26- Late Arrival Day 9:30am Start

May 6- Field Follies

VIII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn by Tasha McDougle, 2nd by Liz Roder, adjourned at 1:44pm.