

## Sangster PTA Meeting Minutes – Oct. 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Whitestone at 7:06. There were 19 people in attendance.

### Minutes Review

The September minutes were approved on a voice vote.

### Principal's Update

Mr. Hall has been making the rounds of the classrooms to meet everyone. Regarding the open AAP position in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we are in the process of interviewing a new AAP teacher. We are looking for experienced teachers with AAP experience; not jumping into anything suddenly.

When the county came to do the work on the front electrical sign, they found some problems. County fixed it. After the work was done, the electricians charged \$2500 more than what was originally estimated. We are trying not to budget -- we feel they should honor their estimate.

### Assistant Principal's Report – Ms. Jankovich

- First testing season is beginning: CogAt for 2nd grade and for new-to-county 3-6 grade. Verbal, quantitative, nonverbal -- 3 day test. Then Naglieri test for first graders.
- Room parent meeting on Tuesday at 9:30 in cafeteria.
- New initiatives for food allergies -- a link for a SurveyMonkey came out today. Best practices for birthdays: Think about alternatives for birthday treats (pencils, earn extra recess). No more drop-in food. Communicate with the teacher ahead of time if you want to bring something in.

### Assistant Principal's Report -- Ms. Smith

- Ms. Lambert had an interest meeting about AAP program last Tuesday night.
- School Improvement plan: goals are academics, essential life skills, responsibility to community. Each grade level is writing own goal. There are also schoolwide goals. This document is always evolving.

### Business Matters

- **Green Team.** Going to be working on the gardens in the back. By the end of 2014, will assign and maintain one box for each grade level. Students will be a big part of it. The current gardens need a little love. Talking about having themes for each box: Kinder and 6th do a buddy garden, Edible garden, journey north project, pizza garden, three sisters garden, sensory garden. There is also a butterfly garden that would need to be enhanced. We would love parent help and volunteers -- maybe even form a PTA committee to support the initiative.
- **PBIS.** Positive behavior intervention and support. Kids will earn feathers to go on the falcon in the cafeteria. Rewarded for good behavior in cafeteria as well. There is a hierarchy of consequences for K-6. Creating a cohesive management program. Came up with a list of school-wide rewards: movie day, pizza party, school dance, Monday recess/extra recess. Movie day got the most votes. Looking to do at the end of the quarter.
- **Teacher incentive:** \$5 Starbucks gift card, administrator's parking space, etc.
- **Fall Fundraiser.** Envelopes went home to every child. Raffle the night of Oct. 25 for the Music Masquerade. Different genres of music and students' talent. Serving only popcorn and water. One extra ticket if you're wearing a costume; 5 tickets for a bag of tangible donations. Reminder for donations will go out next week. If you can donate, please do!

Looking to buy another set of ipads with this money. We have one set right now of 30. Every class has had a chance to do educational tasks with them. But we also want to make sure we are using the money appropriately.

PTA tries to supplement technology as much as possible. We do have new classrooms without our technology with SmartBoards, Elmos, Ziggi's. We need 6 projectors (\$2934 total) and 7 Ziggis (like Elmos) (\$693). Made a motion to support purchasing 6 projectors. Motion passed on a voice vote. Motion was made to support purchasing the Ziggis. Motion was passed on a voice vote.

- **Thanksgiving Lunch.** Need volunteers to decorate, bag lunches. Most jobs will be about 1 hour.
- **Clinic** needs sandwich bags for ice

### **Treasurer's Report**

Made a motion to move money back into the Discovery Gardens (which had been zeroed out a few years ago). Suggestions were made for \$2000 to get it moving now. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

The checking account balance as of Sept. 24 was \$51,241.77.

Our final audit of 2012-13 has been completed. We passed with flying colors.

Gina's son had the chess tables installed recently. Big success.

### **Vice President's Report**

- Reflections -- Alisa Goetz is the new Reflections chair. Oct. 15 is the due date. There are 6 categories to compete in. [Reflections@sangsterpta.org](mailto:Reflections@sangsterpta.org)
- Hospitality Committee -- National school bus week is Oct. 14-18. Natl school lunch week -- we will cater lunch to cafeteria workers. Had thanksgiving feast for staff last year, will likely do that again this year.
- Mark has done a great job keeping the Web site updated.
- Volunteer Coordinator -- If anyone wants to take this over, please contact Denise! About 100 people sent in offers to help.
- Military Spouses -- planning event for Veterans Day. Will have Bells, Band and Chorus. Nov. 11
- Claudia Mills coming on the 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Upcoming Events**

- Sangster Fun Run
- Ledo's Fundraiser
- Music Masquerade

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32