

May Sangster PTA Meeting--May 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. There were 14 people in attendance.

Minutes Review

The April minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Principal's Update

- Sangster is one of 52 schools to earn the 2014 Board of Education Excellence Award. We were one of the top 25 schools.
- "Working condition" school survey recently completed--staff feels very supported by the community and there is good communication between community and school.
- Planning for staffing for next year: losing a full-time ESOL teacher (reduced to part-time). Next week is TransFair (opportunity for staff to interview at other locations). Losing one kindergarten position for next year. Mrs. Piernick and Mrs. Gedder will be retiring next year. Lost an AAP position--Mrs. Bodnovich won't be returning. Mrs. Lantz's family is being relocated out of the area so will be hiring one 5th grade AAP teacher. Also looking to hire a third-grade teacher. Also losing a Category V Special Ed teacher--Mrs. Miller will be transferring (re-hiring for that position). Projected enrollment for next year: 933. 950 gives us the second Asst. Principal. Looking to keep Mrs. Smith.

Assistant Principal's Update

- Teacher Appreciation starts next week. Looking to update the lounge. Got a Keurig for the teachers (shhh! It's a surprise.)
- Children who have been offered a slot in AAP but who have not yet accepted – there will be a meeting for them next week to learn more about the program.
- Library will be a permanent SOL testing spot. Both Spanish teachers will give up their rooms for testing--they will teach from a cart for the duration of testing

Business Matters/Committee Reports

- Ms. Dowd--our reading specialist--came to talk about the reading program called Leveled Literacy Intervention. Able to use it over multiple grade levels in small groups. A motion was made to purchase the program. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Juliet Jones presented the slate of officers for next year: Michele Nocerito (President), Kristin Zael (Vice President), and Gina Duffy (Treasurer). Need to take motions from the floor for secretary. No nominations. Will address next month. A motion was made to approve the current slate. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Fun Fair--Joyce Maryanopolis reported that we were 30% full on volunteers. All the big jobs are covered. Our insurance policy said that we're not supposed to have bounce houses, so that will be cancelled.
- Library--Julia Byrd presented that Kathleen Brewer would like to book author Kate Messner (VA readers' choice for this year and next) for a visit to the school next year. Her rate is \$2,400 per school visit for a full day. She hoped the PTA could contribute \$1,000; the library's fundraising from the book fair can cover the other \$1,400. A motion was made to contribute \$1,000. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Broadcast funding--Linda Whitestone reported that broadcast needs a new mixer. A motion was made to allocate \$588 for a mixer. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Yellow folders have already been purchased for next year. The PTA often pays for this cost. Cost is approx. \$1,309. Other schools are doing everything electronically. Is it something that Sangster could consider? Discussion over how we could use PTA email list to make this happen but this was tabled for when our new principal comes on board. A motion was made to pay the full cost of the yellow folders. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Administrative Professionals was last week -- great success! Teacher appreciation is next week -- need help with setup/tear down. Please contact Robyn Enderle if you want to help.
- MSG: Has applied for a grant for \$30,000 for school to be used for a variety of things--will keep us posted on results. Wounded Warrior: Looking for volunteer to take over this position.

Treasurer

The checking account balance as of April 30 was \$52,323.30.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.