

Sangster PTA Meeting Minutes – Sept. 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Whitestone at 7:04 p.m. There were 60 people in attendance.

Special Presentation

Dr. Angela Atwater (Asst. Superintendent Cluster 6) came to discuss Mr. Summers' resignation as of Sept. 6, 2013. Hope to have an interim principal in place by next week (retired Fairfax County principal). Hopefully we will have a new principal in place by the end of October. She apologized for not getting information out before school started -- policy procedures prevented releasing anything earlier.

For second grade, we will have full-time teacher as opposed to a substitute very soon. The size of fifth-grade AAP classes is a concern for some parents.

What to tell kids about Mr. Summers? Say that he took time off and decided not to come back to Sangster.

Principal's Report

- Open house went well with the rolling times
- Teachers worked hard to get school ready with all of the last-minute changes
- New family orientation/ice cream social a success
- Enrollment is up to around 930ish – when Ms. Jankovich arrived in 2002, enrollment was around 600
- Added the “quads” in the “backyard”
- Spanish has its own classroom
- Information regarding allergy awareness went out in Thursday folders, and there will be a coffee hour with parents who would like to come and have an open discussion on how we can inform others better about allergies (Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.)
- Still working with transportation to resolve bus 9 & 10 overcrowded issues
- Teacher support has been great
- Introduction of Addison Smith – new Assistant Principal. Also welcomed all new teachers.
- PBIS (positive behavioral intervention and support) Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Hughes will be at the next PTA meeting discussing what this entails.
- Thank you to Hospitality Committee Robyn Enderle and Monica Park for the back-to-school luncheon for the staff and also to Military Spouse group for the ice cream social
- Fundraiser — write check, put in envelope, and send back to school. Then the end of October, a fun night of “Make a Difference Music Masquerade”
- Ledo Pizza night Oct. 7 and 8 — 20% of proceeds from those two nights go to Sangster-dine in or carry out. If carry out please mention Sangster
- Run Fit Kidz-approved by body.
- Spirit Wear sales will be on line only.
- Orange Hunt has Speakers coming to their school –Sangster family has open invite to those. First one is Sept. 25th -- “Homework made simple”
- Gift from Target – On Facebook, go on every 4 days, “like” target, put in *sangster* and zipcode, press **like** and the school gets money

Treasurer's Report

As of July 2013 –check book balance for the PTA \$37,092.36

Committee Reports

- Newsletter deadline Friday, Sept. 6
- Author Claudia Mills is coming 10/10 –plan on having an evening program
- Book fair will be 11/18-11/22 with setup on Friday, the 15th
- Sangster family fun run Oct. 6th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.