

Sangster PTA Meeting Minutes – Nov. 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Whitestone at 7:05. There were ___ people in attendance.

Minutes Review

The October minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Principal's Update

- We have some classes changing tomorrow. We qualified for a third 5th grade AAP position. Leslie Lantz, who was doing her student teaching with the 5th grade AAP, was the best candidate for the position and will be that new teacher. All 3 AAP classes will move to quad. That means we are displacing Spanish, who is coming back inside. Ms. Zaffaroni will go to C pod; Ms. Butler will go to R-4. Ms. Drummond (currently in R-4) was asked if she would like to move closer to the 6th grade classes. On Saturday, teachers, parents and students will help with the move. Letters were sent home to the students last week notifying them of the change. Ms. Bodnovich will form the new classroom -- 11 students from Ms. Lantz's class and 10 from Ms. Oberdick's class.
- January 8 -- Internet awareness night for parents at West Springfield

Assistant Principal's Report -- Ms. Jankovich

- Thanksgiving Lunch -- Nov. 19, 20, 21
- CogAths have wrapped up. Tested entire 2nd grade and 45 new 3rd-6th grades. Results will come in the mail.
- FLE in 4th, 5th and 6th grade in December. There will be a parent preview night -- date TBD. 5th-6th will be week before winter break. Permission slips will be coming home.

Assistant Principal's Report -- Ms. Smith

- Naglieri testing for 1st graders on the 21st.
- Green team has been working very hard. Nick Davis (has children at Braddock and has made a career of nature walks and education) has been helping out.
- Initial submission of school improvement plan is in. Teachers have been working very hard.

Business Matters

- Fall Fundraiser: Jan Swicord thanked everyone for all the help -- especially the music and art teachers. Raised up to just over \$16,000. The fundraiser part is extended until Nov. 22. For the Make a Difference -- everyone has been very thankful for the donations received. Had a 21-foot truck full of donations.
- Ledo's Pizza Days Results -- \$760.
- Thanksgiving Lunches -- working on doing the tickets and looking for volunteer. Will add days to the newsletter and to the web site.
- MathCounts Program -- James Sun came to present this program. This is a nationwide math competition focusing on 6th-8th grade. Looking to give 6th graders an opportunity to give them an introduction to the program. Looking at having 15-20 kids, focusing on 6th graders. If space is available, consider 5th grade. Online signup. Meet 1x/week until competition. Each school can send 10 kids to the regional competition. No cost to kids, unless they are paying the registration fee for the competition. Date/time to be determined. The motion to start the program was approved on a voice vote.

PTA Email -- New e-mail system! This will go to only PTA members only. It's never too late to register for the PTA, either. Big thanks to Mark Marsden for making it happen. Goal is to keep them short, professional and relevant.

Treasurer's Report

The checking account balance as of Oct. 31: \$67,408.43.

Vice President's Report

- Reflections -- Alisa Goetz. We had 41 entries in 6 categories (no one entered in film). We have moved the winners on to the next level. Alisa read the first-place winners. There will be a celebration for the kids TBD.
- This is Denise Krug's last year at Sangster -- we need a new volunteer coordinator. Please contact her if you're interested.
- Military Spouses -- Veterans Day celebration on Monday outside.
- Hospitality -- Thanksgiving Feast for staff on Nov. 21. Sign-up genius will be going out seeking volunteers to provide hot food.

Upcoming Events

- Book fair cookie social -- Nov. 19
- Thanksgiving Luncheon -- Nov. 19-21

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.