

**February PTA Meeting
February 7, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jami O'Neill, at 7:00pm.

Principal's Update

Lisa Reddel

- Monday, Feb. 18th- No School Presidents' Day
- Teacher work days are a valuable time for teachers to get work done and meet as a staff to plan.
- Staffing: Bethany Layton is taking leave the rest of the year.
- Cafeteria helpers: they are retiring and we need help. Cafeteria helpers work from 10:00am-1:30pm.
- Safety and security: We went through a scenario for the yearly exercise and we have a solid plan. Everyone needs to turn their cell phone sound off in school. If we were in lock down and a person's cell phone made a noise it could compromise their safety and the safety of those around them. It is a safety issue.
- It's school counselor week: If you see them be sure to compliment them and thank them for all they do for our students.
- We were highlighted on a local TV station for the positivity project. Mrs. Reddel, our PTA president, treasurer, and some wonderful students were included.
- Kindergarten orientation: April 10th. Get the word out for parents of kindergarten students in 2019-2020 to come to school and register.
- We are registering more and more students. Projected to have over 1,000 students next year.
- Dr. Daniel W. Smith, principal of Floyd E. Kellam High School in Virginia Beach, Virginia, has been named the new principal of Lake Braddock Secondary School. His official start date is April 22, 2019. He is an experienced principal and there will be more information to come in the future.
- 6th grade parents presentation: April 22, 6:30-7:30 in the Sangster library. Lake Braddock middle school and Irving middle school will have representatives here to take any questions.
- What is the best way to communicate with parents: Are we doing a good enough job? We have Twitter and the weekly Keep in Touch email. Is there a better way to do it? How are we doing as a school? Please share any thoughts with the administration.
- Dr. Brabrand believes that all schools should be professional learning schools. Ms. Reddel, Ms Redford, and Ms. Jankovich will attend a meeting on the topic of building professional learning schools and then will share any new practices in the coming months.

Business Matters

Jami O'Neill and Karen Horvath

- Share the Love is February 9th.
- Valentine Bingo is Wednesday, February 13th from 6-8pm. There will be pizza, drinks, and cookies from 6-7pm and all new prizes!
- Science Fair registrations are ongoing. Join the Sangster Science Fair Facebook page or email us at ScienceFair@SangsterPTA.org
- Carnival is coming up on May 3rd. Look for opportunities to volunteer in the future.
- Open chairs: treasurer, membership, cultural arts, safety. Many of these opportunities can be fulfilled at home with minimal or no time spent at the school for those looking to volunteer. PTA meeting attendance is always appreciated but not mandatory.

Treasurer's Report

Amy Morgan

- Audit presented and adopted.
- Checking Account balance of \$31,407.68.

- **Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.**