

Sandburg PTA Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021 – 7pm

In attendance on Zoom:

Patti Berner, Tracy Ries, Krista Nunemaker, Kelly McDermott, Anna Wick, Susan Larrick, Linda Fehrenbacher, Lara Stavridis, Susan Larrick, Linda Fehrenbacher, Annette Reschke, Rob Castanares, Laura Bruce, Virginia Lee, Chetna Gupta, Tarris Turek, Katharine Wagner, Ryan Favro, Elizabeth Patti, Eiko Gallwas, Kelly Hummel, Zoe K.

Meeting called to order by President Patti Berner at 7:05pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of 5/18/2021 were approved as written.

Principal Report: Linda Fehrenbacher

- Thank you to PTA for caring for us, dropping off treats, providing banners and the Sensational Sandburg signs around the building, the Welcome sign out front, and letting students know how happy we are to have them back.
- Thank you to Patti Berner and Tracy Ries for cleaning and organizing the cabinets.
- Spartan Store opened up today and had such a great turnout of students that some were told to come back the next time because there were too many kids! Thank you to Laura Fischer who is overseeing the school store.
- Thank you to Lynnea Brown and Audra Stanley for all of their help with the school supplies.
- On 10/12/21, there will be a night at BOE to recognize what's going on at the schools, so Mrs. Fehrenbacher signed up first which students and staff will be invited to attend as well.
- Cross Country conference meet was held and 8th grade boys and girls both placed 1st!
- On 10/19/21, there will be a wellness fair held.
- Damage from the Devious Licks pranks have included 12 soap dispensers ripped off walls of the boys' bathrooms and some were put into the toilets, but issue seems to be under control now. A couple of kids were caught and given disciplinary measures and they helped clean up.
- Outdoor Education has been moved to 5th grade instead of 7th grade.
- Field trips can return and Dance Class offered, so details will be figured out for that.
- Outdoor seating during lunchtime has been going well.

Officer Reports

- Audit of PTA budget was completed by Patti Berner, Julie Vacko, and Tracy Ries. All in order as presented and submitted to IL PTA.

Treasurer - Krista Nunemaker

- Proposed budget was posted and reviewed by Board. There was one change to posted version for a Book Fair item, but there was no change to the bottom line (related to \$200 petty cash in/out).
- Student Spirit is a new item on budget this year, which is being used towards \$5 gift cards that Mrs. Fehrenbacher is giving out for “Shining School Spirit” when students are wearing Spartan wear or red/white on spirit day Fridays.
- PTA paid for 6th grade to receive popsicles at lunch to celebrate their transition to middle school going so well.
- There is a Spartan screen outside of library by Door 7 for students to take pictures in front of.
- Motion to adopt 2021-2022 budget by Kelly McDermott, 2nd by Anna Wick, passed.

President Elect – Tracy Ries

- Committee chairs/members are doing a good job planning without a lot of guidance needed. There are over 32 different committees with a couple of new initiatives such as Spartan Giving Back Committee and Green Initiative.

Secretary – Susan Larrick and Anna Wick

- Any updates for the weekly e-newsletter can be sent to Susan and Anna by Monday at 12 noon to be included for Wednesday. And updates for Sandburg Families FB page can be done anytime.

Membership – Kelly McDermott

- There are 52% of families signed up as PTA members already, hoping to get some more.

President – Patti Berner

- BOE requires a list of fundraising efforts/plans to be submitted by 10/2. Patti is working with Mrs. Fehrenbacher and PTA Council regarding bigger fundraising ideas.
- Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation Committee coordinated a Welcome Back breakfast for teachers/staff.
- Back to School Walk-Through event went terrific and took a lot of help from PTA Board, parents, students, and volunteers.

Committee Reports

Fall Socials

- 7th Grade Fall Social went great with rave reviews. Culver’s donated food and there was a DJ and games. Event had to end a little early due to lightning and rain.
- 8th Grade Fall Social still needs some volunteers. Everything has been secured for it including DJ, pizza, and a banner.
- Green Initiative is a new committee that Mr. Dahlman is willing to be the teacher rep. for. Committee may be asking for a grant request.
- Library/Book Fair is run by librarian Mrs. Stephenson but she will be going on maternity leave so Lara Stavridis and Nikki Dolvig are helping out. 10/8 is when online ordering

can start, then in-person will open on 10/15 with students visiting during their English class and will be open during school hours and during Parent Teacher Conferences.

- REACH does not have any changes and the Program review/analysis has currently been put on hold.
- Reflections is being chaired by a parent who is new to Sandburg and to Elmhurst.
- Sandburg Great Donation Day / Spartans Giving Back is excited to kick off the school year by organizing a Halloween costume donation drive. Sandburg families will be asked to donate gently used, school appropriate Halloween costumes in conjunction with We Pop Up (local Elmhurst organization run by two D205 moms. They “pop up” whenever there is a need in the community; they have distributed food, diapers, clothing, bedding, furniture, and more to D205 families in need.).
- School Supplies – waiting for markers to be delivered still from the vendor, 1st Day. Looking into possibility of changing vendors next year.

Upcoming Events

- 10/13 – Eat & Earn at Gia Mia
- 10/22 & 10/23 – Parent Teacher Conferences (sign up opens on 10/16)
- 10/19 at 11:30am – next PTA meeting, in-person at Maker Space

Save the Date Events

- Thanksgiving week (date TBA) - all middle schools Eat & Earn
- 1/9/22 – Chicago Wolves Family Day
- Spring 2022 – McDonald’s all middle schools Eat & Earn

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.