

Sandburg PTA Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022 – 7 pm
on Zoom

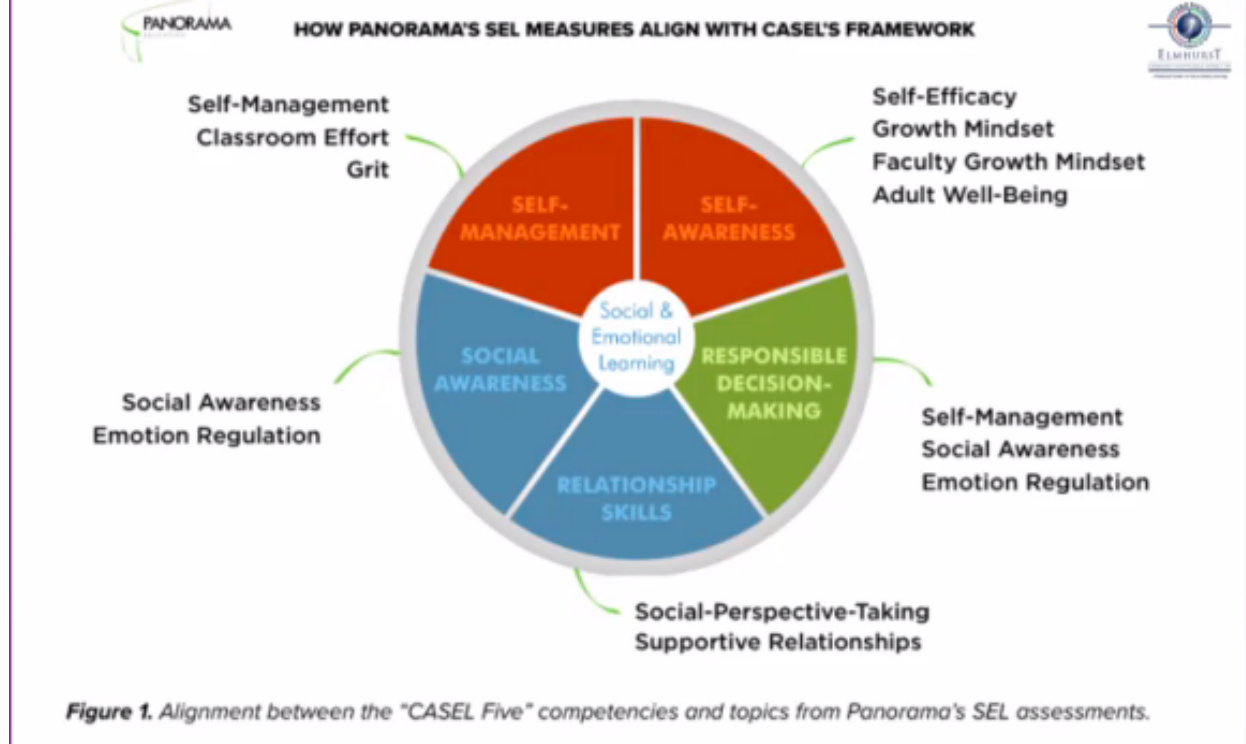
In attendance:

Patti Berner, Kelly McDermott, Anna Wick, Susan Larrick, Linda Fehrenbacher, Tracy Ries, Krista Nunemaker, Kerry Leischel, Sarah Cannon

Meeting called to order by President Patti Berner at 7:02 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Guests: *Kerry Leischel (Director Of Curriculum And Instruction) and Sarah Cannon (Asst Director Student Services) - Social Emotional Learning (SEL)*

D205 was trying to figure out how to make SEL data-driven so we can assess it (like we do for academics). D205 decided to go with a mix of [Panorama Ed](#) and [Casel's Framework](#):



Students took a survey through Panorama Ed, and data was collected across the district to identify trends. The survey was given in fall 2021 and will be given again in spring 2022 to see if the students are progressing. The Fall 2021 baseline survey scores will be considered the D205 starting benchmark.

General Results Across the district: strong in self-awareness (emotions), need to work on self-management (emotions, frustration, calming self) and grit (a portion of self-management that includes setting & completing goals and confidence that you'll be able to apply this year's learning to next year).

Sandburg's results: need to work more on emotion regulation, grit & growth mindset

FALL Panorama Ed STUDENT Survey Responses- GRADES 6-8 **Summary**



Topic Description	Results	Comparison
Emotion Regulation How well students regulate their emotions.	56%	54% Elmhurst School District 205 (IL)
Grit How well students are able to persevere through setbacks to achieve important long-term goals.	60%	57% Elmhurst School District 205 (IL)
Growth Mindset Student perceptions of whether they have the potential to change those factors that are central to their performance in school.	57%	55% Elmhurst School District 205 (IL)

<u>FALL</u> Panorama Ed STUDENT Survey Responses- GRADES 6-8		
Topic Description	Results	Comparison
Self-Efficacy How much students believe they can succeed in achieving academic outcomes.	66%	58% Elmhurst School District 205 (IL)
Self-Management How well students manage their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations.	80%	76% Elmhurst School District 205 (IL)
Social Awareness How well students consider the perspectives of others and empathize with them.	71%	69% Elmhurst School District 205 (IL)
527 responses		

How Sandburg is addressing these (info from Mrs. F):

Have been working on these topics in FLL - especially 8th grade. Half the grade is working 3x/week with counselor and other half 3x/week in counseling circles. 6th & 7th grades do 1x/week in counseling circles.

Mrs. F checks in with staff weekly to find out what SEL stuff they have done that week in the classroom.

There is an SEL committee as well. Tier 1 (includes all kids) - there are representatives from each school on the committee. They are looking at what D205 has for universal supports and what should be added. Also determining how to fill in the gaps we've seen on the panorama surveys, as well as other necessary things we know are missing. After the committee works on Tier 1 (all kids), they will then develop Tier 2 & then Tier 3 supports (for kids who need extra).

Sandburg is doing pretty well! General response from parents and students across the district has been positive so far. Panorama uses Castle which is the gold standard in SEL. Parents do have the option to opt their kids out of the surveys if they would like.

Minutes: The minutes of 2/8/2022 Sandburg PTA Meeting were approved as written and posted; motion by Krista Nunemaker and 2nd by Anna Wick.

Principal Report: Linda Fehrenbacher

- Thanks for the PTA's continued support to the school
- 8th Grade last week of school activities / promotion discussion:
 - May 23 - Career Day (being organized by Patti Berner)
 - May 25 - 8th grade boat trip
 - Tomorrow there will be a meeting with 8th grade parents who are organizing the boat trip
 - May 26 - 8th grade promotion
 - Sandburg promotion will be at 4pm in the York Gym, (Bryan 6 pm, Churchville 8 pm).
 - School will end 11ish, students will need to be at York by 3ish.
 - No limit on # attendees per student for 8th grade promotion. Seating is first come / first serve. Has always been enough space in the past. If you have handicapped people attending, please contact the school to make sure it will be set up and accessible for your guests.
 - Promotion Party at RFCC after this (see details in committee reports below)
 - 8th grade will be done with school after this date (6th & 7th will continue with the rest of the district)
- Author Visit: Wendelin Van Draanen on March 24
 - She will do 2 presos for students.
 - 8th graders are reading her book "Wild Bird".
 - 6th/7th reading "Flipped"
 - Librarians have set this up with PTA money
- Lunchroom procedures "back to normal" going well. Encouraging kids to use their lockers. No cell phones being used during the day. Felt they were unnecessary at lunch with the lunchroom. Reminders for the dress code for students (see Mrs. F's Friday message from 3/11/22).
- School starting to feel more normal - thanks (from Tracy)
- Mrs. F doing college BB brackets with some students. A lot of kids not wearing masks since the mandate has been lifted.

Officer Reports

- **Treasurer - Krista Nunemaker**

- Link to [March Report](#)
- McD's fundraiser successful! \$581 from Berkeley McD's and \$153 from Elmhurst McD's.
- Dance Class going well

- **President Elect – Tracy Ries**

- Nominating Committee Progress for 2022-23 Slate:
 - President: Tracy A. Ries
 - President Elect: still working on, have one person moderately interested
 - Treasurer: Leanne Sardiga
 - Co-Secretaries: Anna Wick & TBD (also one person moderately interested)
 - Co-Membership Directors: Laura Gardner & TBD (one person moderately interested)
- will continue to work on filling the roles, and present the slate at the April meeting and vote it in during May meeting
- Have met with the current 4th/rising 5th grade parents from Field whose students will be at Sandburg for next year with Mrs. F and the parent committee. We think it will go well!! We are buying them all lanyards to hold their IDs as their gift (as they will get Sandburg cup in 6th).
- Will be a current 4th/rising 5th grade parent night at the end of April. Patti/Tracy will present during part of this meeting.
- current 4th/rising 5th graders will do evening event to visit Sandburg sometime in May (parents & students together)
- May 19th - current 5th/rising 6th graders come over to see Sandburg
- Mrs. F - sees this as an opportunity to have the 5th graders here and is excited about it

- **Secretary – Susan Larrick and Anna Wick**

- No update

- **Membership – Kelly McDermott**

- No update.

- **President – Patti Berner**

- IL PTA is reviewing our updated bylaws, should be approved soon. Will also need to add info about dues going up at some point this spring.
- Working on organizing Car Wash & Earn info & sign-up genius for 4/15
- PTA Council Update 3/1/22 (Tracy actually attended this month):
 - 5Essentials Survey - Sandburg has met its goal of over 20%

- Strategic Planning: There will be community planning opportunities and a community survey sometime in March. The results will be shared at the June BOE meeting.
- Summer School: Middle school summer school information is being released soon, if not already. High school summer school program is still a work in progress. Many students that did not get into a summer school class will likely still get in.
- Lunchrooms to begin being used as in the past.
- SERG is working on two parent presentations in April.
- SROH may have a link to the organizations that attended that could be used as needed/requested.
- Each PTA president is requested to bring current information on payment structure to become a member.

PTA Committee Reports

- 6th Grade Spring Social (Kelly Assef & Tarris Turek) - April 30th at Oak Brook Aquatic Center.
- 7th Grade Spring Social (Andrea O'Connor) - Sky Zone Glow Party, 1-3pm on April 15th, \$5/student (info has already gone out in PTA Newsletter and sign up is going on).
- 8th Grade Activity Day (Lara Stavridis & Julie McNichols) - planning the 8th grade activity day event: boat trip on the Anita Dee. Everything is on track for May 25.
- 8th Grade Promotion Party (Erin Stratton, Michelle Pike and Julie Vacko) - May 26, 2022, 8:00-10:00 pm at: River Forest Country Club. Planning on track.
- All School Dance (Linda Davies) - new date is 5/6/22.
- Career Day (Patti Berner) – Call for Presenters is closed. 25+ speakers planned. Assembly speaker(s) chosen, Dr. Bob, COD, and National Park Ranger. 5/23/22.
- Dance Class (Laura Gibson and Sarah Jensen) – Going well! 276 students registered in total. Additional volunteer spots are open [on the Signup Genius!](#)
- Great Donation Day / Spartans Giving Back (Kathleen Meade & Carrie Martin) - food drive with a “twist” (contest between grade levels) happening April 11-14.
- Spirit Wear (Rachel Stockard) - Working on spring sales website and products now. Goal is to launch April 1st to deliver in May before school ends. Will communicate details to 3 elementary schools for rising 6th graders. Also working with Tracy Ries on gifts for incoming 5th & 6th graders.
- Teacher Appreciation (Amy Kinsella, Shawna Roubitchek, Julie Poepping & Kristie Evers) - provided bagels, cream cheese and coffee for teachers for Valentine’s Day
- Trivia Night (Julie Vacko and Jacky Oviedo)- Happening 4/23 @ 7pm, Knights of Columbus. \$40/per person covers apps (there will be cash bar). Just released information for how to sign up via the PTA Newsletter & website.

Upcoming Events

- thru March 18 - 7th Grade Cool Kids Read
- March 23 - Late Start
- March 28 - April 1 - No School, Spring Break
- April 11 - 14 Spartans Giving Back, Food Drive
- April 19 - PTA Meeting – (moved it back 1 week so is now on April 19)
- April 13 - Late Start
- April 15 - 7th Grade Spring Social
- April 23 - Trivia Night
- April 27 - Late Start
- April 30 - 6th Grade Spring Social

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.