

Sandburg PTA Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2013

Called to order at 7:01pm

In Attendance: Shari Haug, Amy Read, Janis Foster, Kathleen Baer, Gina Orzak, Karen Grabe, Stacey Burns, Jennifer Rosenberg, Carol Snyder, Melissa Keblusek, Chris Tapling, Jennifer Trenta

Approved September meeting minutes

Principals Report – Ms. Amy Read

- ◆ Amy is going to wait to discuss the Blue Ribbon Award along with Shari
- ◆ Very excited about this – she will be going to Washington D.C. to accept the award

Teachers Report – Chris Tapling & Frank Dohlman

- ◆ 7th grade field trip to Drury Lane for the Christmas play – looking for help from the PTA to cover the cost of the busses. We no longer need to cover the cost of outdoor education, so we would like to reallocate the funds to cover the cost of the busses for the play. Jennifer Rosenberg made the motion, and Jennifer Trenta seconded the motion – motion passed
- ◆ Frank talked about the freshman English placement – track grades, work completion, fall MAP scores, learning approach – how do they handle critical thinking, RIT score from MAP test is used not the actual score, Explorer test (taken on October 23, 2013), writing placement test (November) – 1/3 of the placement is based on the explorer test and the writing test.
- ◆ English cohort is a second class to help build skills for those students who need additional assistance
- ◆ The explorer test was moved from the high school to the middle schools – better attendance

Presidents Report – Shari Haug

- ◆ Sent Thank You notes around for all to read (from various staff members)
- ◆ Dominick's will no longer give money to eScrip when customer uses a credit card
- ◆ Water coolers for the school - \$450 per cooler
- ◆ Blue Ribbon ideas – All school picture with staff and students wearing Blue Ribbon T-shirts (will cover the cost) Kids will pick a design from a couple of different designs.
- ◆ \$1200 was the amount that Bryan spent when they won the award, \$1500 is the amount we are looking at spending for the blue ribbon celebration
- ◆ Jennifer Trenta made a motion to create a line item for the blue ribbon spending, and Kathleen Baer seconded the motion – motion passed
- ◆ \$1170 is currently going to that line item (from the money raised during the drive

Treasurer's Report – Kathleen Baer

- ◆ Went over the budget
- ◆ Gift to the masquerade ball \$200 (already in the budget)
- ◆ PTA Council scholarships – last year we didn't donate because we didn't have the money, Kathleen will look into the past budgets to see what we have given in the past and bring to next meeting

Membership Report – Gina Orzak

- ◆ Last day to join the PTA will be at the end of October.
- ◆ Membership is ahead of budget by \$50
- ◆ Audit Committee met this summer – clean report – everything was correct.

New Business

Brain Bender's – Carol Snyder spoke

- ◆ District wide competition
- ◆ Work cooperatively within teams (2 kids from each middle school will make up each team)
- ◆ Logic puzzles, wide range of academics, have everyone feel like they can compete
- ◆ February 11, 2014 at 7:00pm – held at the library (ends at 9:00pm – Library closes at 9:00pm)
- ◆ Library will handle registration, will have to have a cap due to capacity
- ◆ We have more heart than time – that's why we have asked library to help
- ◆ 10 minute presentation to show what they need to do – NO parent involvement
- ◆ Posters and advertisement will be handled by the library as well