

Sandburg PTA Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2013

Called to order at 7:01pm

In Attendance: Shari Haug, Amy Read, Janis Foster, Kathleen Baer, Gina Orzak, Leslie Pozen, Karen Grabe, Stacey Burns, Jennifer Rosenberg, Kim Brigman, Bertrice Chetgno/Menendie, Michelle Pike, Mary Day, Jennifer Trenta, Marie Gall, Christine Juneman

Shari Haug introduced the PTA 2013-14 board members

Approved August meeting minutes

Principals Report – Ms. Amy Read

- ◆ Each late start the three middle schools meet – this month they focused on in class processes
- ◆ Focused on three – how do we increase on track for college by 3%
- ◆ Increase reading scores by 3 as well as math scores
- ◆ Make up tests for students who missed any test will now be given in the library during extended seminar (more quite making it easier for the student to concentrate on the test)
- ◆ Harris poll was discussed last spring – parents were happy as well as students, staff would like more input on creating a good environment to work within
- ◆ ISAT scores will be sent home on September 20th

No Teachers Report this evening

Presidents Report – Shari Haug

- ◆ Dominick's escrip program can be shared with your elementary school if you choose
- ◆ Each month we have been receiving, on average, about \$25
- ◆ Trying to come up with a fundraiser using swap.com – basically a large garage sale, the company would come and take all items anyone is willing to drop off and the PTA would get the proceeds from selling the items. Hawthorne is doing this in October, so we are going to wait and see what they think before we decide if Sandburg will participate
- ◆ We need a mascot – Churchville has a dog – so we are looking for someone to make a costume for our school (uncertain who would wear the costume, but Mr. Gail's name did come up or maybe a student)
- ◆ Mind benders competition between the three middle schools – would cover several different types of challenges – this would be a one time only event and not based on REACH only (\$100 per school to do this) All three principals need to discuss before anything else happens with this idea
- ◆ October 9th Meeting – Frank Dohlman will be discussing how do you get into REACH
- ◆ All grade tailgate parties are new this year – this Friday is the 8th grade, Homecoming will be for the 7th grade, and October 18th will be for the 6th grade
- ◆ Shari was quoted in an article from U.S. News – she shared this with us (article was about fundraising vs. fair share schools)

Treasurer's Report – Kathleen Baer

- ◆ Budget was approved in August
- ◆ Last year was an extremely tight year but we have collected more fair share than budgeted this year, so we have added a few more programs to this year
- ◆ We should end the year flat
- ◆ Drive for Kids brought in \$1270

- ◆ We decided to use \$100 of this money for the mind benders challenge (if it happens) to cover this cost. Christine Juneman made the motion to move the funds and Kathleen Baer seconded this – the motion passed
- ◆ Each year the PTA gives each teacher \$25 to purchase items for their classrooms, this year we would like to use the money to purchase water filters for the drinking fountains on each floor so the students and teachers could fill water bottles from them – Amy is going to find out the cost for each filter

Membership Report – Gina Orzak

- ◆ Membership is going well – we still have lots coming in
- ◆ this year we have made more money with fewer members than last year. This year more people have given additional dollars to the PTA on top of their fair share dues.

New Business

1. All school dance will be January 31, 2014
2. Career Day will happen this year (first one in a long time)
3. Honor Roll Celebration – we will have 2 this year. The first one will be November 8th and the second one will be April 11th. They will be ice cream socials and take place after school instead of the traditional breakfast, which took place before school near the end of the year.
4. Reflections – REACH might take this over making is a more simplified version and only at the district level