

Sandburg PTA Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022 – 9am
Sandburg Library

In attendance:

Patti Berner, Kelly McDermott, Anna Wick, Susan Larrick, Linda Fehrenbacher, Jeff Gail, Laura Gibson, Andrea Redfearn, Laura Gardner

Meeting called to order by President Patti Berner at 9:02am. Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of 12/14/2021 were approved as written and posted; motion by Kelly McDermott and 2nd by Laura Gibson.

Special Guests: Members of the Sandburg Band and Orchestra performed for the PTA.

Nature Club Presentation: Mrs. Wallace and Andrea Redfearn

- A Thiems Grant is being applied for for a native butterfly garden. The students in the club made significant contributions towards the planning and proposal of this garden. If a Thiems Grant is not given, then a request is made to the Sandburg community for any landscaping connections.

Principal Report: Linda Fehrenbacher

- Thank you for Valentine's Day treats for the teachers and staff.
- MAP testing has been done, which is 3x/year (Fall, Winter, Spring). Leadership team is looking at having students reflect how they felt approaching the test, what steps they would do same/different when taking the MAP test again in Spring. Teachers during FLL looked at and discussed the reflections with students. Teachers reported they learned more about their students with these 1:1 meetings.
- IL State Police provided a presentation to students on Cyber Bullying. Idea of presentation also being presented to parents will be explored by the PTA Council.
- 5Essentials survey needs 20% of parents to complete it by 3/11/22 in order for schools to be able to get feedback on the survey results. On 2/24/22, students will complete the survey during FLL.
- PE Uniforms – there will be an online store option to purchase (www.district205store.com or via a QR code) and starting next school year the D205 logo will be used instead of individual school name. Students can still wear old ones though, and this will be a gradual phase-in.
- Next school year, the Field School 5th grade addition of students will be housed upstairs in their own classrooms with some of the specials taught by Sandburg teachers. Sandburg counselor Christy Gumbach will be able to start to get to know those students. A 5th grade committee is being formed, which has 6 Field parents volunteering, and input is being sought from Bryan re: how this past year has gone with their Lincoln 5th grade addition of students.
- D205 Communication Dept. is asking schools to look at their logos and see if any updates are needed.

- Sandburg was chosen this year to participate in NAEP testing (National Assessment of Educational Progress), which is done every year but not every school is picked to participate. This is through the National Education Dept. and is for 4th and 8th grade. Students are selected at random, parents can opt in/out, and the testing gives feedback nationally on how kids are doing academically and other questions.
- Students participated in a SEL survey, which results have been shared with parents. Suggestion made for Superintendent Campbell to present about this at the next PTA mtg. in March.
- Stage 4 of the referendum is for middle schools to be upgraded. Sandburg will have auditorium lights/sound system and library enhancements made during Summer 2023. Laminator discussed which could be a possible request for a Thiems grant.

Officer Reports

Treasurer - Krista Nunemaker

- Updated financial report shared.
- \$250 has been received in additional donations by parents, following a request on FB.

President Elect – Tracy Ries (slate presented by Patti Berner in her absence.)

- After no nominees were nominated, the Nominating Committee members were accepted, following a motion by Andrea Redfearn and 2nd by Laura Gardner. Members include Tracy Ries, Anna Wick, Katharine Wagner with alternates Susan Larrick and Angie Brauneis.

Secretary – Susan Larrick and Anna Wick

- No update

Membership – Kelly McDermott

- We have 58% of families signed up, which is slightly down from 65% in the pre-pandemic year.

President – Patti Berner

- PTA Council Update:
 - DARE Program through EPD for 5th graders will have a new acronym coming this year.
 - 2/21/22 - York Summer School Registration reopens
 - 3/16/22 – Volunteer and Job Fair
 - Outdoor Education program will be offered for 5th grade level going forward.
 - Demographic study has shown young families moving in and increased elementary enrollment (other districts are on the decline).
 - Referendum /construction update - 5 secure entrances completed; Lincoln is under budget and timeline; parity with media/makerspaces will be ensured.
 - Reflections – May 1st is when State winners will be announced; local and regional celebration TBA; themes for the next 2-3 years are already posted.
 - SERG - there will be a parent panel coming for the April meeting.

Committee Reports

- All School Dance (Linda Davies) - new date is 5/6/22.
- Career Day (Patti Berner) – College of DuPage will be delivering the assembly. Career Day is being shadowed by Jeff Proctor and Melissa Close who will be next year's PTA Co-Chairs.
- Dance Class (Laura Gibson and Sarah Jensen) – There are 220 students signed up already. Signup Genius is mostly full for parent volunteers.

Upcoming Events

- February 9 – Late Start
- February 10 – REACH Parent Group Meeting
- February 15 – D205 Summer Recreation Open House
- February 21 – No School, President's Day
- February 22-25 – Sandburg Spirit Week
- February 23 – Late Start

- March 4 – Social Dance Class Starts
- March 9 – Late Start
- March 10 – McDonald's Eat & Earn
- March 11 – Last Day to Fill Our 5Essentials Survey
- March 13 – Food, Drinks, and TopGolf to Support York Scholarships
- March 15 - Sandburg PTA Meeting, 7 pm via Zoom

Save the Date Event – details to come!

- 4/23/22 – Trivia Night

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am. Motion by Anna Wick, 2nd by Kelly McDermott.