

Sand Creek PTO meeting minutes September 17, 2013

In attendance: Kandi Spetzman, Miki Larabee, Denise Lewandowski, Jennifer Navarro, Carrie Schmidt, Sarah Anderson, Heidi Casey, Rebecca DeFoe, Jessica Davis, Paula Marty, Jackie Fabel, Amber Wilkins, Vicki Mochinski, Dee Johnson, Julie Pobuda, Kerri Tomadl, Barb Novinska, Stacy Sullivan, Jill Bornes, Paul Anderson, Julia Wippler, Tanya Buchholz & Jeff Simon (visiting school board member).

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Julie Pobuda, PTO president.

All in attendance gave self introductions.

The purpose of the Sand Creek PTO was read by Julie Pobuda.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The May meeting minutes were presented by Heidi Casey, taken by Julie Pobuda. Members reviewed the minutes. Kerri Tomadl made a motion to accept the minutes and Vicki Mochinski seconded the motion. The May meeting minutes were accepted unanimously.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

Thank you to Dee Johnson, Tanya Buchholz, Julia Wippler & Paul Anderson for joining us.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

AHEF North Star Celebrations donations needed.

PTO is seeking a committee chair for Santa's Secret Shop.

The funds request process will be different going forward. No longer will requests be taken only twice a year. Instead, PTO will accept requests as they arise to meet the need in a more timely manner and better support Sand Creek staff & students.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stacy Sullivan presented the year end 2012- 2013 operating budget. It was reviewed and discussed by members. Beckey DeFoe made a motion to accept the budget. Jessica Davis seconded the motion.

The budget was passed without objection. Next, Stacy presented the current operating budget. Members reviewed this as well. Heidi Casey made a motion to accept the budget. Beckey DeFoe seconded the motion. The current budget was passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Paul Anderson spoke of current & upcoming events.

Security, new staff and new staff positions were discussed.

Report cards will look different this year. A 4- 3- 2- 1 grading scale will be used with more detailed information how students are progressing toward the state standards. These "standard based report cards" will be a more objective, accurate gauge of what the student knows. More information regarding new report cards coming home via backpacks and possibly an informational meeting, to be determined.

Construction of the additional building space is projected to begin in the spring of 2014, after the ground thaws. The new space will be home to a soundproof music room, 4 - 5th

grade classrooms and 2 center based classrooms.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Barb Novinska discussed upcoming volunteer opportunities, including conference meals. Remember to have all volunteer paperwork completed 1 week prior to volunteering & field trips!

Barb Novinska's hours: Monday – Thursday 8AM- 3PM, (763) 506- 4330

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Kerri Tomandl discussed the Entertainment book fundraiser.

Chip Shoppe dates are as follows:

kick off Oct. 11, orders due Oct 25 & delivery Nov. 25 3:30- 6:30PM.

The Welcome Back Spaghetti dinner (sponsored by the North Star Lions Club & PTO) will be held on Thursday Sept. 19. Raffle items for Sand Creek students & bounce equipment for all to have fun!

Julie Pobuda discussed apparel (Rebel Sports). Sample items will be available for preview at the spaghetti dinner and then located in the office. Order deadline is Oct 4th, delivery – week of the 21st.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Pobuda proposed 2 new funds requests. Both were accepted and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to returning and new parents!

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School spirit day is the first Friday of each month.

Next PTO meeting: October 22, 6:30 - 8PM, Sand Creek media center.

Meeting adjourned 8:26PM