

Sangster Elementary School - PTA BUSINESS MEETING  
August 17, 2005

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

**President's Announcements:**

Andi welcomed everyone to the new school year. Everyone introduced themselves and their position for the upcoming school year. She advised new chairpersons to meet with the individual who held the position previously. Andi also stated that there were several open positions and asked that people ask around to see if they knew of people to fill these positions.

There will be a website this year that will contain a calendar of meetings, key events, other website links, etc.

She reminded everyone to check their folders in the office and to check their emails regularly. She will be communicating all information via email.

Andi reminded everyone to help increase PTA membership by suggesting both parents join the PTA for \$14.00 (\$7.00 each). Ensure that everyone understands how the money is used to support the school.

The newsletter will be distributed electronically this year. Help is needed on the first day of school to stuff folders. If you can help, please contact Leah Esper.

There is a National PTA Training on September 17, 2005. It is being held in Falls Church from 8:30-1:00PM. This training is extremely helpful for officers and great for Reflections.

The budget for 2005-2006 will be voted on at the next meeting held on Thursday, September 22, 2005.

**Vice President's Announcements:**

Leah expressed need for volunteers to help stuff folders on the first day of school. She is also looking into Parent Enrichment Programs including inviting Rachel Simmons, author of "ODD GIRL OUT" which was discussed last year.

**Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Kinsey noted that current registration is high and that the first staffing meeting will take place on August 19, 2005.

Currently, there will be 2 morning and 1 afternoon kindergarten classes.

An interview process is currently taking place for a cluster director.

Mrs. Kinsey announced that this is the first year that the school has had to have a peanut free kindergarten. There is a child enrolled with a severe allergy to peanuts which

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requires removal of peanuts from the kindergarten. Conversations are currently taking place with the parents to determine the level of severity and how it will be treated.

Mrs. Kinsey announced that a Girl Scout troop will provide babysitting on Back to School Night for a donation. She would also like to start small after school sessions this year to teach the children how to play jacks.

**Assistant Principal's Report:**

Dr. Goodloe announced the following important dates:

- 1 August 24, 2005 from 9:00- 10:30 - Kindergarten Play Date
- 2 September 1, 2005 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM. - Open House
- 3 September 13, 2005 from 7:00-8:00 – Back to School Night Grades 4 – 6
- 4 September 15, 2005 from 7:00-8:00 – Back to School Night Grades K- 3
- 5 September 16, 2005 from 9:00 AM – New Parent Coffee

She stated that the best way to obtain date approval is by email.

Dr. Goodloe also stated that there have been revisions made to the SOL's and that the new information is on the VA Dept of Education Website.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Website: Dave Moody**

Requested that each committee send a small paragraph to include their purpose, point of contact, phone number, and any other pertinent information that you would like to have on the website. He will incorporate the information upon receipt. The website is [www.sangsterpta.org](http://www.sangsterpta.org)

**Cultural Arts: Kristin McDaniel**

The following programs are being discussed and/or lined up for the year:

- 1 October 4<sup>th</sup>- Nana Pudding
- 2 March 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 - Chinese Dancers
- 3 Early February – March James Wand – Reading Magician
  - o Offer an alternative for those that can't attend for religious reasons
- 4 End of May – Billy B – for the older kids
- 5 Possibly Under the Sea - for kindergarten and first grade

**Reflections: Kathy Burke**

This year's topic is "I wonder why?" Submissions will be due in October. Awards ceremony will be in early November.

**Drama: Sandy Mathews**

The following sessions have been set up to allow for greater student participation this year:

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- 1 Grades K-2 programs for 1hour and ½ for 8 weeks duration
- 2 Grades 3-6 program for 1 hour and ½ for 8 weeks duration

The older group will perform in front of an audience using a stage. The flyers have been completed and will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday folder after school starts.

**Library: Katherine Beck**

Library volunteers will primarily stay the same as last year. The Book Fair will take place the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**WAYS & MEANS:**

**Sally Foster: Lee Anne Long & Eileen McGarry**

Happy to be back with Sally Foster this year. Additional incentives in place for students this year:

- 1 Limo ride for 40 or more items sold
- 2 Prize for highest class participation
- 3 Top sales of each class
- 4 Sell 1 item each weekend – there will be 1 drawing – class may also get a prize

New feature of online orders. Child will get credit if order through the school and no tax will be applied.

One half of each dollar sold comes back to the school.

**Spirit Wear: Barbara Clark**

Spirit wear will be on display and can be ordered. Looking for new designs.

**Family Events: Katie Spicer**

Looking for suggestions. Some current ideas are:

- 1 Ice cream social in September
- 2 Bingo
- 3 Bowling September 25<sup>th</sup>
- 4 Float – In- Movie at South Run Rec Center (Jan/Feb)

**Chess: Penny Grammer**

U.S Chess will provide a presentation to the children and then there will be a sign up sheet. It will remain on Friday afternoons starting October 7<sup>th</sup> through January 29<sup>th</sup>. Currently we have 2 chess masters and are asking for 3. This activity is open to participation for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Directory: Karen Ray**

Directory sign up will be on the same page as the PTA membership sign up sheet. The directory relies on that sheet for correct information.

**Membership**

**Box Tops/Giant/Safeway: Carolyn Minesinger**

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PTA membership signup and Giant Box Top sign up will all be on 1 page. Giant sign ups must be renewed each year. She suggested going to neighbors and have them sign up.

**Volunteer Coordinator: Mari Anne Farrell**

If coordinators need volunteer names right away let her know. Volunteer forms need to be updated with dates and sent out on the first day of school. Decision was made to continue to use computer generated labels when you volunteer or visit the school. If you volunteer more than once a month, get a button made.

Looking for a cafeteria volunteer coordinator to offload from Mary Geary.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Andi is looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the Fun Fair.

A motion was made and approved to give \$350.00 to Sally Foster for prizes.

The September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. Otto, PTA Secretary