

**Sangster Elementary School
PTA Business Meeting
October 6, 2005**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.
The roster was passed around and signed.

Approval of September PTA meeting minutes – Susan Otto:

August minutes will be submitted to Andi Smith for review and an email vote.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Amy Clemson:

Amy will be meeting with the Sally Foster Coordinators to square up paperwork from fundraiser.

Provided and discussed Treasurer's report. Motion carried to approve budget by PTA.

President's Announcements – Andi Smith:

- A number of volunteers manned stations at Tyson's Corner to assist in a fundraiser for Katrina. The Sangster PTA was able to earn \$347.00 for the Katrina Disaster fundraising effort.
- The new SCA was installed today. Amy Goodloe suggested that the question on how to direct the effort and funds be put to the newly installed SCA. It would give an opportunity to see how the kids would like to move forward on the effort
- Looking for suggestions on additional fundraising activities.
- Looking for a smaller school in New Orleans or somewhere else in a similar situation, to help get them back to school and up and running. Penny Grammer suggested we consider helping support the Long Beach, Mississippi School. FEMA has done little to support this area. FEMA has said that we cannot send anything unless we have someone there to accept the items.
- Upcoming meetings. Andi would like to book some of the meetings during daytime hours during the winter months (Jan/Feb?). Two daytime meetings were agreed upon. Fridays are good for room availability. Consider 12:00-1:00 Bring Your Own Lunch.

Principal's Report/Vice Principal's Report - Gail Kinsey/Amy Goodloe:

- 1st Cultural arts event happened last week and went well, although a bad timing on dates. Note to coordinators: please be sensitive to religious holidays for scheduling events. Some after school activities also started on the same day. It happened to be a Jewish holiday.
- Kindergarten snack service has stopped food service use. We will begin using Kindergarten homeroom parent volunteers. Those that paid for snack services will be issued a refund through FCPS, however, it may take awhile. We are checking to see if the refunds could be rolled into siblings' accounts or SAC lunch accounts.
- We have a new cafeteria manager in training. Her name is Judy Henderson. She has 20 years of experience and she says, "I'm here for the kids!"

Staff Report - Maurie Negrin:

Installation of SCA officers and representatives looked fabulous!

Committee Reports

Chess – Penny Grammer:

- Mike Hurzig has been identified as the new chess master. Chess will probably not start until

November and will run every other Friday. They are trying to obtain high school kids to help.

- We lost our entire contact list and are trying to rebuild the list.

Drama Club – Felicia Payne, Sandy Mathews:

- The instructor we expected to have on Wednesdays cancelled (she got another job).
- The Wednesday class will need to be cancelled as there is no one else to teach. There will be an item in the Newsletter to explain. Those who were scheduled for Wednesday will get 1st preference in the spring. The cancelled class has generated many people wanting refunds. The procedure will be to wait until the check clears and then issue refunds. In the future, it was suggested waiting until after the first week or two before depositing checks, otherwise this creates a problem with people wanting their check back immediately.
- Have 17 students in curtain call, 20 in creative drama.
- Suggest that next time we schedule Musical Theater the same day as Creative Drama. Sometimes people drop out of drama for musical theater.

FLEX – Debbie Murphy:

- No report. Appears to be going well.

Magic/Skateboarding – Shelly Bralich:

- Magic starts tomorrow October 7th.
- Skateboarding still has openings.

Robotics – Karen Horvath:

- No report, but is moving along.
- Karen is expected to also start a “Hands-On Science” program.

Membership/Box tops/Giant/Safeway - Carolyn Minesinger:

- 684 PTA members
- 328 designations for Giant – This is the highest in Fairfax County.
- 289 designations for Safeway

Care Team – Lisa Okada:

- Mr. Kepler’s father recently passed away.

Cultural Arts – Kristin McDaniel/Susan Paris:

- Everything going well.

Directory – Jo Rochlis/Karen Ray:

- Draft copy review going well. Manned booth at Bingo night and a good number of people stopped by and checked draft copy. Next Tuesday and Wednesday it goes to Gail and Amy for review, and then to the printer.

Family Events – Katie Spicer:

- Bingo went well.

Library – Catherine Beck:

- Have 15 volunteers.
- Book fair will be open 3 PM – 8PM the night of the ice cream social.

- 70 volunteers have signed up for the book fair. We can use 60. Andi suggested to consider having the extra volunteers helping out with the ice cream social or family photo night.

Newsletter – Linda McMahon:

Looks great!

OM – Robyn Trump:

No news.

Reflections – Kathy Burke:

No news.

Volunteer Coordinator – Mari Anne Farrell:

- Have hardcopy of people who have signed up available.
- Add link to volunteer page going to “Who we are”
- Volunteers that filled out forms and haven’t been contacted yet – suggested that they contact chair people on the website.
- Please email her who is in charge of the latest committee list.
- Boy Scouts that needed volunteer hours made 150 buttons.

Sally Foster – Lee Anne Long/Eileen McGarry:

- Sold approx. \$44K generating approx. \$22K of funds for Sangster!

Spirit Wear – Barbara Clark:

- Another form will go out. It was determined that “Keep in Touch” email could be used as well as possibly another flyer.
- Will need help with distribution (Have about 200 orders with multiple items.) Items expected to come in by Thanksgiving (mid November). Barbara will send out memo requesting volunteers.
- Will schedule R-4 or the cafeteria (cafeteria available after 1:30) as site for distribution.

Website – Dave Moody:

- Server was down for approximately 36 hours this past weekend.
- The ISP has credited our account with an additional two months of service.
- Number of hits on website has been picking up.

Old Business:

- Rachel Simmons has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2006. We will be able to video tape and audio tape for counselors to use.

New Business:

- Bill Reeder (Head of Technology for Fairfax County Schools) and members from USAID (Agency for International Development - Part of State Dept) were here today to witness the use of technologies in the classrooms. They were very impressed with how welcoming and nice our school was. USAID has money to invest in Africa and technology and want to infuse DECA system in the schools. They are looking for affordable technologies in the schools.
- Flyer came home in today’s Thursday folders regarding the meetings regarding the boundary studies. Studies appear to be narrowed to only look at split feeders.
- Looking at possibilities for lunch & learn programs. Will try to use “Survey Monkey” to conduct the survey.

Next meeting:

- November 3, 2005.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Otto
PTA Secretary