

**Sangster Elementary School
PTA Business Meeting
January 6, 2006**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am.
The roster was passed around and signed.

Approval of PTA meeting minutes – Susan Otto:

August, September, and October minutes were approved. November minutes have been submitted to Andi Smith and are pending review for email vote.

Approval of Treasurer's Report – Amy Clemson:

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

President's Announcements – Andi Smith:

- 1 Girl Scout Troop 2086 will be collecting slightly worn shoes. There will be a flyer going out in next Thursday's back pack mail. Shoes, infant through adult, are needed. They will be taken to Honduras. Keep shoes together in some way.
- 2 Silver Diner approached us with a fundraising opportunity.
- 3 Gingerbread houses went to Walter Reed Hospital and they were very appreciative.
- 4 On March 6th, at Austin Grill, one third of all proceeds will go to the Rachel Simmons initiative.

Principal's Report - Gail Kinsey:

- 5 We have a new gym floor! The carpeted gym floor has been replaced with a new wooden floor similar to Pergo. The floor has a lot of "give" and is great for Basketball. It looks great and performs fabulously.
- 6 We are currently at capacity. One teachers' workroom had to be turned into a classroom. There is a requirement that every room containing students must have a window in the door. Therefore all of our doors will have windows cut into them of varying sizes. This will be completed by the end of this school year – June 2006.
- 7 Kudos! We recently presented our School Plan to our new Asst. Superintendent. This is an improvement plan which entails several months of preparation and requires a lot of testing data. Our new Superintendent stated that the plan was "excellent", and that all instructional team leaders had a good command over of their instructional areas. She also remarked that she felt the discussion of the Plan was better than a recent in-service that was recently provided.
- 8 No Child Left Behind info needs to be reviewed and watched carefully.
- 9 Yearbook is underway – Carol Chambers is doing a great job and the children look adorable!
- 10 Will be sending home info to buy "Buy One Get One Free Pizza". Proceeds will go towards staff development. Two teachers are going to Belgium for a thinking conference and two new teachers will be participating in Kagen Structures.

Vice Principal's Report – Amy Goodloe:

- 1 We have a new full office staff!

- 2 Andi, Katie, and Amy have been developing a partnership with South Run Recreation Center. Events already incorporated include:
 - We already have had our Strings Ensemble perform at their Breakfast with Santa.
 - The staff is scheduled to have a South Run Workout Day.
 - 5th grade writing samples are due today. They will be used for assessing SOL's and then they will be judged by South Run judges. Two winners will be selected from each class.
 - Floating Movie Night
 - Family Fun Night with the Frisbee Guy in the field house.
- 3 GT Center deadline is Wednesday, February 1, 2006 for turning in referral packets. Any child from the 2nd to 7th grade can be referred. Second graders are automatically identified through the testing process and then screened.
- 4 Homework club is available on Tuesday's 3:00 pm to 4:00pm for 3rd to 6th graders. Must provide own transportation - late bus was cut due to the large school boundary. Parent volunteers are needed.

Staff Report - Maurie Negrin:

- 5 Middle School transition activities are beginning:
 - Middle School information will be coming home soon. Each child will receive information from all schools regardless of which school they will be attending.
 - Counselors from Lake Braddock and Irving Middle School will be coming on March 17, 2006 to talk to the rising 7th graders.

Committee Reports

Chess – Penny Grammer:

- 1 Still working on getting something up and running.

Drama Club – Felicia Payne, Sandy Mathews:

- 2 Secured Mount Vernon's Children's Drama for our spring drama club. Flyers will go out next week.
- 3 Auditions for musical theater will be next week.
- 4 Play will be scheduled for Wed. and Thurs. April 26 and 27

FLEX – Debbie Murphy:

No news to report.

Magic/Skateboarding – Shelly Bralich:

- Magic will only be once a year.
- Skateboarding will be held in the spring for 2nd thru 6th graders.

Robotics – Karen Horvath:

No news to report.

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

- Ahead of schedule for box tops.

Care Team – Lisa Okada:

- Has been very busy handling our staff and student community needs.

Cultural Arts – Kristin McDaniel/Susan Paris:

- Frisbee Guy will perform at South Run in the Field House for an evening program with families,

and during the school day at Sangster.

Directory – Jo Rochlis/Karen Ray:

No news to report.

Hospitality: Karen Kelly

- Hospitality received great feedback on the Thanksgiving. Preparing for Valentine baskets. Flyer will go home looking for baked goods and candy. Looking for candy donations that do not include peanuts.

Library – Catherine Beck:

- Spring Book Fair will be held the week of May 1st by Plantation Books. There will be only books – no toys!

Newsletter – Linda McMahon:

No news to report.

OM – Robyn Trump:

- 1 Three teams are slated for the competition!

Fun Fair: Stephanie Kohn and Monica Gross

- 2 Date set for Friday, April 21st from 5 til 9 pm
- 3 Looking for volunteers to help.

Volunteer Coordinator – Mari Anne Farrell:

- 4 Looking for a volunteers for Fun Fair and Homework Club.

Sally Foster – Lee Anne Long/Eileen McGarry:

No news to report.

Spirit Wear – Barbara Clark:

No news to report.

Website – Dave Moody:

No news to report.

Old Business:

- 1 Rachel Simmons has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2006. We will be able to video tape and audio tape for counselors to use.
 - o Irving Middle School has been reserved. Irving seats 250 max.
- 2 Need to narrow the focus of the Loew's grant being worked by Pam Haberstrom.

New Business:

Next meeting:

- Friday, February 3rd, 2006, 9:00 am.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Otto
PTA Secretary