

**Sangster Elementary School  
PTA Business Meeting  
February 3, 2006**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.  
The roster was passed around and signed.

**Approval of PTA meeting minutes – Susan Otto:**

January minutes have been submitted to Andi Smith and are pending review.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report – Amy Clemson:**

- 1 Motion carried to approve January Treasurer's Report.
- 2 Motion carried to approve \$100 gift card for accountant that prepared (pro bono) the PTA's Form 990 and set it up for us to be able to prepare for next year.

**President's Announcements – Andi Smith:**

- 1 Rachel Simmons program is exploding. We are promoting it as gender neutral. West Springfield wants to do a program on Mean Girls.
  - o Emmanuel Baptist Church may be an option as a facility to hold the program. It seats 1200. We will charge a token donation and then donate that back to the church for use of the space.
  - o We will cancel the space currently reserved at Irving Middle School.
  - o We will reserve West Springfield Cafeteria as a backup. It holds 700.
- 2 On March 6<sup>th</sup>, at Austin Grill, one third of all proceeds will go to the Rachel Simmons initiative.

**Vice President's Announcements –Leah Esper:**

- 1 Leah is currently working on an assembly to educate parents on internet connection safety and cyber bullying. Cox Cable currently does a program internet safety. We are trying to get a date towards the end of May in the evening. We are also trying to get an assembly scheduled for the kids during school.

**Principal's Report - Gail Kinsey:**

- 3 Leah and Melissa have been working on logos for the Domino Pizza fundraiser cards. These are the cards you buy once for \$10.00 and then each time you buy one large pizza you get another one free. We are working with Domino's directly so that we get all of the proceeds to benefit our teachers training. Currently we are working with Burke location.
- 4 Our teachers have been attending Sharing Sessions. These sharing sessions are by grade level in the elementary schools within our cluster. This concept will encourage sharing of ideas such as how to enhance the blackboard system, make it more user friendly, and create uniformity throughout our cluster.
- 5 A new language concept is emerging in the elementary school to introduce a foreign language into the school. It will not be the old system of studying numbers, colors, etc. a couple of days a week, nor will it be total immersion. The new concept would use the foreign language and re-teach a lesson that has already been taught to the students. Each school would pick their language. The earliest it would start would be in school year 2008. We would share the same language as Cherry Run.

**Vice Principal's Report – Amy Goodloe:**

- 1 Dr. Goodloe will be leaving to accept another position as Vice Principal at an Elementary School closer to her home. She will miss Sangster and has enjoyed her tenure. Her new position will allow her to spend a much greater amount of time with her family as her commute will be much shorter. We will miss her greatly!
- 2 Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders may log on to the blackboard site to see their children's BARTS test scores. These scores represent where our child is currently on the Standards of Learning (SOL). Please remember that this is measured at a point in time, so if your child received a 50% and we are half way through the school year then your child is right on target.
- 3 PTA newsletter is great!
- 4 Katie Spicer will be helping with the March 31<sup>st</sup> Float N Film will be "Herby Fully Loaded" at South Run Recreation Center as part of our partnership.
  - The PTA will cover the cost but will charge a nominal fee.
  - Floats will be provided.
  - Parents must stay!
- 5 Huntsman Square is no longer hosting the "Youth Art Show". Instead, Carole Chambers will have art posted in the South Run Rec Center..
- 6 We are trying to coordinate with Burke Nursery for ideas for our Memorial Garden. Instead of rushing the Lowe's Grant, we will take our time and submit our proposal next fall.

### **Staff Report - Maurie Negrin:**

- 1 Homework club consistently has 20 to 25 kids participating, mostly 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. These numbers are without a late bus running. Either parents or teachers can suggest that a child participate. Each teacher has permission slips.

### **Proposal for Funds:**

**Background:** Musical Theater involves over 100 students throughout the year. It also provides atmosphere for all of the assemblies that the school puts on for the children during the year. The caliber of our productions has increased. Annie Junior will be performed at our school this spring and the children will have to professionally audition for parts. The concept was for the theater group capability to be developed in phases.

**Request for training:** The PTA purchased a high quality sound system for the school and Jennifer Lambert and Nancy Towson have been trained. There is a request for a half day training to learn to trouble shoot and to develop How to Guides and Posters for everyone to use (including Boy Scouts, etc.).

**Request for next phase:** The next phase for the Theater Department would be to purchase a drop system. This could be broken down in to four components. If you were to acquire all at once, there would be a price savings. The components are as follows:

1. Back curtain to cover the black board, desk and other classroom equipment at the back of the stage.
2. Drop track to hang scenery.
3. Black curtains for everything. Would use two so that there would be a back drop for scenery changes.
4. Front curtains – so that audience would not see the background presentation, scenery, etc. prior

to the presentation.

Priced Separately:

Items #1 and #2 together	\$4,300
Item #3	\$1,155
Item #4	\$2,485

If it were done all at the same time it would cost \$7,144.

A.E. Mitchell who has been named Technical Director for the County will do all of the set up without pay. He will do the purchase requisitions and county permits. He is willing to install anytime, including Spring Break, so as not to disrupt class time for the children who take Band.

There is \$1,500 left in proceeds from the Art Auction and long term improvements budget that was slated for the sound system. Theater Arts group willing to do fundraising.

Motion to spend \$4,300 on Curtains (Items #1 and #2 above) were approved and carried.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Chess – Penny Grammer:**

1 Appears as if Chess Club will not get off the ground this year.

### **Drama Club – Felicia Payne, Sandy Mathews:**

2 Mount Vernon's Children's Drama is doing our spring drama program. Several children from the 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> were moved up to the 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> to accommodate more children that wanted to participate.

### **FLEX – Debbie Murphy:**

No news to report.

### **Magic/Skateboarding – Shelly Bralich:**

3 Looking into skateboarding for the spring.

### **Robotics – Karen Horvath:**

No news to report.

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

- Carolyn doing a fabulous job! Ahead of schedule for box tops. Also ahead on Giant. Last year we had 3,200 and we already have 2,200.
- Box tops collected week of 2/13/06.
- We still want PTA Memberships.

### **Care Team – Lisa Okada:**

- Has been doing a great job handling our staff and student community needs.

### **Cultural Arts – Kristin McDaniel/Susan Paris:**

- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Frisbee Guy

### **Directory – Jo Rochlis/Karen Ray:**

No news to report.

**Family Events – Katie Spicer:**

- March 31<sup>st</sup> - Family Float Night at South Run Recreation Center

**Family Fun Fair - Stephanie Kohn:**

- California Tortilla has been selected as the food vendor. They will bring their own servers and provide 25% of proceeds to Sangster.
- Discussed hiring a “professional face painter” who can paint exceptional faces in matter of minutes. It will be more costly per head, however, we can also have parents and/or teenagers for less expensive options.
- Sheri Bachinsky will do tickets.
- We can keep price the same as last year if they use the same moon bounce. Karaoke is available his price has gone up \$50.00.
- Vendors will be on a first come first served basis with prior year vendors receiving rights of first refusal. There will be a charge of \$25 per table. We can use the space upstairs now that we have doors. It was discussed that the vendors did not like being upstairs and it may be wise to keep them downstairs in the Pod and other rooms, but not in the hallways. Susan McAuliffe volunteered to become a vendor contact, but then had to most graciously decline the honor when additional work responsibilities were thrust upon her.

**Library – Catherine Beck:**

No news to report.

**Newsletter – Linda McMahon:**

No news to report.

**OM – Robyn Trump:**

- 1 Three teams will be competing on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 2 There will be a dress rehearsal on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sangster at 7:00pm for anyone who would like to see these teams perform.

**Volunteer Coordinator – Mari Anne Farrell:**

- 3 Looking for volunteers for Fun Fair and Homework Club.

**Sally Foster – Lee Anne Long/Eileen McGarry:**

- 4 Decided to go with Sally Foster again for the 2007 School Year.

**Spirit Wear – Barbara Clark:**

No news to report.

**Website – Dave Moody:**

- 5 Working on getting number of hits on to the website.

**Old Business:****New Business:****Next meeting:**

- Thursday, March 2nd, 2006, 7:30 pm.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:33am.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Susan J. Otto**  
**Secretary**