

Sugarloaf SAC Board Minutes

March 13, 2013

Roll Call: 6:05 pm

Present: Harry Russell, Kelli Fricke, Jenny O'Brien, Laurie Cook, Joelle Keane, Jill Palladino

Excused: Ollie Iarrobino, Mindy Conn, Raquel Silvestro

SAC Chair Report – Kelli Fricke

On a motion by Jill Palladino and seconded by Jenny O'Brien, the minutes were approved from the meeting held on February 13, 2013.

The teacher of the month award and certificate was given to Rebecca Palomino for March. Mike Roy was already voted as recipient of the award in April. Nominations will be taken via email for the May recipient.

An email will be sent to request volunteers to staff the SAC table at next week's Curriculum Night event to be held in the cafeteria.

Principal Russell and Kelli Fricke have received information regarding a possible mobile app for the School. Principal Russell asked the group if the app would be considered something beneficial for the school and explained that the annual cost for the basic app is \$499. He will give a more in-depth presentation on the service at the next meeting so we can further discuss whether it should be something we deploy at the start of the next school year.

Principal's Report – Harry Russell

Principal Russell discussed the following initiatives he is currently working on:

1. All equipment for the S.T.E.M. lab has now been received on-site and is unboxed. They have begun some of the assembly which includes robotic arms with cameras that are hooked to TV monitors. IT is working on hooking up the computers that connect to the equipment to manage the projections, etc. There will also be curriculum that matches to the equipment that will be incorporated into the classrooms and they expect to start very soon with after school programs that will then lead into a possible elective on the schedule for next school year. His ultimate goal is to build this lab and program to the level that would require an additional teacher allocation specifically for the program.
2. MCSO deputies and senior staff met with Principal Russell recently to conduct "Active Shooter" drills on the SLS campus. Also in recent weeks the school did a

- “school intruder drill” with the students that went well but was very basic and looked similar to a fire drill to the students. These types of drills will be expanded to identify specific areas on campus where the threat would be, so students and teachers can respond appropriately. IE those students not near the threat will evacuate the campus similar to a fire drill and those students located near the identified threat will perform a lock down type drill. In addition to events taking place at the SLS campus, there have been district-wide meetings to coordinate planning and drill efforts throughout the County. Principal Russell also discussed his desire to improve signage on the SLS campus to help better identify building locations for law enforcement and rescue response teams.
3. He received the budget allocations for next school year. He has not done a full review of the allocations yet but at the time of the meeting he was able to report that teachers are down by 1.45 allocations, however 2 teachers are retiring at the end of the year so he doesn't anticipate any major impact for our school. The decrease is due to a decline in projected enrollment by 30 students. He will present a more detailed report at the next meeting.
 4. In an effort to improve enrollment numbers, Principal Russell is going to look into expanding the VPK offering at SLS by offering a daycare program so that PK students could be on campus a full day. He will have more information on the feasibility of this idea before the end of school year.
 5. Joelle Keane asked the faculty to look into clarification on the nomenclature used on the Pinnacle grading program. She has run into instances where the input is not consistent across the board and she also requested improvement on the input time given the end of quarter is so near. Principal Russell agreed to address this.

AP Report – Wendy McPherson

Mrs. McPherson announced Curriculum Night which will take place in the cafeteria on Tuesday, March 19th from 5:00 to 7:00. The event is particularly important for grades 5-7 who will be able to request their scheduling for the next school year, those going into middle school grades, but the event is for all grades. Each grade and department will have a table to represent. She discussed how the scheduling cards for middle school students will work and what parents can expect to see at the event. She plans to have PCs set up at the event for parents to complete Climate Surveys or get training on Pinnacle.

With no further business the SAC meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Sugarloaf PTO Minutes

March 13, 2013

Roll Call: 7:00 pm

Present: Harry Russell, Kelli Fricke, Jenny O'Brien, Laurie Cook, Joelle Keane,
Jill Palladino

The above attendees met to discuss the upcoming Sugarloaf Fun Fest event to take place on Saturday, May 11th.

Kelli Fricke has been meeting with Principal Russell and teachers at the school to help plan the event and develop committees. Kelli will be sending out requests for committee members to volunteer at the event. Principal Russell envisions this to be a meaningful event for the whole community to recognize their support of SLS for so many years and to offer fun for families with children of all ages. They have sought vendors to line the field and other activities will include bounce houses, games, and the MCSO petting zoo. Pre-sales of the Outback dinner fundraiser has begun. They will be limited to only 500 meals due to the time constraints so the pre-sales will be taken on a first come first served basis. There may be other food vendors there as well. Principal Russell is also looking into whether Keys Energy can have a bucket truck on site and whether the Masons can do their child ID program on site. Wrist bands will be available for sale for \$10 that will give children unlimited access to all the games and activities for the duration of the day. Principal Russell is encouraging all teachers to get involved and volunteer at the event and has promised to split the funds raised amongst all the classes that volunteer. Regular updates will be given until the event and please look for emailed invitations to the campus meetings and upcoming committees.

With no further business the PTO meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.