

Sugarloaf SAC Board Minutes November 14, 2012

Roll Call 6:00 pm

Present: Harry Russell, Kelli Fricke, Jenny O'Brien, Raquel Silvestro, Mindy Conn, Jill Paladino

Excused: Ollie Iarrobino, Joelle Keane, Laurie Cook

SAC Chair Report – Kelli Fricke

On a motion by Jenny O'Brien and seconded by Jill Paladino, the minutes were approved from the meeting held on October 10, 2012.

Please bring a dish to pass at the next meeting to be held December 12, 2012.

Kelli will send an email out to the Board to request additional gift certificates for Teacher of the Month. Nominations were taken for the next award and included Rebecca Palomino, Mei Carney, and Lynda White. Kelli will send an email to the Board for final vote.

Principal's Report – Harry Russell

Principal Russell announced that the School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been submitted and he will continue to discuss the ongoing progress at SAC meetings throughout the year. He handed out a document highlighting the stated goals and progress in Reading and plans to go over these same highlights in each subject area by distributing the information at future meetings, focusing on one subject area per meeting.

Mr. Russell gave a short video presentation on PD360, a web-based professional development platform that the District has purchased. This serves as an online training resource to teachers with many applications including an online community of educators, social networking within the field, training videos, forums, best practices information, audio tracks, and other learning documents. This program also includes Observation 360, which serves as the platform that administrators use for in-class observation. Principal Russell stated that he will review the available videos to determine if there are any that would be beneficial to show at SAC meetings going forward which may address topics such as parent involvement or community engagement.

Mr. Russell gave an update on the rattlesnake sightings on campus. There were a few instances of rattlesnake sightings in recent weeks and he felt it may have been attributed

to the higher than average tides driving them from the surrounding wetlands to higher ground on campus. Phil Frank, a local with experience with exotic animals, inspected the entire campus and found no more occurrences. Discussions with teachers and students about snake safety has taken place and Mr. Russell may approach Mr. Frank about possible awareness presentations in the classroom for the younger students or at a future SAC meeting.

Guest Speaker – Christina McPherson, Director of Assessment and Accountability

Christina McPherson distributed College Readiness Planning Guides to attendees and discussed the current requirements as well as future requirements for both promotion from Middle School to High School and for graduation from High School. She discussed the greater number of acceleration opportunities in the District, with examples given being Florida Virtual School online courses, Dual Enrollment Courses, and Advanced Placement courses. Our district has many opportunities for accelerated learning but she cautioned parents to consider carefully the age appropriateness of such courses for their child specifically because the grades for high school level courses will be on high school transcripts whether taken early or at planned grade levels. These grades will be considered in overall GPA and thus play into college acceptance. Accelerated courses are certainly worth preparing for early but long term effects should be considered as well. Mrs. McPherson also discussed test score and GPA requirements for various State scholarships.

Other Business

Mindy Conn brought up concerns heard from Middle School students about library time not being adequate. Mr. Russell addressed the situation with the group and it is usually related to Ms. Thurber being with Elementary classes and unable to check out books to Middle School students. This is a staffing issue attributed to lower budget; we currently have just one staff member in the library to cover all grades. The group discussed training volunteers on the library system that could check in/out books for Middle School students visiting the library during class times. Mindy volunteered for a certain time period and the idea of coming up with a dedicated day for library volunteers was discussed as being a good option. Mr. Russell will meet with planning teams to discuss further and then seek volunteers.

With no further business the SAC meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Sugarloaf PTO Minutes

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Roll Call **7:08 pm**

Present: Harry Russell, Kelli Fricke, Jenny O'Brien, Raquel Silvestro, Mindy Conn, Jill Paladino

The above attendees met to discuss upcoming fundraising events as well as updates on current efforts and ideas for additional revenue sources in the future.

The Holiday Shoppe is scheduled for December 10-14 for Elementary students only. Racquel distributed a volunteer sign-up sheet for shifts to assist students in the Shoppe.

The Believe fundraiser had very little participation this year. Final results were not yet available but will be discussed by Ollie at the next meeting. The attendees discussed feedback on what may have driven the lower response this year.

The following ideas were presented as possible future events:

- Yard Sale: A prior suggestion was to hold a yard sale. No volunteers have stepped in to be the primary lead on the project.
- Outback Dinner Tickets: Mindy Conn will speak with the manager at Outback Steakhouse to discuss the possibility of their sponsorship of a dinner event at the school, possibly during a sporting event.
- T-Shirt Logo Sponsorships: Mindy will speak with her t-shirt representative to determine costs and logistics of adding sponsorship logos to t-shirts for Walk-A-Thon for all students as a way to fundraise. However, many concerns were discussed relative to the timing of the printing and risk involved with covering the expense up front. Further consideration will be given once costs are known.
- Use of School Field for sporting or community events: Possible "Family Night Out" at the field for movies, or music, or sporting events with booths for food sales or other ideas.
- Community "Thank You" Event: Mr. Russell suggested hosting a similar event at the Field for purposes of thanking the community for their continued support. This would be an expense to us but would be a show of goodwill to the community that continues to donate and help our fundraising efforts. A good attendance to this first event may feed into popularity of an ongoing community event or "Family Night Out" that would include fundraising efforts.

With no further business the PTO meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.