

Sakai PTO Minutes February 5th, 2016

Present: Jen Solseng, Beckey Anderson, Colleen Bourgeois, Libby Frei, Kristina Pujolar, Alli Krug, Alicia Bye, Felicia Hord by proxy

Minutes – January minutes approved and passed

Treasurer report: Statement of Activities - Budget vs Actual - No items of note

Enrichment - Melvin Clark - Jan 20th enrichment assembly. Spoke of his connections to Dr King and his life. An amazing man and an amazing speaker. Living Voices has been planned through the end of school. Bike and Glide Ramp Presentation will be organized for Bike to School Day.

Volunteer Coordinator - Friday Feb 12th at 3:30 volunteers needed to unload the truck for Helpline House. Yearbook Art Contest - #8 had the most votes and is the “winner”. She has had two parents ask if the volunteers for back to school departments need background checks. She is checking into it. She would like some ideas for volunteer of the month. Alli proposes the math coaches - all 12. She will provide a blurb. Next newsletter will also be sent to elementary 4th grade students. Many positions will be turning over, and we will be asking for participants. Jen will be going to

Site Council - More discussion about the refusals for Smarter Balance testing. District is going to be more proactive in making people aware of the values/benefits of taking the test. Most of the rest was Alli’s presentation of teacher survey results. She will forward the survey results and analysis with us via email. Teachers are asking for more volunteers. Alli will be having another spring math training. Jim has really gotten behind the in-classroom volunteers this

year: It's been nice to bring this culture alive again at Sakai. The volunteers that have stepped in this year have been fantastic. Thanks Alli for getting this together.

Coder Dojo is up to 25 children now - 5 girls. It's going very well.

Emergency Prep - Kim is working with Sheryl Belt and pulling this together.

The district is also working on this from a district-wide standpoint.

PTOCC - Changes coming with school and educator evaluations going back to the states from the feds. ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) was discussed. The Common Core will now be a choice made state by state. SBA high school testing may be able to qualify HS students for advanced placement in the future. More will be forthcoming. Beckey will link the slide show and send to the board.

Discussion of proposed Spring Fundraiser: We need more money, and Jim would like to move to two fundraisers per year. Proposing an evening gathering at Wing Point to supplement the Math-a-Thon. We need the funds to help with the teacher stipends for intramurals, Geo Bee, Broadcast, Homework Club, Math Clubs for Struggling Learners, Mr Read's stipend, etc. Much discussion of the event and what forms it could take. Wing Point venue would accommodate 200 plus. Beckey and Jen would invite the incoming fourth grade parents too. We will send a Save The Date for newcomers gathering at Sakai on May 21st. This will be put into the letter coming from Sakai to incoming 4th grade families next week. Could be called "A Night For Sakai".....inviting other ideas.

Open Board Positions:

Felicia Hord is staying

Alli will not be a board member, but she will continue with Math Coach

Colleen will be here for Math a Thon, but will need another person to step up