

August 29, 2024
Sandpiper PTA Board Meeting Minutes
6:00 pm in the Media Center/Zoom

Past President Felicia Jehaludi called the Board meeting to order at 6:12 pm live and on Zoom. Board Members present: Past President Felicia Jehaludi, 1st Vice President Stacey Anne Haslam, 2nd VP Jackie Mircea, 3rd Vice President Joan Sturgess, Treasurer Diva Rodriguez, Corresponding Secretary Laurel R-Love, and Principal Camille LaChance. Not present: President Rebecca Elsasser and Recording Secretary Douglas Kurzejewski.

Attendance List attached with in person and Zoom attendees.
(Meeting 291 417 9803, pswd PTA)

Elections – Current President Rebecca Elsasser has stepped down. Ms. Valmont nominated Stacey Anne Haslam to be President, Jackie Mircea to be 1st Vice President, and Joan Sturgess to be 2nd Vice President. Floor was opened for discussion. Floor closed. Motion was carried unanimously. Ms. Jackie Mircea will be added to the Wells Fargo account as a signer. Position of 3rd Vice President is open, and members were asked to bring nominations to the next meeting.

Minutes – Ms. Valmont motioned the minutes from the May 16, 2024, meeting to be accepted as written. Motion approved.

Principal Updates – Ms. LaChance

Students will be completing the I-Ready reading and math assessments along with the FASPM1 for math and ELA. Data will be used to determine students' progress. Tier 1 students will receive classroom instruction. Tier 2 students will receive help from staff with pull out/push in instruction. Tier 3 students will receive more frequent help. RTI (response to intervention) team will make decisions if needed. Parents will be informed at every step.

Cambridge Academy – Cambridge challenges for each grade are in place. Ms. LaChance informed parents that input for teacher and staff evaluations is welcomed.

Ms. LaChance reminded everyone that parents must complete the volunteer application form online to participate in school events like field trips.

In operational news, Ms. LaChance reviewed new laws regarding gates and doors remaining locked and cell phone usage. Student cell phones are to remain in airplane or silent mode during the school day. The Sandpiper marquee is down and awaiting service – the district is aware of this. Air conditioning problems are being dealt with as they pop up. Teachers are given options to switch classrooms or use fans. Metal detectors are in use at high schools.

Sandpiper cafeteria has a new mural 😊.

Ms. LaChance thanked PTA for hosting the Volunteer Breakfast yesterday and reminded parents to fill out the Volunteer Application online.

Upcoming Events

Sep 4 – Open House 5:30 pm VPK, PreK, K & 1st grade

6:30 pm 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades, ASD classes

Sep 12 – Grandparents Day – breakfast provided

Sep 16 - Start with Hello assemblies for 2nd – 5th grades

Sep 24 – Student of the Month presentations begin

Budget – Ms. Rodriguez

Sandpiper PTA has \$14,882.80 in our Wells Fargo bank account. Ms. Rodriguez presented the proposed budget line by line and reminded everyone that for every fundraiser there should be at least three give back events. Floor was opened for discussion.

Ms. Valmont motioned to change the line-item amount of "PTA evening event" from \$300 to \$800 so it could include Art Show, Multicultural Night, Black History Night, and Hispanic Heritage Night. PTA funds would be used to provide food/entertainment/supplies at these school nights and would be recognized as a sponsor. Motion was approved unanimously, and the proposed budget was changed.

Ms. Jehaludi motioned the proposed budget be accepted. Floor was opened for discussion. Floor closed. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business – Ms. Haslam

Ms. Haslam asked PTA members to take home a copy of the bylaws. Sandpiper bylaws are current and will be reviewed at the May 8th meeting.

T-shirts sales from the Meet and Greet went well. More t-shirts will be available after September 4th.

Papa John's Pizza card fundraiser will run September 23 through October 7th.

PTA will host Welcome Back Bash (DJ, pizza), a free event for families on Thursday, September 19th from 5 – 7 pm.

Ms. Haslam presented two ideas for the student Welcome Back. Parents were encouraged to send in other ideas for the membership to vote on at the next PTA meeting on Sept. 11.

Box Tops was presented as an app for parents to help PTA earn monies.

Corporate Banners sponsorship was presented, and parents were encouraged to promote local businesses.

Old Business – Ms. Haslam

Both the Meet & Greet and Volunteer Breakfast went well. Thank you to board members for hosting these events. Many volunteers signed up for upcoming PTA and school events.

Next PTA meeting will be on September 11th at 6 pm in the Media Center and on Zoom.

Ms. Haslam adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm.

Douglas Kurzejewski, Recording Secretary 2023 – 2024

Minutes Approved as written  Date: 9/11/2024

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Future Meeting Dates at 6 pm in the Media Center and Zoom

September 11, 2024 - General mtg

October 24, 2024 -General mtg

December 5, 2024 – General mtg

January 23, 2025 - General mtg w/ Budget review, Nominating committee formed

February 27, 2025 – General mtg

March 13, 2025 – General mtg

April 24, 2025 - General mtg - Elections, Budget for summer

May 8, 2025 - General mtg - old and new board meet, Audit Committee & Budget committee formed to meet over summer, and Bylaws reviewed