

SAC PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2014, 6:30 pm
Northern Lights Elementary-Fish Bowl Conference Room

6:30pm **Welcome, Introductions**

In attendance:

Ellen Chicka-SAC President, Jasmine Haroldson-SAC Secretary/GL VP, Katelyn Baumann-SAC Treasurer, Sheila Keup-School Board rep., Annette Jacobson-Lake Superior, Karen LaBare-Northern Lights, Michelle Asp-Northern Lights, Lynne Bauer-Dir. Health Services, Jesse Olson-SFT, Suzi Olson-Cooper, Ericka Pitrago-Four Corners

Jesse Olson and Megan Marthaler will be the representatives for Superior Federation of Teachers. SFT would like to be added to the agenda.

Review Previous Meeting Minutes: Jasmine Haroldson

Review Treasurer's Report: Katelyn Baumann

Balance on hand is \$2,352.01

*Approve Budget

-Suzi motions to approve the budget. Annette seconds. Unanimous approval of budget.

School Board Liaison Report: Shelia Keup

-Sports Complex fantastic, but track will not be done until the spring (weather has not cooperated)

-State Report Cards were officially released: all schools met or exceeded expectations

-Northern Lights awarded Title 1 School of Excellence

School District Liaison/Director of Health Services Report: Lynne Bauer

-Enterovirus D68 (respiratory virus): no reported cases in WI, but students are absent and some are hospitalized. Kids under 5 and children with weakened immune systems are more susceptible.

-Noncompliant immunization letters (first round) will be sent out on Monday. Parents can choose to get vaccines or can sign a waiver. Largest group of noncompliant students is at SMS due to additional vaccinations being required at 6th grade.

-Compliance rate was 97.94% last year (on 40th day of school).

-Just Kids Dental auction on October 1st (6-8 PM) at Curling Club in Superior. Looking for donations for silent auction and/or raffle.

SFT Update, Jessie Olson: Representative will be present at all SAC PTA meetings.

What would you like to get out of our upcoming meetings?

Training, info on PTA Programs, Speakers, Other ideas?

Ellen asked for suggestions on information that would be valuable for future meeting presentations.

Lynn Bauer - Community Resource Information that would be beneficial to families. Current resource guide available from the Family Resource Center. Ellen will contact FRC Director, Nicky Wilson for more information.

Suzi Olson - Junior Firesetter Program: Information on identifying at-risk students. Potential 15-minute presentation for adults, volunteers, etc. (currently receive referrals from Police Department). Suzi will send electronic information to Ellen.

Reminders from WI and National PTA-

Audits should be done at fiscal year end, (due by Nov. 15) also taxes should be filed by 4 1/2 months after fiscal year end (if you don't know it, look it up to be sure you are filing on time. It's supposed to be June 30th, if it's not you should contact the IRS to have it changed). Please turn in copies to WI PTA upon completion if you have not done so already.

First membership payment of at least 25 members is due no later than Nov. 1st. Early Bird Deadline September 30. New Membership Remittance Form available on WI PTA website, now includes available award categories.

School of Excellence-units need to register by October 1st to participate. (copies distributed at meeting). Registration due October 1. Includes survey with Principal, followed by survey with Parents; data used to identify areas for improvement. Recent webinar available on National PTA website.

Reflections-visit the WI PTA website to register your chair. Once registered, your chair will receive an information packet. Six different artistic categories for competition. All entries will be submitted electronically to National PTA.

Connect for Respect-newly updated anti-bullying info for schools, staff and families. Information packets available for Leaders and Student-Leaders. (may correspond with School of Excellence process)

New/updated **e-learning courses** at pta.org/elearning

SAC Bylaws-we need to form a committee of three to update them. Last updated 3 years ago, revision due in October. Fill-in form needs 3-person review committee. Pending revision to meeting date/time. Katelyn Baumann, Annette Jacobson, Michelle Asp. Meet Red Mug. Ellen will email.

Leadership training-recap. Similar to last year, Lianne from MN returned to talk about Treasurer duties; Bonnie Cannon (Council President in Duluth) presented on being president, Ellen talked about leadership qualities and how to understand each other's differences so we can work together. About 13 Superior attendees this year. Would be willing to conduct another training if enough people were interested/committed.

Fundraising

Schwans- online sale. Partnering with National PTA. Sign up unit with Schwans to receive a code and information to distribute. Purchases made through link pay 20% to unit. Promotion runs 30 to 45 days. SMS looking at hosting a Schwans sale in October. Nation-wide promotion; orders do not need to be placed locally. Ellen will inquire if orders can be placed at the truck, rather than online, in advance.

Funds2Orgs.com fundraiser (shoe collecting)-Need someone willing to coordinate this. FRC storage facility no longer available.

Committee Reports:

Community Education-Youth Fair recap. Aprox 30 community service agencies, canine unit, bounce houses, Sterling Silver performances and adult sample classes. Turnout slightly lower than past years; number not currently available. There was some confusion with flyer distribution and event promotion.

Community Partnership

Ellen distributed the current list of businesses who have agreed to offer a discount to card-carrying, current PTA members. A form is available from Ellen if you know of a business that would want to join.

May Dinner-Dinner chairperson Elaine Holmberg was unavailable due to a sick child. Potential dates were discussed, including May 27 & 28, at VIP.

Scholarship-last school year's was paid, SHS will contact us in October, to confirm participation this year.

**Unit Updates: Any year end events, or updates on recent ones?
Bring flyers to share!**

Four Corners: New fundraiser began on Monday. Magazines & Memories with Great American. Profit will be used to enhance the playground (balls, sleds, etc.) Fall Fest Nov. 7. 68 members currently. Book Fair with conferences first week of October. Some concern about proposed changes to JKD to require minimum number of participants.

Cooper: 43 members. Kick or Trot, Saturday, October 11, family/team kickball tournament and short run around the school, sidewalk chalk, VIP spaghetti dinner, Kona Ice, campfire & marshmallows. Suzi distributed information. Pictures Sept. 30. Book Fair Oct. 6-8. President interested in Fundraising Fundamentals for training opportunities. School Board Liaison willing to help with Fundraising coordination (experience with Paws for Cause and Paws for Love).

Northern Lights: Fundraiser Kickoff tomorrow, Triple M Catalogs. Pictures today. Fall Fest Oct. 29th

Lake Superior: Meeting last night; Polar Bear 5K concern voiced regarding funds raised and how they were to be used/disbursed. Book Fair Oct 7-9. Katelyn (UWS CASL) Pirate Evening Nov. 11. New, involved parents. 1/2 new officers. Volunteers stepped up to volunteer for committee leadership. Sold out of cards. Struggled to find 25 members last year. Table for meet-n-greet, enrolled 28 members.

Great Lakes: 52 members so far. Literacy theme. Matilda (the movie) tomorrow. Fall Fest, Oct. 29. Box tops boost this year, hope to pay for all yearbooks with income this year.

SMS: Oct. 18th Art Bazaar, buy a table for \$20 - use for crafts, home-business, rummage, etc. 10-2. Meetings 3rd Tuesday at 6.

2014-2015 SAC Board Meeting Schedule (third Thursdays)

Meetings start at 6:30 pm

October 16 Great Lakes Library
November 20 Cooper B pod presentation room
December-no meeting
January 15 Four Corners
February 19 Lake Superior Library
March 19 SMS
April 23 SMS (third thursday is night before convention)
May TBD (1/2 hour after May Dinner)

Anything else?

- Ellen is working with UWS to get a SAC PTA website running.
- The current SAC PTA Secretary has indicated the need to step down.

Anyone interested in taking the job should talk to Ellen.

Several units expressed concern with the administration of the Polar Bear races and other events; lack of transparency, consolidation limits school buy-in. Ellen will set up a forum for discussion with Janna.

- This weekend is East End Days.

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