



## Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017

Present: Matt Krauter, Jill Frideres, Deidre Olson, Eleanor Figuerres, Robin Hawley, Sandra Richter, Heather Smith, Gina Wolf, Lorie Kanetzke, Angel Longanecker, Ursula Sepulveda, Maureen (??), Alyssa Berger, Justine Jerry, Stacy Dosemagen, Amy Eiden, Sarah Preiss, Caty Krauter, Heather Ringdahl, Sarah Montemurro, Kaitlin Biehn, Claudia Torres, Megeon Bach, Judy Schantek, Andrea Weisner, Katie Kaczmarek, Katherine Andrysiak-Montemurro

1. President's Update – Matt Krauter: Meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.
  - a. Welcome and 2017/2018 goal – Introductions were made, and there were a lot of new faces. Matt K. stated that his/our goal is to make all feel comfortable and welcome here at the SSC as well as connect everyone in any way they want to be involved.
  - b. Box Top Recognition – Heather Ringdahl achieved an amazing gift of one million Box Tops for Somers Elementary (\$10,000). She has been collecting Box Tops since before her older child was school-aged (He is now in 4K). Heather R. was presented with an SSC t-shirt, a signed card, and a Starbuck's gift card.
  - c. Hoodie Raffle – Matt K. passed around sheets to be filled out and to be placed in a drawing at the end of the meeting.
  - d. Opportunity Sheets – Matt K. also passed around a short survey to find out how/where parents would like to get involved.
  
2. Principal's Update – Mrs. Wendy Tindall cited numerous staffing changes and mentioned that they have created a Behaviorist Specialist position. Mrs. Weisner is back, Mr. Chamness will be out on paternity leave for awhile. The school day schedule has stayed the same as last year. There were 462 students last Friday, and we are up about 5 since then. We are at projected, but we are down from last year by about 28 students. PBIS is very strong in our school. MAP testing now (baseline for 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> ), PALS (4K-2<sup>nd</sup>) will be soon. Learner profiles are being created. During intervention time, 4 interventionists are hired who will supplement learning time.
  
3. What's up at Somers – staff updates

Mrs. Olsen - \$541 was made at the book fair in two hours. Last week, Dot Day was a success (reading, activities). Mrs. Olsen tries to have a reading day each month, and October is Red Ribbon-related. State BOB and City BOB have started.

Mrs. Jerry – Mrs. Jerry expressed her thanks to the families that helped with the gardens this summer, and she informed us that 4K is as busy as always.

Mrs. Schantek – Though these are at the end of the school year, Mrs. Schantek wanted to express her thanks to the SSC for their help with the end of the school year, providing a lot of support for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebrations, etc.

Mrs. Kanetzke informed us that 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is working on routines and assessment. Centers for math and reading will be getting started soon.

Mrs. Bouy informed us that Kindergarten is working on practicing behaviors, sitting on carpet and chairs nicely, etc., as well as baseline assessments.

Mrs. Biene informed us that 1<sup>st</sup> grade is working on the same things as Kindergarten currently.

4. Treasurer's Report – Heather Smith and Matt Schneider reported that they are not sure how much is outstanding, so they will update next month. In the checking account, there is currently \$23, 534.04 (half from the Colorathon last spring), and another \$10,000 comes in December from the Box Tops.

#### 5. Committee Reports

- a. Justine Jerry
  - i. Playground Proposals – SSC has generously donated \$10,000 to 4K playground; the teachers have been in contact with different vendors and gotten various quotes. There are lots of ideas. Some projects include installation. They range from \$9,000 to \$13,000. Lee's Recreation has the option of a supervised installation on a Friday with 7-8 of our adults OR full installation at a price of \$2500. This is modular so it could be added on to, roughly \$15,000 for all of it; Matt K. called for a motion: Cassie moved to give \$15,000 to the 4K playground project, Amy Eiden seconded, and it passed unanimously. We will revisit this in the future if/when more is needed.
  - ii. Action Territory – This event will take place on September 29 from 4-10pm; flyers are coming home on Thursday.
  - iii. Jerry Smith's – Amy Smith let Justine know about the pumpkin farm's fundraiser: \$10 wristband (the school gets \$2 back) for unlimited corn maze, trampoline, hay rides, straw maze, kids entertainment, etc. Two and under are free. They would like to sell a minimum of 50 wristbands. Adults need a wristband. Justine will try to book October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm.
- b. Picnic Update – Eleanor Figuerres and Amy Eiden – The picnic on Friday had a nice turnout. \$338 was made (roughly \$375-\$400 will be total once kickbacks from vendors are received). Also, Eleanor and Amy are looking to pass the baton to other parents who would like to run the picnic next year. They will explain everything and give them all their notes.
- c. School Supply Kits – Gina Wolf – 25 kids participated for this first year. There were numerous problems with the vendor, and they were late on delivery; however, since then, they have sent in a lot of supplies to make up for it. Gina is looking around for new vendors for next year. There was a profit of about \$200, plus all the freebies.
- d. Barnes and Nobles Book Fair 12/3/17 – Megeon Bach – Megeon is meeting with B&N next week. She wants to make it more of a family event and not be too worried about making money.
- e. Pie Sale – Amy Eiden – Elegant Farmer has set their price at \$17 for everything this year. Amy wants to revamp prizes this year, since it's been the same for about 3 years. It has always been class-based and not individual-based, and the top individual gets a prize. Delivery is Nov. 8 at 2:00, and 4:30-5:30 is pickup time. Order forms will go out on

September 27. It was determined that we'd give a prize for the highest percentage of kids that sell per classroom.

- f. Spirit Wear – Angel Longanecker – We sold 40 t-shirts at Open House and 10 at the picnic. Bulk order is dwindling, so there are currently limited sizes and amounts. Angel may request another order at some point. Angel asked staff what they thought about ordering with a pin code to keep it for staff only. Staff only will have silver-colored shirt option, but everyone will be able to order customizable shirts with new district-chosen logo. Spirit Wear is encouraged at feather events.
- g. Picture Days – Katie Kaczmarek – Pictures are Tuesday, Oct. 3, and Katie is looking for a few volunteers: extra help to comb hair, keep them in line, etc. Nov. 15 is picture retakes. John Hill mentioned that the stage area might be better for spring. Cassie jumped in with restaurants: Culvers and BWW and asked for ideas. Paneras, Chilis, and Mason's were suggested.
- h. Boo Hoo Breakfast – Matt and Caty Krauter – 10-12 new people were here, plus volunteers. We were evaluating whether that was a good idea moving forward.
- i. Oktoberfest – Matt and Caty Krauter planned a biergarten BYO picnic and food for sale, cash only, on Oct. 7 from 3-6pm. They were looking for volunteers to take yard games.
- j. Matt Krauter
  - i. 2017/2018 Fundraiser – Playground – Matt brought up brick sale idea for surrounding playground, and Mrs. Schantak has information about a company that does this.
  - ii. JCrew Fundraiser – This was discussed but it may not be the best fit for our school? JCrew outlet might be? Matt will bring information next month.

#### 6. SSC Opportunities

- a. Talent Show – looking for volunteers; Mrs. Wisener volunteered to help with the sound system.
- b. 2018 Back to School Picnic
- c. Original artwork is another opportunity

#### 7. Spending Proposals

- a. Projection Screen – Mrs. Olsen talked about a projection screen for the gym. It will be moved to next month since Mrs. Tindall was no longer present.
- b. Update on sound system – Mrs. Weisner uses the 23-year-old system which has been used for the last 6 years. It died a few days ago, so she went online and looked around. Music Center has one that looks like a good option, with accessories, hookups, and microphones for \$1600. We approved it last year. We budgeted \$5000, so she is going to reconsider her options, because she could use more. She also needs a portable boombox.

#### 8. New Business

Drop off was brought up by several parents. It is very long and slow. We need to speed up the process.

Next SSC Meeting 10/16/17

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Frideres, SSC secretary