



## Carl Sandburg PTA Meeting, November 19, 2024

**Called to order 7:30pm**

### **PTA Updates – Kristen Hardy**

- Tonight is Restaurant Night at Chalkboard Wings; 10% of all online orders and gift card purchases goes to CSMS PTA
- Next Restaurant Night, Five Guys, December 9<sup>th</sup>
- PTA Spirit Wear will be in the office for pickup by December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Honor Roll donuts in the morning on 11/20/24
- Community Outreach – Holiday Food Drive; 25 Sandburg families were identified to be supported and signups will be created and go out for collections until 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December with deliveries happening mid-December

### **FCPS Family Vision Program – Kenyatta Williams**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> CSMS rep is Gwenda Stanton
- Attended first meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> and was well attended
- Had a Welcome and Intro
- Then, select topics were discussed with each table for a certain amount of time and afterwards discussed out loud allowing folks to question and give opinions about each topic for a set time period; topics:
  - Return of early release Mondays for elementary schools
  - Middle school start times
  - Dr Reid provided a boundary update an
- The next scheduled meeting is December 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Community Outreach, Food 4 Neighbors – Vera and Andrea**

- Work in the community and Sandburg is one of the schools supported in the Ft Hunt area
- It's all volunteer run
- About 7 years in this Ft Hunt area supported (6 schools)
- They look at the free and reduced lunch program for needed middle and high schools
- 2,700lbs of food collected at last event
- Families can sign up to fill up their provided red bags with a list of needed items attached and all collection dates
- The need seems to be growing every year
- The goal is to assist the schools help the kids that need it
- Those able to help have the option of giving money as another option which are turned into gift cards for families
- Also collect toiletries and feminine hygiene products

- Refer to school social worker if anyone comes across someone or family in need or if they know families interested in helping out with the efforts in some way
- January 11<sup>th</sup> is next collection event
- Accept kids 9 -13 years of age (they just need to come with adult) to assist with volunteering

### **Mr. Eric Underhill's School Update**

- Honor Roll Recognition this year will be after school with families on 2 separate nights for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders instead of during the day
- New theater teacher had an improv night last week
- 25 student female leaders represented CSMS at Dr Jill Biden's "Girls Leading Change" Event which the students met the 9 nominees and toured the White House; CSMS brought the largest group at the White House
- Cross country season has ended; top finishes in both boys and girls at the championship meet
- Attendance is a big focus; this year we're at 10.4% which is a great number
- iExcel being used for personalized Math, Science, and Reading support if needed for 20 min a day
- Students of the month; about 70 students nominated for this month
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents' promotion dates are June 9 (2 houses), June 10 (2 houses), June 11 (1 house); only in the mornings
- 2 New primary sponsors of National Junior Honor Society; will expand opportunities to students with both Winter and Spring inductions
- Hosting some of the county job fairs; one will be this Saturday
- 6 Outstanding Staff of the Year announced today
- Students are doing a very good job and thank the parents for their assistance
- Students have been filling out "Thank You" cards during this Thanksgiving Season; will make banners out of them to hang up around school
- Talked with muralist(s) along with student leadership group on how to get positive messages around the school and will use some of the stairwells; will put together fundraiser signups for this multi-year effort

### **Approve Bylaws**

- No new changes to the bylaws
  - Motion made to approve bylaws and it was seconded; All voted and Bylaws APPROVED

### **Questions / Other Announcements**

- Principal's Updates sent out weekly via email
  - Text messages also sent
- Academic Planning starting early but wondering if PTA will be interested in hosting
- WP and Sandburg have new social work and counselor

Next PTA Meeting: February 11, 2025 @ 7pm

7 attendees along with 3 PTA members and Principal  
Meeting Adjourned 8:16pm