

## Carl Sandburg Middle School PTA Meeting

January 18, 2022

7:00pm meeting called to order

Meeting Minutes approved

### **Guest speakers:**

#### Jennifer Pallotto Director of Student Services

- reviewed the foundational beliefs and core values of the Sandburg team
- shared a typical Sandburg student schedule (Math, Science, Civics, English, health and PE, home room and two electives). She also explained if there are any special programs (ESL, Special Education, Advanced Academics) the students are a part of, they will need to continue those courses in the upcoming school year.
- students may select full year or half year electives
- Timelines for course choices:
  - 01/18-01/20 Pre course selections
  - 01/25-01/27 students enter selections into SIS
  - 01/31-02/04 academic advising
- March 15th last day to make course change
- June Final course verification notification
- FCPS does open enrollment for Honors classes
- “Course Request” tab under SIS is where the information can be found

#### Kevin McMahon Director of Student Services West Potomac

- Jan 12th-19th starts the process for selecting classes for West Potomac rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders
- Still, plenty of time to make adjustments-email advisers or speak with current Sandburg teachers
- Virtual Curriculum Fair Website (virtual meeting recording can be found on Curriculum website)
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade course offerings sheet
  - online course catalog
  - Department resources including Elective Videos
  - Directions on how to select classes
- Shared a typical 9<sup>th</sup> grade schedule (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> require PE) one elective
- March 11<sup>th</sup> deadline for schedules-after those changes need to be emailed to WP counselor
- March 12-April 15 (freeze on changes to allow initial scheduling to take place)
- April 16-May 13 (changes accepted on a “space available” basis)
- May 13<sup>th</sup> schedules are frozen until school begins
- Reminder-Marching Band and athletics begin the first week of August (physical after May 01, 2022)
- Renovations are set to be complete August 15, 2022

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- \$17,000 account balance was the closing balance for December
- Net income 12/31 \$855
- Teacher Appreciation luncheon and staff raffle gift card expenses upcoming
- Chick-Fil-A close to \$600 net revenue-hoping for a few more this week
- Still waiting for payments from two restaurants. Projected to be \$300
- Krispy Kreme and Noodles and Company upcoming
- Holiday care and share very successful thanks to Erika Olsen and Anne Wimberly Holman. Raised over \$4,000 that supported over 33 families. Great program and fundraiser (able to support more this year 95 children this year) (Discussion contributed from President and Chair of Care and Share—Waynewood Elementary PTA donated to care this year. I reached out to another Elementary school PTA said they would consider donating next year. Anne Wimberly’s plan is to reach out to the social worker at that school and get a proposal for when they do their budget for next year to set some funds aside for Pyramid Support).
- Budget vs Actuals posted on Member-hub

### **President’s Report**

- Time to put together a Nomination Committee for Officers for the 2022-2023 school year PTA Board (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer)
- May meeting is when we will have elections for the next school year

**Principal's Report**

Thanks to everyone on the call. Thank Mrs. Palotto and Mr. McMahon special members of our Sandburg community. We are just wrapping up the first semester. We are grateful to all the parent engagement whether behind the scenes or demonstrative on these PTA calls.

Some questions to Mr. Barker regarding some school incidents and the way in which school communicated it. Mr. Barker walked us through how these incidents are handled and limitations as a principal in sharing updates when things are actively under investigation.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022.**

**Upcoming Events:** Krispy Kreme Digital Fundraiser in February.  
Noodles and Company Restaurant Night--Monday, February 21, 2022.