

Sangster PTA Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Whitestone at 7:02 p.m. There were 13 people in attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were approved on a voice vote.

Business Matters

- Pyramid Challenge -- we will not be participating this year. Perhaps next year.
- Mark Marsden, representing Paul Sita and the Nominating Committee, presented its slate for the 2013-2014 PTA Officers. The slate is Linda Whitestone (President), Regina Schmitt (Vice President), Julia Byrd (Secretary) and Gina Duffy (Treasurer). Members will vote on the slate at the Thursday, May 9 meeting.
- Sangster night at Ledo's pizza – raised \$859.
- Cultural Arts: Dome set for next year in January, Nana Pudding in March. Looking for a fall event.
- CrossFit Kids was a big hit; a second session will be starting.
- Fun Fair and field trip schedule. Again, we have a field trip occurring on the day of the Fun Fair, which makes it hard on some parents. We had games close down last year because there weren't enough volunteers. Please sign up, even if it isn't your class's slot. See the Sign-Up Genius link on the PTA page.

Principal's Report

- April 15 is a teacher workday and the end of the third quarter.
- Progress reports go home Thursday, April 25.
- Kindergarten orientation is April 8 from 2-3.
- Placement information form is going out shortly; please don't request a specific teacher. Mr. Summers and Ms. Jankovich hand-place all 903 students.
- Today, Mr. Summers and Ms. Jankovich and the crisis management team met with the police commander to walk through a fictitious crisis (which they do every 2 years). They passed with flying colors.
- Mr. Summers gave a presentation on the news SOLs. While it is a basic knowledge test, the state has changed the test. Changes to the test format: multiple answers are possible, partial answers receive no credit, only NOT and EXCEPT remain as emphasis words. All tests are done online. There is an increased use of academic language. There will also be technology-enhanced items: drag and drop, hot spots, graphs, fill in the blank (only 15% of the test will be these types of questions). 100% of questions will have increased depth of knowledge

Treasurer's Report

- The unreconciled checking account balance for March 31, 2013, was \$52,099.99

Committee Reports

- Newsletter articles are due April 7.
- Please volunteer for the Fun Fair -- contact Joyce Maryanopolis or go to the PTA Web site to see the Sign-Up Genius.
- Video Game Design Club -- kids had fun and learned a lot. As of tonight, kids had published 259 games. There are more still in draft stage. There will be at least 5 submissions to national game challenge.
- Robotics club -- 52 kids signed up -- 2 other dads will be continuing the club next year.
- May meeting change: Second thursday in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.