**September PTA Meeting**

**September 12, 2019**

PTA Vice President, Karen Horvath, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

30 people were in attendance.

**Minutes Review                                                                                                        Carolyn Brace**

June minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report                                                                                                    Karen Horvath**

Balance as of September 12, 2019 is $31,269.03

**Principal’s Update                                                                                                       Lisa Reddel**

It was a busy summer at Sangster. Smart boards and projectors were installed. Teachers completed staff development over the summer. The custodians worked tirelessly over the summer and we want to recognize them throughout the year. Quinn Duffy completed his Eagle Scout project of the outside discovery garden and it looks great. We have a wellness focus this year including Wellness Wednesdays, which have a focus on wellness strategies. (Eating right, sleeping, mindset, etc.) The positivity project continues this year. Sangster is a professional learning community where the teachers work together to plan as a team. Sangster works hard to be a welcoming and responsive environment. The school looks forward to feedback on what is working well and what needs improvement. Sangster student’s high quality experience is strong and continues to grow.

This year there are four people on the administrative team- Lisa Reddel as our principal, Allison Jankovich and Elizabeth Obester as assistant principals, and Jennifer Redford as our administrative intern/AART.

The Sangster SOL scores continue to be outstanding. The achievement gap for special education students has improved dramatically. There was a FCPS survey in the spring and over a hundred Sangster parents responded. It gave information on areas that Sangster is excelling in and where we can continue to improve.

Lisa Reddel shared a video of a recent FCPS graduate and speaker Amina Fatima- An Ode to Kindergarten.

**PTA Business                                                                                                            Karen Horvath**

* To find our PTA information go to: sangster.digitalpto.com
* Join our Unofficial Sangster Facebook page to ask questions and share information.
* Cultural Arts committee chair is still open
* To volunteer for many different school opportunities please submit the volunteer form on our PTA webpage. Everyone must opt in each year to receive emails. You can choose one area of interest (like volunteering in the library) or just receive all volunteer opportunities and pick and choose your favorites.
* We are working on an afterschool lacrosse club

**Committee Reports and Committee Chair Transitions                                    Karen Horvath**

Fundraising                                                                                                     Denise Siderys

* Still looking for a fundraising chair to shadow Denise this year and take over next year. The four fundraising areas are: Spirit nights, Valentine Bingo, Carnival, and Auction.
* Upcoming: Wednesday Sept 25th, Squisitos and Sweet Frog
  + Chick Fil A for a week October 21st-26th
  + November 19th Chipotle

Pyramid Challenge/Fun Run       Mary Beth Smith

* Held Saturday, October 19th at Irving Middle. Registration will be sent home in Thursday folders.

Spirit Wear                                                                                                      Tara Harvan

                                                                                                                         Becky McDermott

Reflections                                                                                                      Cherilyn McCall

More information will be coming home soon. We are hoping to get more submissions this year. Cherilyn needs a few people to help put up the bulletin board and celebrate with cake in the spring.

Science Fair                                                                                                     Karen Horvath

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**Science fair will be March 26th.** Karen will need some volunteers to help with registration.

Membership/Rewards Cards                                                                          Allison Jankovich

They have ended the Giant A+ rewards program, which gave the school around $7,000. There is a change in Boxtops, as they are going digital. Old boxtops can still be turned in, but new boxes will digital box tops. In order to submit them you have to download the app and scan your receipt. Amazon Smile is another great and very easy rewards program.

Directory                                                                                                        Connie Genne

Sarah Harding

This year we will have a great directory with email addresses. Add teacher names or other personal information online. Please submit and check your information. Advertising in the directory is going very well!

Hospitality                                                                                                     Raihana Rasouli

We will have more events for the custodians, including meals and thank you notes from students. Monthly activities for the teachers continue, like breakfasts.

Glass Case                                                                                                      Jacquelyn Fant

Volunteer Coordinator                                                                                    Jill Mitchell

Committee chairs should contact Jill if they need any help and she can send out an email to volunteers. Monday, September 30th is the volunteer orientation.

Clubs Coordinator Christine Moniz

**PTA Sponsored Clubs:**

• Robotics

• Math Club

• Chess Club

• Odyssey of Mind

• Fencing

• Girl Smarts

• RunFitKidz

• Musical Theater – The musical will be for 4th -6th grades. Auditions will be in November with the performances in April. More to follow in October Thursday folders.

• Military Spouses

• Spanish Club

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Sept 20th Picture day**

**Oct 2nd Walk to School Day**

**Oct. 18th Field Day**

**Oct. 24th Math Family Night**

**Nov. 4th Conference Day**

**Nov. 5th Teacher workday/Election Day**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.