Sangster Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes Date: January 8, 2023

Call to order at 7:00pm Attendance: 23

**Principal Updates: Allison Jankovich**

Family Cultural Night on March 13th, 2024, from 6:30PM – 8:00P

Join us in the celebration of the unique heritages, rich cultures, and traditions of our Sangster families! Everyone is welcome to attend as a guest, but there are two ways to share your family’s culture that evening:

1. Students are invited to participate in a fashion show and share their cultural dress. Students will walk across the stage and say which culture they are representing.
2. Families are invited to share their culture by offering a table display ( e.g., poster, clothing, art, artifacts, flags) with bite-sized food samples (optional).

For our planning purposes, please sign-up if one of these two options is something your family is interested in: <http://bit.ly/SESCulturalNight2024>

The sign-up is open now and will close on March 1, 2024. Again, all families are invited to attend on March 13th!

General Reminders

* U-Turns on Reservation Dr. are both illegal and very, very dangerous. We continue to get reports of cars making these illegal U-Turns. The safety of our school community is compromised every time someone does this. Please take the time to use Kiss-n-Ride and/or find another route to get back up to the Parkway. Thank you!
* Please remember, if your child arrives after 9:10AM, you must escort them into the main office and sign them in.
* Attendance matters! We want you to keep your child home when they are sick, however, we ask that you please refrain from scheduling trips and other non-essential travel during the school week. Thanks!
* There is still time! Order a Sangster Yearbook at ybpay.com and use Yearbook Code: 13246524. If you have questions, please contact Coretta Britt in the main office at [cbritt@fcps.edu](mailto:cbritt@fcps.edu)
* This year, Ramadan falls from March 11 - April 10, 2024. . We will be offering a space for students to go instead of the cafeteria if they plan to fast. If your child will be fasting, please let your child’s teacher know.

Upcoming Dates

* Monday, February 5th – Friday, February 9th: School Counselors Week
* Friday, February 9th: Sangster Spirit Day – Wear your favorite team jersey for the Super Bowl!
* Monday, February 12th and Tuesday, February 13th: PTA Valentine’s Bingo in the Café. Pre-ordered pizza will be from 6PM – 7PM and Bingo is 7PM – 8PM. Sign up on Member Hub!
* Friday, February 16th: History Alive! Astronaut Sally Ride Cultural Arts Assemblies for students in Grades K – 6.
* Monday, February 19th: No School in celebration of President’s Day
* Thursday, February 22nd: School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
* Tuesday, February 27th: 6th Grade Advanced Math Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test (IAAT)
* Wednesday, February 28th: PTA Science Fair Parent Night
* Tuesday, March 5th: No School for Students – Primary Election Voting Day

Future Upcoming Dates

* Monday, March 25th - Friday, March 29th = Spring Break
* Monday, April 1st = Teacher Workday. No School for Students
* April is Month of the Military Child! Stay tuned for more!
* March 4th - 8th is Read Across America Week
* Tuesday, April 2nd = Staff Development Day. No School for Students.
* Wednesday, April 17th = Kindergarten Orientation from 6:30PM - 7:30PM
* Tuesday, June 11th = 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony at Lake Braddock Secondary School at 6:00PM. More Details to come!

Getting Ready for 2024-2025

* Please let Jackie Fant, registrar, know ASAP if you are planning a move for next year! Let Allison know as well.
* Any new families to the neighborhood over the summer? The sooner they can get into our system - the better! Share Jackie Fants name with all new families! :)
* Teachers are starting to communicate their intentions for next year. I will have an update in May/June about any staffing changes. Also, our staffing information (how many teachers allotted) will also be communicated out in the Spring.
* In April, Allison will send out an email to parents, allowing them to share feedback for next year. There are NO guarantees, even if a written request of a friend or teacher is sent. Parents should focus on strengths and growth areas regarding their children instead - very helpful for teacher matches.

**Meeting Minutes Review and Approve**

* Reviewed last meeting minutes from Jan 11
* No responses to question posed on any amendments
* The minutes are approved as written

**Treasurer’s Report: Tiffany Bares**

* Fundraising: $26,282.48
* Expenditures: $23,096.11
* Motion to accept the financial report accepted with 16 yes

**PTA Activities: Erin Straub**

**Spelling Bee**

* Congratulations to our Sangster Spelling Bee winners - Katherine Song (1st), Francie Baroang (2nd) and Damian Anderle (3rd)!!

**Valentine’s Bingo**

* Date: Feb 12 and 13 (families may choose which date to attend)
* Time: 6-8pm (pizza from 6-7, bingo from 7-8)
* All tickets and pizza will be sold ahead of time ($5 per seat - everyone must have a ticket including parents)

**Science Fair**

* Date: Feb 27-29
* Participation is optional
* Registration is open
* Projects should be worked on at home, under parental supervision, independently or with partners.
* Link to register and guidelines: [https://bit.ly/4adYuCT](https://secure-web.cisco.com/1tvUjAWAu3j36uxKwe1lyd9L77mfwGDkMNog_MAPM-fXA_zfAR1KDYWerA6ej8kBnuM8eG-Dw9QkcksdSqkcc2dyy2XJFhfNDyZMpKmoYXmNAMm6oODAh59cW5Vf8Sk1y8eLMRILooKkHN3bMmYA1csUNIVRM_tyPcFfJGFYzlfg6EJKF5iJSOBTxzNPQq1IZ-W9O7_MUYOLhgp6YdJG3fNigyBpfRg8OnlBwvth4IwwvmqsZj_SFktOEUK_AncM0UzvICBVmE02IKYSs2TJhgr301gK5aWxXfmjOekvrZ2xYZXTOxakBMVqMv5ZhtlapkY2Xwlqy300PffyDEP0K5CdS_8QPJHYEahxmpRbT-mObRggxt0-TnnVvZz4MM-BoKHFTHvpjbx46N3eJ_0LGGjZLWPpJHFADnXa2ufDQKfmDs7oMi8wPljD1f9gV6iZvI1FBUraqlkMcGgV0bojKTQ/https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F4adYuCT?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=).

**West Springfield Pyramid Challenge**





**Membership: Margaret Lifsey**

* Current members: 250
* School Directory now available at <https://sangster.memberhub.com/directory>
* For questions contact Margaret Lifsey sangsterptadirectory@gmail.com.

**Volunteers: Tracy Winward**

* We are always looking for volunteers! To sign up for the volunteer list, please scan the QR code below. Questions? Please email our PTA Volunteer Coordinator, Tracy Winward at sangsterptavolunteers@gmail.com.Sign up: Scan QR or visit [https://forms.office.com/r/8NRp9sFfbP](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2Fr%2F8NRp9sFfbP&data=05%7C01%7C%7Ca71d971e8398499cbbe508db9eb11731%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638278255722993228%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wkC90CxDDVzFLzMUs%2FySG721HGb1Xj5FqLlCWX%2FvPQo%3D&reserved=0)

The next meeting will be held virtually on March 14, 2024 @ 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.