

Attendance:

- Present: Matt Meyers, Principal; Betsy Jessie, Treasurer; Emily Crook, Vice President; Kelly Nestingen, Teacher; Heidi Feuerhelm, Secretary
- Excused: Beth Allen, President

Treasurer's Report:

- Betsy shared the account balance is \$6,842.98.
- The recent Scrip fundraiser generated approximately \$300.
- No money was generated through the recent Spiritwear fundraiser.
- The December Cozy Party cost \$32.00.
 - Side note: next year, consider carrying this out in January, rather than December.
- Heidi will follow-up on the exact cost of the pizza lunch that was delivered to SL Staff 1/3/25.

Principal's Report:

- December's Kwik Books calendars are due tomorrow; many have already been submitted!
 - The prize for the next round will be another squishmallow.
- The 100th day of school will be 2/4/25 (unless there are Snow Days between now and then).
 - No PTG support is needed for this.
- Global Play Day is 2/5/25 and will be celebrated at Sand Lake Elementary.
 - No PTG support is needed for this.

New Business:

1. Follow up on support for Allison Boelter's family and SL staff: Ms. Boelter was a true force multiplier who had a positive impact on the entire school community. She is missed tremendously by Sand Lake staff and students. Sand Lake staff members have greatly appreciated the support they've received from families throughout the past week.
2. Discuss upcoming 1/14/25 Breakfast Buddies event: Information about this event will be sent to families tomorrow. PTG will pay for half the cost of this event.
3. Review additional logo options: Several new Viking-themed options for the SL PTG were shared; the group reacted positively to many of them.
4. Talk about a date for March's Restaurant Fundraiser with Toppers Pizza: This will be coordinated with the upcoming March concerts; the concerts for first and fifth grade are scheduled for 3/6/25, and the concerts for kindergarten and third grade are scheduled for 3/18/25.
5. Continue planning for the Bingo Night and Silent Auction event: This is scheduled for 4/10/25 from 6:00-7:00pm. Emily has purchased some of the materials needed for it. Bridgette has books for all students who attend. Ice cream vouchers may be provided as well. Planning this will be a focus of the PTG Meeting that's scheduled for 2/3/25.
6. Establish a timeline for the Fall Fun Run: We're aiming for 10/10/25 as a tentative date. We'd like to focus on planning this more during the March PTG Meeting. We're hoping Ms. Brandee Hrubes can join us. We'd like to talk about potentially hiring a company to help facilitate this event.
7. Talk about the 4/30/25 BBB Bingo event that we were invited to host: The group feels this is a wonderful opportunity! Heidi will follow-up with Jamie and Mario to let them know that 4/30/25 works well. This will make April the "month of Bingo" for Sand Lake. As a reminder, this is a community event for adults. Additional details (e.g., volunteer sign-ups, etc.) will be discussed at future meetings. Emily will share information on Facebook.

Open Discussion:

1. Discussed “Dads at Door” concept and how this might be implemented in the future to welcome students in the morning
 - a) Continue discussing at future meetings
2. Talked about volunteer needs of SL teachers and if/how this benefits them vs. adds more to their plates
 - a) Currently teachers receive support from two regular, ongoing volunteers and high-school students who are completing a practicum. This type of ongoing, regular support seems most beneficial for the time being.
3. Brainstormed additional ways to support staff (especially during this hard period)
 - a) PTG will provide coffee and donuts on a traveling cart in the morning on 1/13/25.
 - b) Lunch will continue to be provided during PT Conferences.
 - c) Vouchers for the food trucks were appreciated during the Back-To-School Night.
4. Mr. Meyers reminded the group that we need to discuss how we’re going to spend the money we’ve earned recently, particularly regarding requests from teachers. For example, do we want to implement a mini grant process? We may need to come up with a process. This should be discussed at the February PTG Meeting.
5. The Loggers have a reading program through which students can earn a ticket to a game and a chance to go on the field.

Meeting ended at approximately 7:10pm
