

SACAJAWEA PTG HYBRID MEETING NOTES

April 17, 2024 - Wednesday @ Noon

Sacajawea Room 107 & via Teams

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Board Members: President- Heather Huntoon
Secretary- Nicolle Litscher
Treasurer- Sharon Conaty
Volunteer Coordinator- Brittney Mauer
Member at Large- Kate Sheffield

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Administrators: Principal- Tracey Leyde
Capital Projects Manager and PBIS Coordinator- Laura Treece

WELCOME EVERYONE!

Attendees: Heather Huntoon, Nicolle Litscher, Megan Jackson, Jeff Klein, Virginia Fox, Brittney Mauer, Gina Oneill, Becky Ammerman, Sharon Conaty, Laura Treece, Tracey Leyde

Principal and Staff Presentations

- State testing:
 - May 7th start.
 - ELA will be a 2 hr. testing block and math testing will be in regular classes.
 - 8th grade will take WCAS Science as a block.
 - Testing should be wrapped up by May 23. Makeups through May 31.
 - Students will charge laptop overnight at school, wired headphones for testing, students encouraged to get good night's rest, eat a good breakfast (breakfast will be served in cafeteria at 840am free of charge), families are encouraged to avoid appts or absences during testing.
 - Homeroom will review test taking strategies and practice tests will be done up until test.
- End of the year updates:
 - Feeder event: Screenagers Part 3, April 22, catered by Ferrantes
 - Jr. Lilac Parade-May 11
 - 8th grade visits to LC and Ferris will be May 24 *Tentative*
 - Band, Choir, Orchestra awards concerts-May 28, 29, 30
 - 5th grade visits to SAC-May 28
 - Talent Show-June 7
 - Rocket Launch-Science classes first week of June
 - Silverwood Platinum Reward Trip-June 12

- 8th Grade fun day-June 13-inflatables booked and 2 volunteers will man each. There will also be other activities such as spike ball, cornhole, volleyball that will be run by teachers. Snacks/water, ice cream truck with volunteers to man food/water stations. DJ will be there as well.
 - Gina O'Neill will look into a photobooth.
- **Expo '74 Anniversary Field Trip (7th graders): May 2nd**
 - Busses depart SAC 9:20am
 - Students will be in groups of 25. They receive a map of Riverfront Park and visit 8 sites of significance noted on the map. At each site, Gonzaga students will greet the group and share the history of the site.
 - 7th grade teachers will accompany students, three or four parent volunteer chaperones will also be welcome. Permission slips will go out in home base next week. Students return around noon in time for their usual lunch.
- **Bubble Year:** This year we had about 150 additional 8th grade students in the Peperzak transition year than we normally have.
 - This equates to a reduction of overall staffing by about 5 teachers and potentially some other program support staff.
 - Teachers moving are Minahan, Kilbourne, Rockett, Turnbough, Sleeth.
- **Celebrations/Did you know...**
- CTE-A lot of projects and big work going on.
- ELA-continued to work with feeder pattern teachers on Vertical Alignment. The team is committed to writing grants for books and are leaders in the district for book approval process.
- 7th/8th: planning for Rocket Launch, a design and engineering challenge. 6th grade science is working on a plan to join the fun of an end of year engineering project. 7th is headed to Manito Gardens to do field experiments. 8th grade has been prepping all year to take the WCAS which covers 6-8th grade content.
- Math-continuing to work on refining the 9-grid, and they have been using MAP data to set big goals with the kids. Seeing incredible growth on MAP tests!
- Social Studies-integrating AP strategies into each of their classes. In 8th, this culminates with the CBA that students completed a few months ago.
- Kim Taylor-Teacher of the Month for April-Nominated by Loona Brewster!
- Ava Brattabo-Science Award. Yasuhara Science in Spokane Award, received invitation to compete in Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators, received an all-expense paid trip to International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, CA.
- RAD Award-600 kids, 3 on 3 basketball, dance Party, small pot gardening, popcorn and movie, pickleball.

- Extra-curricular offerings: most diverse and well attended in the district. Hundreds of kids are involved and participating every week. Track-170, Baseball-65, Badminton-26. Other clubs include cooking club, drill team, sac alliance, art club, gospel club, strategy game club, photography club, homework club, writer's society, and builder's club.
- Support former Thunderbirds (see flyers):
 - Teenage scoliosis.
 - Play it forward-collecting balls grant elementary.

Treasurer's Report

- Budget report: See attached Treasurer's Report
 - PTG Balance: \$12,845.04
 - Pending LC Feeder Event Fund Balance: \$1295.46

President's Report

- Vote for exec board positions for next year:
 - Heather Huntoon - President, Sharon Conaty - Treasurer, Nicolle Litscher - Secretary, Virginia Fox - Volunteer Coordinator, Megan Jackson - Member at Large
 - Shadowing opportunities for President, Treasurer and Secretary
- Flower basket sale update (Megan Jackson/Sharon Conaty):
 - 93 baskets sold as of today.
 - Repost on Facebook and send another reminder email for families.
 - Thursday, May 9 pickup.
- CAC Report (Diana Koorkanian-Sauders)
 - Not many updates: keeping Kindergarten enrollment open through start of school year, ECAP and Preschool-1000 spots and expecting to increase further, good data that doing early childhood development has had 10% increase in Kindergarten readiness.
 - Asked about art coming back: 3-5 as a standalone subject? It is continuing to be looked at. 6th art is an elective.
 - Cell phone policy: different policies for each level: elementary, middle, high school. Middle school setting is has become a huge issue, more of addiction problem, social media is a huge issue, parent voice.
 - Balanced calendar: 2025-2026 calendar won't be much different; parties reconvene for 2026-2027 calendar.
 - Want to address learning loss over summer, more natural breaks in the year for interventions. Year-round school was not the discussion. It was more about putting full week breaks in twice a year. Longer natural breaks would just be shifting 8 days at the front or at the end of the summer.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report

- Teacher appreciation week update: Ashley took the lead, Qdoba for one day (Thursday), Swell Coffee Cart (Tuesday the 7th), gift cards for a drawing at the end of the week, breakfast on Monday for one of the days (\$2500 budget).
- Volunteers for honor roll donuts: flip 6th and 8th grade for dates?

Secretary's Report

- Sac closet requests: Deodorant, girls and boys. Tshirts: Larger sizes, boys and girls.

Next Meeting – May 15, 2024 @ Noon