

SCPTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

9/5/2018

Wanda Gray Elementary

President Becky Volz: called to order at 9:15am thanked Wanda Gray for hosting

The Pledge of Allegiance: lead by Wanda Gray students

Becky Volz introduced PTA President: Kim Jackson, thanked Principal Angela Carder for her kindness and opportunity to keep parents/kids involved, asked all standing chair positions to rise, introduced officers Kristen Drynan, vice president; Mary Henderson, treasurer; Katrina Mitchell, secretary; shared details regarding the PTA school year, 22 committees, 162 members, projects: revamping Reflections committee along side of Springfield Council,. Very supportive parents, theme Kindness counts, Biggest event is "Write a check" fundraiser in September for teacher grants, Goal, to get dollars into classrooms. Thanked Springfield Council for the seminars provided to make PTA better.

Wanda Grey Principal Angela Carter introduced herself Thanked all for coming out and shared that Wanda Gray offers K-4th grade with 500 students. Their theme is "Kindness Counts". Mission and Vision Statement is focused on Academics, Character and Leadership. Their 4th grade students work leadership jobs; support/greeter, public speakers, recycling, lost and found to serve. Student leader Hunter was introduced. Hunter thanked all for coming, shared the theme; presented the students table artwork, the student led mission and vision statement, and two 4th grade songs lead by Mrs Tillery Music. Ms. Phoenix Art teacher.

Becky Volz shared highlights and introduced Superintendent Dr. John Jungman In 1924 PTA moms asked for Music and PE to be added to schools. Let's keep the ARTS in schools. Recognized 1st year Principals, Principals in new buildings, and new parents

Superintendent's report: Dr. John Jungman gave thanks to parents, grand parents, teachers, and administrators for attending, shared the district's excitement for the years start; reports 25000 students which includes 200 4yr old; Recognized and thanked Board member Gerry Lee for working hard on Strategic plan reports, along with 6 others.. This year's theme is "One Team One Dream". Together we can impact kids; it takes a team. The Ready Set Supply project provided supplies for 6300 students. More than 50 community partners made this happen. Celebrating that Open Houses will continue through the month of September. Welcome free FLU shots; Jordan Valley Health Center, Cox, Mercy, Greene County Health Department, FLU vaccines to be held at 55 school sites beginning Thursday, October 4th. Be aware of a community task force for facilities that includes parents, kids, teachers and other community leaders from the entire footprint of all feeder patterns are represented. They started in June analyzing facility master plan to set up recommendations for our future bond issue. Board will hear from them in October. Focusing on the most important project. Feedback can be provided to Becky Volz. The task force is trying to satisfy the needs of 50+ schools. Will have to make hard recommendations. Board thanks them for their dedication to our kids. Countless hours this summer with meetings and going to schools to make quality recommendations. Thanks to Becky Volz and all those on that task force serving. District Celebrates Special Education Teacher Jean Lawson/Truman Elementary; was Teacher of the year last spring she made it to Regional as a finalist for Missouri. Stephanie Onealy/Wanda Gray Elementary was awarded the

FOX5 Golden Apple Award We have over 1800 teachers and 1200 support personnel for 25000 kiddos. Last and most important aspect in school is safety. Academic success is important but Safety is first. Thanks to all for what is done for our kids.

Becky Volz Recognized the SPS administration and Introduced Dr. Brett Range and his team Director Jim Ferrell of School Police

Dr. Brett Range presented along side of Dr. Travis Shaw/Executive Director of Operations talked about safety...Thanks to Parents for supporting our Schools. Parents will have the opportunity to volunteer a whole lot. We have pretty old buildings which presents a challenge. We need to make sure kids are safe to learn. #1 Ensure Students and staff are safe and secure. #2 Prevent and respond to emergencies #3 Standardize drills. The three reasons why kids don't learn. The Board Voted in \$4.4 million dollars to help for secure and make our schools safe. In a couple of weeks 1st all certified staff, nurses, paras, custodians will go through safety training an additional 4 hours.. Areas will revolve around active shooting training, safety and procedural reviews, procedural training, on drills, and mental health/bully prevention will happen the second quarter. The 1st quarter the work is on active shooter training and safety compliance Since beginning of school every Tuesday and Thursday training is in session. Each school will have 1 drill with an officer actually present on site. There has been training for 6 schools after school for a total of two hours; 30 to 35 schools are completed; will be finished by the end of 1st quarter. Chief Ferrell and his officers are in charge. What are kids drilling on so they feel safe? 4 fire drills. Every school site has had 1 fire drill as of Sept 4th. 4 storm drills, 3 intruder/active shooter. Procedural training #1 visitors to school sites/ procedural. Make sure kids are released to correct people at all sites in the same manner. Controlled access to schools/site, Make sure all Exterior/Interior classroom Doors Lock so kids can be sheltered if need. Funnel all to one door. 2nd quarter Counselors will engage with staff. District is asking Mental Health professionals, from vendors to help beef up our mental health ie: Burrell Mental to help in this area with 11 identified schools. If it goes well will move farther. Will do two hour mental health/bullying training. All certified staff will get trained. (Paras, secretaries) to recognize when kids are being bullied, how to respond when kids say they are being bullied. Will take all these concerns seriously. Approved to hire 3 additional school police on site. All middle schools have a resource officer on site. Our own Police Force. Will have school text tip-line, can report anonymously 24/7 365 days. Gave a list of facility upgrades. In the area of safety. Addressed all cameras on exterior doors inside as well as outside. Upgraded intercoms made sure all worked properly. Making sure all schools have secure vestibule. Glendale was the only site that had a secure vestibule. We have a lot of schools to do upgrades to. Architectural are pricing right now. We have 20 plus schools getting pricing for secure vestibules. Will have total costs by 2nd meeting in Sept. We will get total cost then prioritize. Additional funds will come from future bond issue. Call 523-2911 for concerns for school police to address. District is doing everything they can with resources. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Open to questions from the floor. Voting cards on back table to register to vote. November and April

Becky Volz introduced Gerry Lee Associate Executive Director-Center for Education

Safety Gerry Lee reports from the boards perspective that School Safety is first; from state perspective Springfield is ahead of the game. School Safety is much bigger than active shooters. Statewide focus is on all of it. Safety is a culture. Change the culture. In this country Schools are the safest place for kids. Working hard to maintain. We are helping districts train in

Facilities, Policies, and Practices. Partnered with Homeland Security and Safety Center Leaders on the National level. Mission is to be Proactive. "Safety is not just a school issue". It is a community issue. Faith Base, parents, and community. CES Center for Education Safety offers a resource tool kit for safety issues www.mossanet.org

Information for students, parents, staff. Asked to become a MOSSA member applications at back of the room. The State allotted zero dollars towards safety. Building Relationships will help solve the problem. Contact information for Gerry Lee/Associate Executive Director/MSBA Center for Education Safety will answer questions on State or National level. 2100 1-70 Drive Southwest, Columbia, Mo. 65203 573-445-9920 ext. 384 800-221-6722 lee@mosba.org

Becky Volz introduced Jessica Rosa Reflections/Chair: Jessica Rosa reports that Reflections is Celebrating its 50th year. Reflections Program helps develop abstract thinking a know fact that employers are looking for this skill set. Reflections Program is being restructured to make it easier. Workshop will be held at the Art Museum on Nov. 10th training, seminar, ceremony and Showcase to be held at the Art Museum.

Becky Voltz asked all Springfield Council Executive Officers, Chair Persons and advisers to stand for recognition. Recognized Mary Christiano and Peggy Stepp RIF Program. The RIF Program will need to raise \$30,000 to give books away. Asked All to go SCPTA .com and look at the calendar to help with RIF sort and distributions. Also bake cookies before Christmas Parade. The budget and financial review is online please review for the vote in October. Leslie Norman, 2018/2019 Treasurer candidate see newsletter for bio. Mary Christiano moved that the Executive Board nominates Leslie Norman to be voted in as treasurer. Heather Buckner 2nd no opposition all agreed. Leslie Norman is official Treasurer for Council.

VP of Health and Public Services/Allison Lawson: Allison Lawson reported that the first day The Clothing Bank opened they served over 300 kiddos with a 2 to 3 hr wait. In August they served 589 students. 561 students received new socks and underwear. The Clothing bank wants to provide socks and underwear twice this year. Received a donation that included jewelry. Terry Dunam/ volunteer sorted each piece for kids to accessorize. Had adult pieces left. Clothing bank wants to offer the adult pieces for sell at General meetings to begin in October at Study meeting. Proceeds to purchase more socks and underwear. Laura Erwin Executive Board moved to sell adult jewelry pieces at council meetings and Aaron Mrand 2nd no oppositions.

Sergeant At Arms: Heather Buckner: reported

97 attendance

44 PTSA/PTA

41 Principals

17 Guests

30 units representatives

Door Prize winners: Aaron Sutton, Sara Huff, Michelle Rehklp, Tom Matterson

Thank you gift to Angela Carder Wanda Gray Principal for hosting

Adjourned at 10:38 am meeting adjourned

recording secretary Toi Allen