

**Sandpiper Boosters, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., Central time**  
**Cafetorium**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.

**Members Present**

Jamie Lynn, Ashley Templeton, Jennifer Gray, Miranda Jordan, Melissa Lott, Randi Doris, Lauren Butler, Emily Madden, Amber Archer, Jenny Browning, Oral Montoya, Kristen Standley, Liz Branch, Blanch Blount, Erika Buchert. Attendee introductions were made.

**Approval of Agenda**

The board reviewed the agenda. Ashley Templeton added an agenda item to set the date for the Aides, Cafeteria, Front Office, Custodians, ESE and Specials Staff luncheon. Jamie Lynn made the first motion to approve. Miranda Jordan seconded..

**Approval of Minutes**

The board reviewed the minutes. Jamie Lynn made the first motion to approve. Jennifer Gray seconded.

**Old and New Business**

**23-24 Directors for Election** - Jamie Lynn made a motion to approve new board members Amber Archer, Liz Branch, Jenny Browning, Randi Doris, Emily Madden, Ortal Montoya, Kristen Sandoe and Jessica Standley to serve a one year term for the 23-24 school year. Ashley Templeton seconded it. All meeting attendees said "aye" in favor of their nominations. The new members' terms will begin summer 2023.

**March Financial Update, Receipts Needed and Federal Tax Return Update** - Jennifer Gray stated that the Boosters bank balance as of March 31st was \$147,168.71. The Fun Run profited \$80,267.35 to date, but the Boosters are still waiting on the last few credit card transactions. Our original profit goal was \$75,000.00 which was exceeded. The new school sun shades and pavilion will be purchased and installed with these funds. Nick Whitehurst, DLE's plant manager, is collecting bids, conducting a faculty survey stating the faculty's needs and getting district approval of the project. He is getting one additional bid and will have fresh proposals within the week for approval. The Boosters donated \$5,000.00 for 15 new high quality tricycles that will be used in the Physical Education department and will last for years to come. Jennifer also stated that the bathroom renovations are now completed using a total of \$4,195.00 out of the approved \$5,000.00 budget. She also stated that a new Gardening club and Greenhouse are coming to DLE. The Boosters will donate \$1,000.00 to plant new trees in the garden. In addition, a donation of \$500.00 was made by Jeni Bailey and the MCB Foundation to get the garden back up and thriving. New irrigation has been added and summer maintenance will be needed.

**Federal Tax Return Update** - Jennifer Gray stated that even though Sandpiper Boosters is a 501(c)(3) we are required to file an annual tax return. The Boosters work with Amy Coleman of Hill Coleman CPA for this filing. Jennifer stated that we were approved an extension which allows us to file by May 15th.

**Testing Snack Prep Update** - Jennifer Gray stated that FAST testing for grades 3rd through 5th and STAR testing for Kindergarten through 2nd will begin within the next few weeks running through April and May. Pam Warren, DLE's school counselor, requested our assistance for snack donations. Boosters has budgeted \$2,000.00 for these donations and will assemble the snack bags on Friday, April 14th.

**Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1-5** - Jamie Lynn announced the save the date for DLE's Teacher Appreciation Week and theme "Our Teachers are Sun-Sational." She explained that there will be a different theme each day for students and families to send in gifts. Boosters will also host and provide snacks, luncheons and gifts each day in addition and solicit sponsors to help in the purchasing of these items.

**Spring Book Fair, April 10-20** - Jamie Lynn reminded everyone that the DLE Spring Book fair was still running through Thursday, April 20th and shift volunteers were still needed for the last week.

**Save the Date - Mothers Day Mingle, May 15** - Jamie Lynn announced that Mother's Day Mingle will be held Monday, May 15th and the location is to be determined. Boosters is looking at The Citizen and Fonville Press. Mother's Day Mingle is a free event, but an invite with RSVP will go out to help prepare.

**Teacher Luncheon for Aides, Cafeteria, Front Office, Custodians, ESE and Specials Staff** - Jamie Lynn stated that there were 38 faculty members in addition to the Kindergarten through 5th grade teachers that Boosters would like to recognize with an appreciation luncheon during April or May. The Boosters decided on Monday, April 24th at 1:00 p.m. for the luncheon in the teachers lounge. Dunlap & Shipman P.A. offered to sponsor the luncheon and Boosters decided on Chanticleer Eatery for catering.

**Principal Appreciation Day** - Jennifer Gray stated that Principal Appreciation Day is Monday, May 1st and Boosters discussed ideas and plans of how to celebrate.

**Thank you, 22-23 Board of Directors** - Jamie Lynn thanked the 2022-2023 Board of Directors for their efforts and support this past school year.

**Principal's Report** - Principal Carrie Chavers expressed her gratitude for the beautification of the teacher lounges, faculty bathrooms, the foyer and front office. She reminded everyone that Literacy Night will be taking place this evening, Tuesday, April 11th. Kindergarten through 2nd grades will attend from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 3rd through 5th grades will attend 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Chavers stated that the students of Dune Lakes have shown significant growth in their test results on both the FAST and STAR tests this past year. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Field Day Friday, April 21st and requested help prepping award ribbons. In closing, Carrie thanked the parents once again for a great year and expressed how fortunate Dune Lakes Elementary is to have such a great group of teachers and parents.

**Next Sandpiper Boosters General Meeting Date - Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Next Sandpiper Boosters Board of Directors Meeting Date - Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Dismissal**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.