

Sandpiper Boosters, Inc. General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 8:15 a.m., Central time
Cafetorium

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 a.m.

Members Present

Jamie Lynn, Jennifer Gray, Melissa Lott, Jessica Standley, Amber Archer, Liz Branch, Ortal Shaya-Montoya, Randi Doris, Jenny Browning, Kristen Sandoe, Emily Madden. There were 40 attendees present.

Old and New Business

Board of Directors Introduction - Jamie Lynn welcomed parents to the first Sandpiper Boosters meeting of the 2023-2024 school year. She and the 23-24 board members present introduced themselves.

Members present were Amber Archer, Liz Branch, Jenny Browning, Randi Doris, Jennifer Gray, Melissa Lott, Emily Madden, Kristen Sandoe, Ortal Shaya-Montoya and Jennifer Standley.

22-23 Financial Overview - Jennifer Gray gave a summary of the 2022-2023 P&L. The Boosters financial year runs from July 1st to June 30th. For the 22-23 school year, Boosters provided \$400.00 to each classroom. They profited \$18,871.00 from the annual Class T-Shirt Fundraiser, \$11,709.00 from the Winter Wonderland event, \$10,000.00 from the Annual Daddy Daughter Dance and over \$80,000.00 from the annual Fun Run. The Fun Run funded the new playground sunshades seen around campus.

Current Financial Report - Jennifer stated that as of July 31st the Boosters reconciled bank balance is currently \$42,127.00. Boosters profited over \$3,600.00 from spirit great sales at Orientation. Boosters spending this month included \$12,200.00 in classroom donations, \$2,600.00 in beverage expenses for our annual Tears and Cheers event, \$896.00 in new spirit gear "Family" t-shirts and \$485.00 for our annual Quickbooks online subscription. Jennifer has migrated all our financial data over to Quickbooks online from Quickbooks Desktop.

Principal's Report - Principal Carrie Chavers was happy to announce that Dune Lakes Elementary has had the smoothest back to school start since Covid. She was also happy to announce that for the 22-23 school year Dune Lakes was 72% proficient in ELA, 80% proficient in Math and 83% proficient in science. Principal Chavers shared that the school has hired approximately 12 new teachers for the 23-24 school year due to our growth. She also shared that Walton County Public School District is ranked #3 in the state of Florida and possibly #1 in safety in the state. Principal Chavers expressed that safety and education are the school's top priorities. She provided her cell phone number for anyone who needed to contact her and reminded everyone of the first "Second Cup of Coffee" coming up on September 7th at 8:00 a.m. Second Cup is a regular event where parents can come have a Q and A with Principal Chavers throughout the year. Principal Chavers also reminded everyone of school picture day coming up on September 18th and was happy to announce a new half day policy taking place on SWHS Homecoming Friday. She thanked all the parents once again for such a great smooth start to the school year.

August's Dune Lakes Dines - Jamie Lynn shared information regarding our monthly Boosters fundraiser Dune Lakes Dines Spirit Nights for parents new to DLE. She explained that local businesses offer a day or evening within a month of their choosing and donate 10-20% of their sale proceeds to Sandpiper

Boosters for that day. Jamie announced that Bahama Buck's Shaved Ice in Inlet Beach will be hosting our first Dune Lakes Dines on Wednesday, August 30th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. She also expressed our need for September, October and November commitments.

Sandpiper Boosters Website/Social Media - Jamie Lynn shared the Boosters Instagram and Facebook social media accounts, Remind account and the Sandpiper Boosters website for new parents to follow and receive updates.

Room Parents - Jamie Lynn shared the Room Parent Guidelines form for interested parents to review and stated there would be an upcoming room parent meeting in the near future. The date and time is to be determined. She asked that if any parents are interested to notify their homeroom teacher.

Volunteering/Events/Sponsorship Opportunities - Jamie Lynn shared with parents that all event volunteer and sponsorship opportunities will be available online and on social media for those interested in signing up. She referenced the 23-24 calendar of events handout and pointed out the upcoming Sandpiper Boosters events explaining that each would have a SignUpGenius including ways to help. Jamie shared that the next school event will be the Second Cup of Coffee with Principal Chavers in the cafeteria on Thursday, September 7th at 8:00 a.m. There will be a question box available for parents to turn in questions ahead of time for Principal Chavers to answer. Sandpiper Boosters' first family event will be Moms and Monsters held on Saturday, October 21st. Details are soon to come!

Spirit Store - Jamie Lynn reminded all parents that the previous 22-23 shirts are now for sale at a \$12.00 discount online. The new 23-24 Family shirts are also for sale online for \$20.00 and the new hoodies for sale online for \$35.00. Youth and Adult sizes are both available. Jamie let all parents know that the online Spirit Store is open year round. She also reminded everyone that each student gets one free class t-shirt for the year and any extras must be purchased if a student has misplaced or outgrown a shirt. Jamie also shared that Coast Hippy has created new additional spirit apparel for sale on the Coast Hippy website. All proceeds for these sales go to Dune Lakes Elementary.

Volunteer Forms and Notarization - Jamie Lynn announced that Julie Mason would be in the cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. following the meeting to notarize parent volunteer forms. She also shared that Jami Brown with the Walton County School District office will be at the school Thursday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m. to do fingerprinting as part of the volunteer background check process. This is necessary for parents who wish to chaperone field trips or help within the classrooms. Parents will need to bring \$75 cash and the fingerprints are good for 5 years.

Next Sandpiper Boosters Executive Board Meeting Dates - Tuesday, August 29th at 8:15 a.m. and Tuesday, September 26th at 8:15 a.m.

Next Sandpiper Boosters Board of Directors Meeting Date - Tuesday, September 12th at 8:15 a.m.

Dismissal

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.