

**Carl Sandburg School Accountability Committee Meeting
January 6, 2009**

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm in the Sandburg library.
- Persons in Attendance: Marj McDonald, Barb Richards, Christine Sweetland, Bonnie Dodd-Bensen, Chris Graham-Herring, Bill Hamilton, Normie Callif, Julie Vincelette, Chrsti James, Sally Tejan, Margi Severson, Tammy Walter. Guests were Beth Cooper and Sam Drury
- The minutes were reviewed and approved.
- Beth Cooper presented information about the Gifted and Talented (GT) program. She is the parent representative for Sandburg on the GT advisory Council. The statement she presented is attached.
- DAC Report – Bill Hamilton reported the DAC didn't meet in December.
- PTO Report – Barb Richards reviewed the PTO budget and stated the donation drive is doing very well as people have been very generous and they have also received matching funds from corporations. The auction is on Feb. 20th and the PTO is accepting donations for the auction. Scrips has made \$7000 to date
- School Accountability Report – Marj McDonald reviewed the school accountability report and changes that were made in reporting including following the same child's progress from year to year. Sandburg is .05% from being rated an excellent school and Marj attributes that growth to the PLC days where teachers have an opportunity to review the data and focus on learners individual needs.
- The teachers present stated what they do during their PLC time, which included working with their peers to share instructional practices as well as focus on trainings, and how to use the information learned. They find this time to be an energizing collaborative environment.
- PBS Results – Marj McDonald reviewed the PBS reports for December.
- School Survey – Marj McDonald passed around the school survey for everyone to review. Discussion included asking questions about things that can be changed, communication to the parents, and how the data has been consistent for the prior 3 years. A sub-committee was formed to review the questions and bring back to the CSSAC meeting in February. The sub-committee includes Bill Hamilton, Barb Cooper, Bonnie Dodd-Bensen and Linda Sweet for consultation on how the survey is formatted. The staff will work on the grade level portion of the survey and the PTO will work on their portion.
- Sally Tejan stated that the May 5th meeting is the same as a choir concert and it was decided that we would meet on that date and break in order to listen to the concert and come back afterwards to finish all other business.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

*Attachment – Gifted and Talented Report