

**Carl Sandburg Accountability Committee Meeting**  
**April 7, 2009**

**Members in attendance:** Marj McDonald, Sally Tejan, Margi Severson, Bill Hamilton, Meghan Burns, Holly Biggers, Christi James, Normie Calif, Christine Sweetland, Jen Muller, Kathy Egan, Linda Sweet, Elaine Fischer, Sally Tejan, Julie Vincelette, Chad Glidden

- The meeting came to order at 5:30pm
- Elaine Fischer spoke to the group about the role of the school counselor in elementary education. Ms. Fischer provides both direct and indirect services to Sandburg, and serves as a liaison to outside agencies. Academic achievement may be attained by removing the social and emotional barriers to learning. The benefits ripple down to positively impact all students. The services provided are dictated by the needs in the school. Elaine meets with all the classes at the beginning of the year and sends letters home to all parents. Issues discussed include: friendship, success in class, problem solving, bullying, new students and families-in-crisis. Elaine provides consultation services to staff and families. She wrote a grant for a violence prevention program for K-2 that ties to PBS and bully-proofing. Elaine attends SST meetings and teacher conferences as needed. District trainings and meetings with peer groups are also part of her \_\_\_\_\_. Elaine's hours will be extended from one day per week this year to two days per week for the school year 2009-2010.
- DAC Report by Bill Hamilton. Updates on legal issues including the mill levy freeze. Julie Carlson spoke about PLC days and the committee members role-played a PLC meeting. A legislature breakfast took place on March 16th where representatives spoke about current educational issues. Holly Biggers provided a legislative update and summarized the District Finance Symposium which took place 4/2/09.
- Jen Muller provided the PTO report. She reviewed the budget and upcoming end-of-year expenses. Most of the PTO chair positions are filled for next year. PTO is working on setting next year's calendar and planning Sneak-a-Peek.
- Principal's Report - Mrs. McDonald reviewed the upcoming end-of-year assessments (MAP, DRA2, Writing, Persistence, Math) and shared the monthly PBS report. In her report on weighted staffing, Mrs. McDonald informed the committee that the general fund will be reduced by \$10 per student next year. Mrs. Davenport is retiring at the end of this year and her replacement has been hired.
- Survey Report - Linda Sweet reported that the school Parent Survey received fewer responses this year than the past two years. Overall, the survey had fewer negative responses and included positive suggestions and confirmed that our school is heading in the right direction.
- The group reviewed CSSAC positions available next year and which members are in their last term.
- A Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is planned for 4/21/2009 at 6pm

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm