

## November 5, 2008 CSSAC MEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Barb Richards, Kathy Egan, Marj McDonald, Chad Glidden, Normi Calif, Dana Schunk-Smith, Linda Sweet, Christine Sweetland, Holly Biggers, Christi James, Sally Tejan, Tammy Walter, Bill Hamilton, Margi Severson, Meaghan Burns

### Opening

October minutes were approved.

### Guests

Laura Magruder reported on technology at Sandburg

- Provided examples of Photo Story and Kids Pics
- Reviewed website links to various education web sites and how they relate to class curriculum

Joe Burnham reviewed computer hardware counts at Sandburg

- 306 computers at school
- 71 from n-computer (1 computer turns into 4 by sharing the processor and RAM)
- 1:5 student /computer ratio
- 4:1 for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- 2:1 for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- 3:1 for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Starting to use Fileway for Students and teachers - allows students to access work from home
- The school acquired 30 netbooks - small laptops that access the internet via PODNET
- New File Server was purchased

Steven Newell

- 3 year grant ended in Spring 2008
- Self funding - the science program is now funded through PTO and included in school budget
- Hands-on instruction support - cross curriculum technology support for classroom instruction
- Hands-on dissection in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Robot Club is available for all interested 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and will include interested 4<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Goals include increased career modeling, netbook integration

### Standing Business

- Bill Hamilton reported on the DAC meeting - he will present on of the Sandburg cornerstones (Climate Culture Goal-persistence) at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

- Barb Richards reported on the PTO budget - fall fundraiser has been extended to November 7<sup>th</sup> - the school is half-way to the goal of \$18,000. The pledge drive (benefits staffing) has reached 90% of it goal.

#### New Business

- PBS results - 2008 incidents are lower than in 2007 October - Marge continues to monitor the events and provides detailed statistics regarding all incidents
- PLC update - the teachers present at the meeting provided the group with their comments about the PLC days and how the time is used:
  1. Many teachers use the time to discuss common assessments and exchange ideas as to how to motivate and connect to kids
  2. Many will refine and revisit goals that they set at the beginning of the year - they meet on a continuous basis which allows each teacher to update their progress and steps they are utilizing to achieve their goals.
  3. An exchange of ideas across multi-grades allows the teachers to find out what works for the kids and what does not work - they all draw on the strengths of each other to benefit the kids
  4. The "specials" meet with certain grade groups so that they can learn what the teachers are doing in class and apply that information in their "specials" to support the current curriculum