

Sandy Run Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2011

Presentation by Rachel Buchman (8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher):

-Science laptops are out of date. Science department is seeking assistance from PTO in replacing laptops and updating current laptop cart. They are looking to purchase 15 Dell Latitude laptops and the associated software. Students would use the laptops for presentations, videos, collecting data and enhance their classroom experience.

Cost Quotes:

Item	Cost
15 Dell Latitude E5520 Laptops	\$14,580.00
Office & Windows License for 15 Laptops	\$932.25
Symantec Subscription for 15 Laptops	\$531.50
<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>\$16,043.75</b>

Principal's Report:

- Traditional format for 6<sup>th</sup> grade BTS night.  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade BTS night has a new format. Homeroom lists will be posted. Parents will report to homeroom for schedule distribution. Parents will run through schedule.

- **Sandy Run Middle School Goals 2011-2012**

**1. Enhance and improve existing curricular programs and instructional delivery with special emphasis on the Achievement Gap.**

New for this year:

Novel incorporation in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Harcourt program

Great Books- Pull-out by Gary Hite for all advanced readers in 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Implementation of de-tracking of 8<sup>th</sup> grade math

Standards-based gifted science class

Implementation of blended –team schedule

Continue with DI initiative

**2. Create a positive affective environment for all students.** Incorporate more strategies to combat bullying, Utilize the services of behavioral specialists to a greater capacity.

**3. Successfully, implement the online discipline reporting system.**

**4. Promote fiscal accountability and “revenue raising”** through grants and other avenues.

**5. Continue to promote good communication between the school and the community.**

Improve website

Create more teacher-generated Wikis

Inform parents of clubs and student activities

Continued use of e-notify

Implement E-Friday folder

Continued use of Principal Wiki and parent postings

- Growing Achievement gap in 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Immediate Solutions

1. All teachers provided with “target lists” of all basic and below basic students.
2. Mentoring Program has been formed (H. Patrick, W. Sebulsky, P. Callaghan)

School Board Report:

Mike Paston- present

Main issues- bussing

Construction of the high school finished this year, by end of summer.

Treasurer's Report:

Budget presented and approved.

School Store:

Will also be at the annex on Fridays.