

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board and General Membership Meeting

September 19, 2018 – Central Office Conference Room

Attending: Kellie Dummer, Melissa Kachaturoff, Donna Blauet, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Debbie Yates, Debbie Pline, Sara Bennett, Lynda Scheel, Jon Wennstrom, Andrea Oquist, Dan Willenborg

Meeting called to order by Kellie Dummer at 6:04 PM

A motion was made by Donn and seconded by Melissa to accept the August meeting minutes as presented.

Budget - The 2018-2019 budget was discussed. At this point we are deficit spending due to decreased income. Discussion took place about the amount spent on Galileo and the need to lower it. The idea of asking units to donate towards it as they are able was again discussed. Kellie will speak with Cindy Scott about getting information out to the units about the program and possibly having alumni of the program speak about its value. Melissa motioned to accept the 2018-2019 budget as presented. Debbie Yates seconded and the motion was accepted.

Superintendent's Report - Andrea reported that open houses and curriculum night are going well and have been well attended. IReady tested is currently going on. The school board election will take place November 3 with 4 people running for 3 open seats including the 3 incumbents. October 3rd will be a meet the candidates forum at City Hall. December 1st will be the opening concert at the newly renovated Churchill PAC. New turf has been installed on the fields at Churchill. Stevenson and Franklin will receive turf next summer. Jackson Center has now been fully renovated after many, many years. Phase 5 of the building renovations is now complete. Niji Iro will receive updates next summer with money saved. Bridget Regan will be leaving Cleveland to take a position at Wayne RESA as a Reading Coordinator. Robb Witherspoon will be the new principal at Cleveland.

Elementary Liaison Report - Jon Wennstrom reported that K-6 buildings have completed the i-Ready test in reading and math. Reading levels are not being rested. The Buchanan renovation is amazing and they are looking forward to showing it off at Open House.

Secondary Liaison Report - Dan Willenborg reported in the new CHS fields and the renovations at Churchill and the Career Center. An open house is held in February at the Career Center for those who would like to see the changes. There are new staff throughout the secondary schools as well as new robotics coaches at Holmes and Emerson. Conferences will be Oct 10th and 11th for secondary schools with afternoon and evening options available based on parent feedback. Dan discussed the importance of attendance in school and the large number of students who are chronically absent. He also stated that they are seeing an increase in vaping and discussed the dangers of it. Last, he discussed the importance of keeping weapons securely locked up in homes to ensure they can't be accessed by teens.

Bylaws - The new bylaws template is out from State and all units need to update their bylaws. Kellie will update the template to MemberHub. Liaisons should check with their unit to ensure they understand the renewal of bylaws with the new templates as well as submitting the bylaws acknowledgement form and financial best practices form.

Clothing Depot - Lynda reported that the Clothing Depot is doing well and can not accept more clothes at this time due to the large number of donations.

Founders Day - Debbie Pline reported that Founders Day will be February 13th. She has meet with Amanda to turn over all files. A meeting will be called to discuss the format.

Chili Cook Off - Kellie reported that the Chili Cook Off will be moved to January 19th due to conflicts.

Masterworks – The packets are ready and will be distributed to the schools on Friday.

Membership – Mandy reported that we have 361 members paid for August with Stevenson, Holmes, and Kennedy submitting.

Newsletter – The newsletter will be sent periodically as there is information to report.

PEP – Melissa reported that PEP is updated. The PEP email must be notified or CCed to receive points. Results will be posted monthly.

Reflections – Debbie Yates reported that she is working on chair and 14 units do have a chairperson in place. Debbie is working on simplifying the process so no one is discouraged and does not enter due to the process to submit. The program will take place on January 15th with viewing of projects at 6:30 and the program beginning at 7:00. The goal is to have 50 percent more entries than last year.

Website – Debbie Yates is continuing to update the website with 19 of 35 pages completed. The front page is not updated for easy access. Any updates or changes should be communicated to her.

YMAD – The celebration will be held on April 25th at Churchill. Kellie is checking with Karen regarding the forms.

Michigan PTA is looking for volunteers to appear in training videos.

MemberHub training will be offered by Michigan PTA on September 29th. See Kellie for the link.

The Meet and Greet with the Central Office staff will take place on October 15th at 5:45. The time has been moved back due to a school board committee meeting. Light refreshments will be available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pline, Recording Secretary