

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

June 8, 2022

In attendance: Andrea Malenfant, Lynda Scheel, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Laura Ulaszek, Danielle Daniels, Kellie Dummer, Debbie Pline, Nikki Watson, Daniel Willenborg, Chris Chmura, Sara Bennett, Nicole Dant, Monique Cadoret.

In attendance via Zoom: Mike Testa, Patty Novak

Meeting called at 6:06 p.m. by Mandy G.

Approval of April meeting minutes: motion by Lynda S., 2nd by Chris C. Minutes unanimously approved.

Superintendent Report – Dan W. for Andrea O.

- Council's IEP Binder Event materials will be funded by the district (\$6500.00). The district felt that this was something they wanted to personally fund. Dr. Tairaiol will be Andrea M.'s main contact for this. Big thank you to LPS for funding this!

Secondary Report – Dan W.

- Graduation ceremonies last weekend. Working on ways to get better cooperation from parents regarding noise during ceremonies.
- Final Assessments for Middle schools on half days 6/16 – 6/17, for high schools on half days 6/15 – 6/17.
- Some administration changes: Ms. Kristen Quesada for principal at CHS, Mr. Roger Opsommer for Holmes principal.
- Interviews for new Asst. Principals for SHS and CHS wrapped up today. Interviews for new Asst. Principal at Emerson will be tomorrow.
- Anticipate that the free breakfast/lunch program will not be continued next year. Encourage families to fill out the reduced/free lunch form if they need it.
- Transportation needs announcement will go out next week.
- Enrollment confirmation will go out on Aug 1st (emergency contact info, etc.). Please encourage units to spread the word when it goes out.
- Dan thanked Council for continued partnership throughout the years. Dan retiring after 26 years in LPS. Council presented Dan with a gift basket that included etched glasses made by the Ausome Designs students from the Western Wayne Skill Center.

Elementary Report – Danielle D. for Jon Wennstrom

- Admin changes for Elementary: Jon Wennstrom as Riley's new principal, Jen Wilson as Buchanan's new principal, Lora Boka as a student services coordinator for LPS, Kristyn Cousino as Webster's new principal, Mike Daraskavich as Hoover's new principal, and Julie Linn as Randolph's new principal.
- Kindergarten round-up this week at all elementary buildings.
- Summer Learning in L Town camps information flyer has gone out to families. Camps in each triad for 2nd – 8th and one week of camp (Aug 8th – 11th) for incoming and current kindergarten students. Family Fridays will be happening again with information coming soon. Tutoring will also be offered in person with no virtual option. Andrea M. asked what supports will be available at

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the camps for children with IEP's and 504's. Danielle D. stated there will be special education teachers, paras, social workers, and psychologists on staff at the camps.

- Renovations this summer at Kennedy, Coolidge, Randolph, Cooper, Emerson.
- Project Lead the Way Pilot (a 5th special for K-4) is stem, project-based learning that will be at Hayes, Hoover, and Randolph. 1 teacher at each of these buildings for this.
- Kindergarten Grouping Pilot will be at Kennedy, Roosevelt, and Cleveland. This entails mixing groups of K students for the 1st week of school where each student will meet all the teachers and after properly assessing needs, they will be placed in their classrooms the 2nd week of school.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws Update – Nikki Watson

- Presented updated bylaws for Council to be in accordance with the approved amendments to MI PTA bylaws last August. Biggest change is the \$40 dues to MI PTA is now due December 1st instead of June 1st.
- Livonia PTSA Bylaws are now in compliance with the latest Council bylaws template released by MI PTA.

ELVS/Math APS Update – Chris C.

- ELVS received 155 signups. Currently have 50 volunteers right now. Held a contest at the 3 high schools to get more volunteers to sign up. Winner got a Barnes & Noble gift card for their school library.
- Currently in the process of assignments. It will run July 27th – August 19th.
- Kellie D. stated some Robotics students are willing to be alternate volunteers if needed.
- Math APS currently has 40 students signed up and 20 volunteers signed up. There are also some Math APS alternate volunteers as well. Assignments are happening next week.

Special Athletes Request – Andrea M.

- Andrea M. proposed that Council draft a letter of support for the Young Athletes Program continuation in LPS. Physical Education Teachers Carolyn Mulkiten, Lorraine Giorgino, and Sarah Plum sent a proposal to the School Board for this (see proposal included). The main thing it requires is having full time Phys Ed. teachers at elementary buildings with special education programs. The program ran this year at Grant, Randolph, and Webster and was a tremendous success. Council unanimously approved a letter of support to be drafted up by Andrea M.

2022 – 2023 Calendar – Mandy G.

Tentative calendar created by Council as follows:

Aug LPTSAC Mtg – 8/17

Costume Closet Event – Aug or Sept

First Day of School – 9/6?

Sept LPTSAC Mtg – 9/21

Council Meet and Greet – Sept or Oct

Candidate Forum – Sept/Oct

IEP Binder Event – October

Food Staff Appreciation - November

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Nov LPTSAC Mtg & Workshop – 11/16
Jan LPTSAC Mtg – 1/18
Chili Cook Off – 1/21
Reflections Ceremony – January
Founders' Day – 2/15
Transportation Appreciation - March
March LPTSAC – 3/15
April LPTSAC Mtg – 4/19 & Elections
YMAD celebration – 4/27
Officer Training – 5/24
June LPTSAC Mtg – 6/7
Council Audit – 7/19

2022– 2023 Liaison Info – Mandy G.

- Schools that have 2 board members as liaisons and they can still ask for a liaison for the purpose of PEP. Or as long as they send an email inviting one of the Council board members to their meeting and Cc'ing PEP they will receive their points.
- Council members were asked to sign up to be a liaison if they wish to be and indicate their preferred method(s) of contact for units. They were also asked to indicate if they are willing to take more than 1 school.

Audit Party – Mandy G.

- Happening July 20th
- Will post on Officer's Forum and send email at the end of June

Monique Cadoret Council Application

- References from Mr. English and Mrs. Wheeler sent to Council about Monique with glowing reviews about her.
- Motion to approve Monique joining the LPTSA Council by Lynda S., 2nd by Nikki W. Unanimous approval. Welcome Monique!

OLD BUSINESS

YMAD Celebration – Nikki W. and Debbie P.

- Celebration went very well and was well attended.
- Next year need to remind unit chairs to take any projects home that were left.

Officer Training – Mandy G.

- Went well with 19 out of 22 schools in attendance.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Nicole D.

- Deposits – donation of \$6.07
- Checks made to:

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- Debbie Y. for Reflections
- Mandy G. for Founders' Day/Hospitality/Reflections/Admin
- Andrea M. for Reflections/Founders' Day
- Stevenson PTSA, Franklin PTSA, and Webster PTA from the Greenmeade Holiday Nights donation.

President's Report – Mandy G.

- Mandy G. thanks Council for working with her these past 2 years as she served as President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mike T.

- Student opportunity petition or "Voucher Petition" will not be on ballot but still collecting signatures in hopes of making it veto proof. If anyone asks you to sign, please be aware of what you are signing. There are people misleading others on what it's really about. MI PTA will put more information out regarding this.
- BOE Elections this November. Mike would like Council to host another Candidate Forum and would plan over the summer. Would like it to be in person. Would like to ask the district if we can use one of the buildings.

PEP – Sara B.

- Points already coming in for the 2022 – 2023 year. So far Cleveland, Hayes, Hoover, and Webster are leading.

Membership – Sara B.

- Outstanding membership dues from some units (Niji, Roosevelt, and Randolph).
- One unit needs to pay for 80 members!
- Current membership number is 2,684.

Founders' Day – Kellie D.

- Suggested we contact St. Mary's now to book next year's Founders' Day.
- Mandy G. will call to book it.

Website – Laura U.

- Asked that we check the Council website pages that our relevant to our positions and let her know what needs to be updated.

Committee Chairs taking new positions for the 2022 – 2023 year:

- Bylaws: Nikki W.
- Membership: Nicole D.
- Reflections Co-Chair: Monique C.
- Student Involvement: Andrea M.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Lynda S., 2nd by Debbie P.

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