

## Livonia PTSA Council EB Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

**In attendance:** Andrea Malenfant, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Kellie Dummer, Nikki Watson, Jon Wennstrom, Chris Chmura, Robb Drzewicki, Debbie Pline, Laura Ulaszek, Debbie Yates, Sara Bennett, Andrea Oquist, Daniel Willenborg, Nicole Dant

**In attendance via Zoom:** Emily Bagwell (Kiwanis Club), Julie Turk, Lynda Scheel, Patty Novak, Mike Testa

**Meeting Called:** 5:34 p.m. by Mandy G.

**Approval of August meeting minutes:** Motion by Chris C. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robb D. Minutes approved unanimously.

**Superintendent Report:** Andrea Oquist

- LPS piloting IHA Pediatric Clinic at Cleveland Elementary. Available to all families of Cleveland students. A pediatrician will be available 2 days/week. Offering everything from well-baby visits to general sick visits.
- Brain storming meetings happening for Bond money. Visionary work, planning renovations, and upgrades. Hoping to get A/C in all schools within the next 2 years.
- Transportation is working hard to get things to go smoother.
- Numbers on free Breakfast and Lunches so far:  
**2019** – 4300 breakfasts distributed      **2021** - 8292 breakfasts distributed  
**2019** – 17,395 lunches distributed      **2021** – 28,802 lunches distributed

**Secondary Report:** Dan Willenborg

- Great start to school, all students are wearing masks. Thank you to students and families for their cooperation.
- Homecoming next weekend outside at Franklin H.S.
- Secondary count number 100 less than last year. Count day October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Currently trying to figure out school events with ways to prevent exposure.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> conferences.
- November 5<sup>th</sup> end of 1<sup>st</sup> card marking.

**Elementary Report:** Jon Wennstrom

- Worked through kinks from the first couple of days.
- Open houses are wrapping up this week.
- Virtual Curriculum Nights for Elementary. Got nice feedback about it.
- September is assessment month for ELA & Math.
- By October, intervention groups begin.

**Budget Presentation:** Nicole D.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Malenfant

- Presentation of LPTSA Council's proposed budget for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Motion by Kellie D., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris C. All in favor of proposed budget. Budget passes unanimously.

**Livonia Kiwanis:** Emily Bagwell

- Wanted to reach out to units to join Kiwanis.
- Would like to collaborate to do more family friendly events.
- Want to help schools with potential needs and hoping to work with PTAs more.
- Event next weekend, Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, "Fleece and Thank You" making fleece blankets for Children's Hospitals. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Feldman Chevrolet and RSVPs are needed.
- If interested in working with Kiwanis, email livoniakiwanis.org.

**Corn Roast Event:** Mandy G.

- Need 2 tables. Andrea M. and Sara B. will bring them.
- Set up is from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Kellie D. and Sara B. will bring canopies.
- Bake Sale and 50/50 raffle.

**School Board Meet & Greet:** Mandy G.

- Mandy G. will talk to Andrea O. to coordinate.
- September 27<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting will recognize LPTSA Council being awarded MI PTA's Council of the Year award.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Bylaws & Policies and Procedures:** Andrea M.

- Spoke with MI PTA regarding amendments to MI PTA's bylaws. Did it trickle down to us? No, it does not. No changes/amendments are needed. MI PTA will be releasing another bylaws template with said changes but stated it will be up to Councils and units to change them if they want.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report:** Kellie D.

- Thank You card from transportation for Bus Driver Appreciation.
- Maybe consider Food Service Appreciation Day? May 6, 2022. Contact Pat Schuchardt to confirm number of Food Service employees in the district.

**President's Report:** Mandy G.

- Please make sure you are reaching out to liaison schools.
- Would like to discuss Council members volunteering at a unit event to help boost membership. Unit with a specific % of membership will win this perk. Will discuss more to figure out logistics.

**Membership:** Sara B.

- Currently 1400 members

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Malenfant

- Three schools have already achieved last year's membership numbers: Niji-Iro, Hayes, and Franklin.
- National PTA Membership contest to have 125 members by 12/25.
- Unit dues to Council are due by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**P.E.P.:** Sara B.

- Presented current rankings.

**Founder's Day:** Kellie D.

- Has been talking with Schoolcraft for available menu. We knew most likely price would increase.
- We normally do Chef's Choice option, drinks, and dessert.
- They told Kellie no special pricing and that it would be \$45 per person for what we usually do.
- Kellie is currently waiting for the director to respond back to her. Hoping to get it figured out soon.

**YMAD:** Nikki W. & Debbie P.

- Need YMAD chairs for majority of units.

Motion to adjourn by Nicole D. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris C.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Malenfant