

Livonia PTSA Council EB Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021

In attendance: Andrea Malenfant, Mike Testa, Nikki Watson, Kellie Dummer, Debbie Pline, Debbie Yates, Nicole Dant, Laura Ulaszek, Jon Wennstrom, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Patty Novak, Andrea Oquist, Sara Bennett (via Zoom).

Meeting called: 6:17 p.m. by Mandy G.

Approval of June meeting minutes: Motion by Mandy G. Minutes approved unanimously.

Superintendent Report: Andrea Oquist

- Congratulations to Council for winning MI PTA's Council of the Year Award. Invited Council to the September BOE meeting to formally announce and congratulate.
- Currently in process of prepping for school year. Mitigations are of course front and center, especially masks and social distancing.
- Electronic information packets on Parent Connect for families to complete.
- Fall athletics has started. Have been receiving positive feedback on not having to pay to play.
- Preparing for Open Houses. Information in the Dialogue and LPS website.
- Summer programs were well attended. K-1 camps and 2nd-8th camps ending tomorrow. Shout out to staff who ran all the summer programs. Are camps able to be done in the future? Would like to but depends on funds available.
- District is currently tracking COVID data. They are meeting with medical professionals regarding Fall mitigations.
- BOE discussed at last meeting the possibility of K-6 wearing masks with frequent re-evaluations. BOE DOES NOT have to vote on mitigations plans for the Fall.
- District mostly looking at Livonia's data and hoping to have a plan to present to the BOE at next meeting.
- Mrs. Oquist asked for feedback from Council regarding their thoughts on possible mitigation measures for the Fall.

Elementary Report: Jon Wennstrom

- Thank you to Mrs. Oquist for getting feedback from staff on what went well or didn't last year.
- K-1 camps are going very well as well as summer SACC. Shout out to all the coordinators.
- Elementary level working on schedules, mitigation factors, cleaning protocols.
- August 24th will be for building tours for new families.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Malenfant

- Elementary staff have been working on PLCs to collaborate with each other for the best plan for student learning. Also working on Social & Emotional learning for the well-being of students.

NEW BUSINESS

Advocacy: Mike T.

- Could we have the City Council Candidate forum possibly at our September 15th meeting? Or maybe the first week of October if any of the candidates can't do September?
- One candidate suggested doing it via Zoom, but Mike thinks it would be better to hold it in person.
- It would run about 40 – 45 minutes. Each candidate would speak for 3 minutes.
- Council would invite 2 board members from each unit to keep the number of attendees low due to COVID.
- Plan to have it recorded and then be shared.

BOE Meet & Greet: When to have school board meet and greet? Andrea Oquist suggested in October. Maybe on the 11th or the 18th at 5:30 p.m. before their meetings.

Corn Roast: Mandy G.

- Mandy talked with Robb. We'll be set up near the LPS Foundation.
- We will do a Bake Sale and possibly 50/50 once we get full approval from Chamber for it.
- Andrea M. volunteered to bring a canopy
- Date is September 19th. Set up can start at 9:30 a.m. The event runs from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Party: Mandy G.

- All units were represented. 2 schools (Rosedale & Johnson) still need to finish theirs.

MI PTA Convention: Mandy G.

- Didn't feel like the Whova App was all that great.
- Very interested in the Student Engagement discussion. How can we implement that in Council? New Committee? Who to chair it? Chris Chmura's name was mentioned for it.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Nicole D.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Malenfant

- Bank informed her that there must be \$500 in the checking account at all times in order to avoid fees.
- Checks made to State of MI, Andrea M., Livonia Chamber of Commerce, and Debbie Yates.

2nd VP Report: Kellie D.

- Has key to the Dickinson Center. Should pick a date to go there to go through the Council items there.

President's Report: Mandy G.

- Reach out to your liaison schools about uploading necessary documents to Memberhub now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bylaws & Policies & Procedures: Andrea M.

- Will email Tonya Pitkin regarding the newly approved verbiage in MI PTA's bylaws. Does this trickle down to us? Do we need to update ours? Will the units need to?
- Patty N. will send Andrea an area in the MI PTA Bylaws that she thinks needs to be changed.

Chamber Liaison: Kellie D.

- There will be a DEI Forum by the Western Wayne Chamber on September 9th for anyone interested. Email was sent to Council with all the information.

Clothing Depot: Kellie D.

- Appointments are still necessary, and they are hesitant to open for donations yet.
- There are a few sizes they are in need of. Kellie will post about those.

Diversity & Inclusion: Debbie Y.

- 13 Facebook posts since last meeting.
- Posted 2 diversity book lists.
- DEI presentation at Officer's Training.
- Will be having DEI training for units on October 5th.
- Attended DEI workshops at MI PTA Convention.

Reflections: Debbie Y.

- State winners celebrated at MI PTA Convention with a virtual walkthrough.
- Hosted training for unit Reflections Chairs. 14 schools have a chairperson.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Malenfant

Website: Debbie Y.

- Updated PEP, emails, and some other pages.

ELVS: Debbie P.

- This week is the final week. Will start getting books back.
- No issues have come up.
- Been meeting at parks.

Founder's Day: Kellie D.

- Reached out and prices may increase due to increase in produce and other items. May need to increase ticket prices.
- Debbie P. stated that we always choose "Chef's Choice" option to keep the cost lower.
- Will inform units that there may be a price increase.

Membership: Sara B.

- 50 members right now.
- Franklin challenged Churchill to a membership contest.
- Unit dues to Council are due on October 28th.

PEP: Sara B.

- Given PEP sheet with current standings.

Newsletter: Laura U.

- Reminder for articles for next newsletter.
- Will send out in the beginning of September.
- Last newsletter had 260 views.

STEM: Patty N.

- Math Apps done. Using games went well.
- Will ask for families to share pics for next year.

YMAD: Nikki W. & Debbie P.

- Still early to start for this year.
- Sending out email to units for chairpersons

Meeting Adjourned by Mandy Gerstenbrand at 8:04 p.m.