

# WDSA Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Micaela Balzer

**Meeting Attendance** – Julianna Hanna, Colleen Taylor, Erika Darling, Tracey Barton, Alexandra Huhta, Bree Anderson, Vicky Bellon, Nell K. (BOE rep) Micaela Balzer.

**Welcome** – Meeting was brought to order by president Julianna Hanna, and introductions commenced.

**Treasurer's Report** - \$5,000 went to Load the Library, \$200 MSUFCU for Fun Run. We were slightly over on Ice Cream Social budget by \$10.  
Alex moved to approved the Treasurer's report, Vicky 2<sup>nd</sup> the move. All in favor.

**Teacher's Report** – Erika Darling  
Halloween parade scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Talking with parents about Title I implementation during conferences. Make-A-Plate each teacher is doing it slightly different.

**Principal's Report** – Tracey Barton  
Redoing entry procedure, Michelle Scott is the AM safety coordinator. First grade moved to the side of the building for safety. Could use parents to support and help supervise in the AM, additionally to stop playing basketball to reduce tardiness.

AM assemblies on Monday and Friday going well, students adapted to it quickly.  
Math Curriculum teachers adjusting the use of it, successful for students.

Title I – working really well, the support is great.

Val is supporting K-2

Jen is supporting 3<sup>rd</sup>/4th/5<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Darling – stated it was super incredible. 5<sup>th</sup> grade showing high needs, the team has worked together to do core instruction. Kids are learning and growing.

Bree brought up consistency of teachers, and Erika Darling echoed the support.

Project based learning project school plan, includes science. Writing and science integrated, and well as including social sciences. Females for STEAM from the middle school are coming for supporting with coding lessons.

Drop-Off concerns – Julianna asked about waiting kids and potential fighting. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade area. Interns or parents were requested for support but not necessarily a good fit.  
2 lanes are being formed at drop-off curb– signs have been suggested, but not as effective as we hoped.

Labeling staff parking area. Colleen requested presence, and something needs to be done.

Bree voiced concern about not having school nurses for any medical needs or emergencies. Tracey and Nell did not know if the nurses were on staff on district level. Donley was mentioned because it has high medical needs for trained staff.

#### **School Board Report – Nell Kuhnmuench**

Greetings from the board, Title I status was celebrated.

Allyson Knox was awarded as a Distinguished Alumni Award from ELEF last Spring and has connected with the Females in STEM. Graduate of ELHS was national recognized for a musical that he wrote. Trying to develop a home page that can celebrate wonderful accomplishments from ELHS alumni.

October 10 was declared as Indigenous Day, and was brought up by Kate Powers, and crafted by other trustees.

Bond work is continuing – meeting again this Thursday evening – no public comment.

Trustees Powers and Edsall are looking into biking to Elementary buildings, concerns over liabilities are still being considered.

Parent Councils are invited back to board meetings and are back on the agenda.

Question about survey for the bond, a potential re-release?

Postcard went out to most likely to vote in a bond election, as well as City Hall, Library and principals have a hard copy, paper copies available upon request. Julianna brought up that intentions were great but timing might not have been good. Concerns will be addressed at this week Bond meeting – principals have additional ideas. December 5<sup>th</sup> public hearing, and voting December 12<sup>th</sup>. Bree brought up timing on voting was brought up as a concern, as well as cost of special elections.

#### **DPC Report - Alex Huhta**

Candidates Forum on October 27<sup>th</sup> at MacDonald Middle School at 7:00 p.m. – DPC is hosting.

Pre-selected questions – with hand-outs with bibliography. One questions with every candidate answering. One point, one questions, all candidates expected to attend.

Pinecrest School does Movie Night for each grade level as a fundraiser, only \$170 was raised, it was brought up as a future idea.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Fun Run – Alex and Vicky - Total nearing \$10,000! Expenses still need to be considered, as well as taking out some money for next years event (\$450). Potentially scheduling with Pinecrest to share resources. Estimated profit from this year is \$8,000. Way to go Donley! Principal Tracey will be in costume as a pirate.

Pumpkin Festival – Kandy was not present, the event is November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Make a Plate – Kelly to email Tracey directions for teachers.

STEAM – Greg Dufner is the lead teacher, more details to come.

March is Reading Month – Bree – thoughts and ideas on a district wide collaboration.

**Approval of Minutes** – presented by Micaea

Motion to approve minutes, Bree, seconded by Colleen. Meeting minutes were approved.

**New Business -**

New website, that is mobile friendly was brought up by Bree – potentially a future project.

Spirit Wear - Tie-dye, blue & white, zip-up hoodie, pink or purple t-shirts, and baseball t-shirts, available soon.

Don't forget to sign up for Kroger plus card, community rewards! Box-tops will be promoted this year – details to come. Marcos card fundraiser will be requested, look for details soon.

**Adjournment**

Bree motioned to adjourn, Colleen seconded.