

ELPS District School Council Minutes

January 19, 2024

Noon

Held in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Angela Michael, Julie Tobin, Linden Brown-Wren, Katie Hubbard, Jill Selke, Erin Cazal, Glenn Mitcham, Christian Palasty

Called to order at 12:02

Tech Update – Christian Palasty

- Posted a position for a Gaming and Esports Coordinator.
- Qualifications for this position would be someone with gaming background and knowledge of esports leagues.
- Esports engages a group of students who might not normally join a club or sport and allows them to socialize and compete.
- No travel costs.
- Broadcasting and journalism opportunities associated with this club.
- Posting a position for a Performing Arts and Technical Manager.
- This is a specialized position that is tough to fill.
- Tech schedule – cycling out Samsung books that were purchased during Covid.
- Security enhancements in proposed bond – more cameras, security at doors, PA systems, integrated HVAC systems

Academic Update – Glenn Mitcham

- Everything ELPS does falls into the three buckets represented in the ELPS mission – Nurturing each child, Educating all students, Building world citizens.
- Nurturing each child
  - Social Emotional Learning programming
  - Elementary – Second Step.
  - Professional Development – teachers get a deeper understanding of the language and culture of Second Step and ELPS's philosophy on how we interact with each other. The goal is that everyone in the building will implement the programming.
  - MS and HS build on their SEL programming each year.
- Educating all students
  - Multi-tier systems of support
  - How are we giving kids what they need when they need it?
  - Implement a system for how to provide additional resources for students who need help.
  - Monthly meetings with a team around the student that could include a social worker or academic interventionist.
  - In MS and HS, focus on grades, behavior and attendance.

- Through grants, ELPS has been able to add new positions to connect with and support students.
- Building world citizens
  - DEI initiatives
  - Elementary – diverse books. Mirrors and windows – students can see themselves represented in literature and also learn about other cultures.
  - All buildings have equity teams. To prioritize this initiative, ELPS is paying members of these teams.
  - “Inspect what you expect” – weekly meetings with building representatives to gage progress on goals.

#### Administrative Update – Glenn Mitcham

- Contracted with Secure Education Consultants (SEC) to address safety concerns.
- SEC performed an audit and identified what ELPS is doing well and where we need to improve.
- Administration completed Active Shooter Training and will be training the rest of the staff at the February and March PD days.
- Six ELPS staff have completed BTAM training and are implementing these policies across the district on how to identify and handle threats.
- \$23M bond proposal (continuation of current millage – no tax increase) vote on May 7 would include a safe secure entrance at the HS, new central office, new carpet at MS, new door locks at MS and HS, more cameras, additional security enhancements.

#### Building Updates

High School – no update

Donley – Paul Shanks and Heather Findley attended their last meeting. Currently planning Book Bingo and auction.

Glencairn – Book Fair update - \$3,196 Scholastic Dollars will go to classroom teachers for supplies. Movie night on 1/26. Science Night on 2/7.

Marble – Science Night 2/22. Planning a dance instead of a movie night.

Red Cedar – Glove & Mitten Drive update. Movie Night 2/8 with a sensory friendly option. Added a fundraising committee. Will be hosting a Coffee with the Council to engage with parents in a more informal environment – stay after drop off to learn about the council. Requested budget examples from other councils.

Next Meeting 2/9/24

Adjourn 12:56

Building Reps:

Donley Julie Tobin  
Glencairn Erin Cazal  
Green Meghan Drouare  
Marble Jill Selke  
Red Cedar Linden Brown-Wren  
Whitehills Jessica Eyde  
MacDonald Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth  
High School Angela Michael