

## MINUTES FOR WILLIAM DONLEY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 1/19/2016

### CALL TO ORDER

A monthly meeting of the WDSA was held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Donley Library. The meeting began at 7:05pm and was presided over by Jeff Powers.

### ATTENDEES

Jeff Powers (President), Julianna Hanna (Vice-President), Colleen Taylor (Treasurer), Nichole Martin (Secretary), Teacher Representation; Julie Rairigh, Laura Culberson, Julie Lenardson, Kelsie Becktel, and parents at-large; Micaela Balzer, Alexandra Huhta, Jen Louagie, Heather Daniel, Nancy Mesko, Karin Pfeiffer, Christina Thomas, Jen Clarz, Bree Anderson, Kate Powers and Tracey Barton.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alexandra Huhta and seconded by Colleen Taylor, all favored.

### OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Treasurer's report presented by Colleen Taylor

There were only a few expenses for the month.

We paid a small fee for the Make-A-Plate Fundraiser.

We had one bounced check fee.

We have received word that we will be provided a large check from Delta Dental however it has not been received to date.

A donation was made from a Matilda Jane (Colleen Taylor) fundraiser as well as Land O'Lakes (Vicki Bellon)

ELEF assisted with paying for RazKids.

#### Principal's Report was given.

Mrs. Barton reported on Title I Progress (School-wide Title I) including the Data/School Improvement Plan. It is planned to that the school will submit its request for Title I School-wide with the State of Michigan in May 2016. If granted this will allow flexibility with kids and supplies for building wide use.

#### Teacher Reports

Laura Culberson discussed the GRSP, noting it was an evaluated program through the Ingham ISD with a 5-star rating, which focuses on kids being ready for kindergarten through reading in the specific areas of Phonemic Scheming and Print Awareness.

Julie Rairigh discussed there are currently 30 students utilizing SLP services at Donley at this time with an emphasis on receptive and expressive language development with a focus on auditory and phonemic scheming. The goal of SLP work in elementary school is to assist youth in developing skills to not need SLP when in Middle School.

Julie Lenardson discussed small group interactions and the positive interactions that were happening as a result of this work within the school. ELEF provided six kits for the second Step Program. She discussed C.H.A.M.P.S. and PRIDE Slips as well as a breakdown of the weekly morning assemblies with a M/F focus on behavior lessons and T/W/R assemblies being shorter in nature to get kids to class.

Kelsie Becktel discuss the current Ames Web Testing that 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders were conducting in the areas of reading and math fluency.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Make a Plate

The fundraiser overall went well, however we will not be ordering mugs next year due to damage and difficulty with shipping the mugs.

The Load the Library Gala (Silent Auction, Fundraiser & Story Night) will be held on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We continue to be in need of Silent Auction Items. It has been communicated that we will be receiving \$5,000 from Delta Dental. Kids can also still 'Adopt a Book' for \$15.00. The teacher's doors will be decorated with Dr. Seuss' Book Covers/Characters.

International Night – Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Cancelled due to low interest level

Marco's Pizza Night – Will be moved to Thursday Nights!! Help support your classroom and Donley as the whole!

### **SPECIAL SPEAKER: Dr. Robyne Thompson**

Dr. Thompson noted that there is a lot of programming taking place at Donley. She challenge the WDSA to the following question, "What can we do to change the story of Donley?" She also discussed working hard to grow as a district as she learned about the outside perceptions of East Lansing Public Schools. Dr. Thompson also discussed some programming and partnerships that are being worked on in the community including some Honor's Programming at the high school with a Student Advisory Group, an after school STEM Program, work with the local Rotary Club and potential STEAM or STEM learning through project based building.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTATIONS**

Karin Pfeiffer attended the WDSA on behalf of Safe Routes to School. She noted that Nationwide only 15% of children are walking/biking to school despite research that shows the positive effect for kids in regards to physical activity and exercise. They are working on applying for some K-8 non-infrastructure grants. Karin noted a need for a representative from Donley to sit on the SR2S Committee and asked for a Letter of Support from the WDSA Parent Council.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We encourage all parents to attend and participate in our monthly WDSA meetings we appreciate your input. Please "Like" the WDSA Facebook Page to stay up to date with the latest Donley/WDSA news and happenings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Julianna Hanna moved the meeting be adjourned, second by Bree Anderson and favored by all 9:08pm.

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Nichole E. Martin, Secretary 2015-16  
William Donley School Association

3/15/16  
Date of Approval