

WDSA Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Micaela Balzer

Meeting Attendance – Julianna Hanna, Colleen Taylor, Nichole Martin, Guiren Ye, Michaela Norman, Tracey Barton, Alexandra Huhta, Bree Anderson, Jeff Powers, Vicky Bellon, Kelly Luther, Kandy Politowski, Micaela Balzer.

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

Treasurer's Report – copies of upcoming budget presented by Colleen Taylor

Highlights – bank interest of \$4.80, Load the Library payment has been made in two payments due to books when books were available and delivered. Moved \$5,000 from MMA account for this effort, results is that our library is full of books.

Shannon (Librarian) sent email – student lost books \$149.50, with staff lost books total is \$291+. Proposed actions was to clean slate and pay off balance of student lost books at the beginning of school year, plus teachers portion as well.

Motion to approved the pay-off payment, Bree. Supported by Kelly

Teachers Report - Great start, getting use to new routines. Well start to school year, especially first day. Thank for allowing teachers to turn in receipts from money spent in the classrooms. Raz-Kids program fees will be paid by the district. Splash math, will be paid by WDSA.

Room captains were brought up, and Mikayla reported that soon it will be addressed.

Principals Report – Great start to the school year, morning drop-off is difficult but progressing and expect continued success. Entering is a bit different than previous years, 1st grade parents had some pushback. Still working with changes, and ways to help, this change in morning routine was to align with other elementary morning procedures. Morning assemblies are only Monday and Friday. 2nd Step lessons, will be taught by teachers until 8th lesson, then the Anti-Bullying lesson will be taught by behavioral specialist. Math curriculum is going well, 3 dedicated teacher support lesson for the Math instruction support. With Title I funds, teachers will be receiving professional development. Project Based Learning (PBL) will also receive professional development. PBL learning achieves differential teaching, which is important. Teachers will participate in this training. Tracey was invited to present at Board Level by Karen Hoene on PBL.

Conscious discipline will also be implemented. Conscious discipline has considerations with backgrounds, social economic, experience, as they are working with students. Good Fit times block are also implemented at Donley.

Parents will be invited to Friday assemblies, and email will be sent out within the week.

M-Step will be happening again, 3-year contract, will be posted October 1st as public documents. Top to bottom list. Overall score, and the GAP report. Success reducing the gap, and strategies in place to continue to work. Not teaching to the test, but guided instruction is important. New math curriculum is aligned with the language used in M-Step. One year to establish a new norm for evaluation.

Stable staff, no turnover, first time in 14 years, Donley added two full time Title I teachers.

School Board Report – Karen Hoene

Missed being at meetings and excited to be here. Main focus at this time at board level is the bond – bond committee meeting weekly, survey will be going out by end of the week. Website, potential e-blast to be available in different languages. Early childhood committee meeting, presenting to Bond Committee. Early childhood has not been promoted in our culture, so an increased focus is important. Preschool survey was supported, and making cost effective programs representing a blended support. Options would be explored, both supported by paying options, and non-paying options. Ready to offer a pilot program as early as 2017. Two types of opportunities for in-school options, as well as a dedicated place.

Para-professionals posting will be going up, and hopefully be in place post count day. Glencarin and Marble both have Kindergartens with high enrollments of 27, so a para-pro is the best option to support those classrooms. Permeable boundaries was brought up as a conflict in neighborhood community schools.

High School convert bathroom to non-gendered bathroom, and students advocated for this.

DPC Report/Fundraising Report –

DPC is planning to host a meet and greet for Board of Education candidates, at the High School with a moderator. One platform and place for discussion is the ultimate goal. No dates or time has been set at this time.

Parents brought up overcrowding in other elementary classrooms, the affects of permeable boundaries. 15 new teachers were hired at East Lansing school district. 800 students school of choice in East Lansing at this time.

Fundraising – renew your Kroger reward cards, Box Tops – competition school wide. Marcos Pizza is Thursday nights.

October 5th – Walk to School – Kate Powers is the official contact for Donley, she needs support to make this happen. There will be locations for children who might live far away to participate.

Apple Crunch Day – October 13th – cafeteria is aware.

Labels for Education is no longer a program, but any remaining labels should be turned in.

ELEF is brought by Jeff Powers, for teachers and programming with grants that have been posted this week. Applications are due October 14th. Early December award is expected for these grants.

Pizza box fundraiser was discussed, and classrooms will possible be decorating instead of Art class.

Committee Reports

Fun Run - \$ 1000.00 has been raised at this time. Tracey will be dress-up if the goal is met of \$8000.00. Kids will vote. Kids Fun Run – will be October 6th.

Credit Cards – online only, cash and check in the envelopes. Prizes for kids who turn in their pledges. This is the last year for full service for Fun Run, options will be explored post this event this year.

Pumpkin Fest – Date change

Date has been changed to **November 4th**. Four different fraternities and sororities have been contacted, and are coming back to volunteer. LCC clubs were reached out for volunteering opportunities as well. Materials have been checked and mini prizes are still needed, inventory is low. Sorting tickets was important, and Nichole Martin was super supportive last year. Cotton Candy and Snow Cones price (tickets) will increased this year in hope we fundraise more money. Pizza should be donated as well, and Kandy still thinking about event logistics. Pumpkinfest committee meeting will be posted once a date is set. Sign-up Genius will be posted closer to the event. Bounce house will not be part of Pumpkinfest.

Book fair - \$750 in scholastic book awards, \$300 to Fun Run for teachers incentives, and The BOGO will be during the Winter Book Fair. Amy York wanted to thank you Colleen and Alex for set-up support.

Fall Clean-Up – October 1st – weeding and mums to be planted. First grade door, and the sign needs improvements. Donuts and coffee – after the morning Friday assemblies was discussed. Date has been changed to Friday, October 7th.

Calendar updates were discussed that more details like time needed to be included. Suggest that we have times and details one side, and a Quick Glance calendar on the other side of document.

Make a Plate – Gift are planned to arrive before Winter Break, to avoid late shipment process will begin in October Conferences can be used to show students work. By October 10th instructions and materials will be given to the teachers, and an email will be sent prior with

specific directions. On November 4th plate decorations will be sent out to the company for production.

New Business/Announcements

New Fundraising Ideas – Julianna Hanna

Cookie Dough Sales will be included this year to help us raise funds.

Spring Fundraiser – hanging plants for sale.

Marco's Pizza \$10 cards will be explored to see about this an option.

Noodles Company is an option – great percentage back.

March is Reading Month – Bree Anderson, Big author's to present school wide is an idea.

Generation Science – Micaela Balzer, all elementary 2nd graders pilot program that focus on STEM learning. More details to be discussed in future meetings.

Motion to Adjourn by Nichole Martin, seconded by Colleen Taylor