

WDSA Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Liisa Morton.

Meeting Attendance: Julianna Hanna, Tracy Barton, Liisa Morton, Bree Anderson, Jen & Ben Louagie, Jenny Leaf, Cassandra Glover, Nichole Martin, Iris Henry, Alex Huhta, Kelly Luther, R. Rye, Gracie B., A. Ari, Rebecca L.

Meeting commenced 7 pm

Welcome - Meeting brought to order by president Julianna Hanna and introductions commenced

Approval of Minutes - Presented by Liisa. Motion to approve February 2017 minutes by Alex and seconded by Jen.

Treasurer's report: presented by Kelly

Bank interest - \$1.59

Marco's - \$76

\$275 was paid to Nature Discovery for Steam night

\$100 was for teacher reimbursement

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Alex and seconded by Bree.

Principal's Report – Tracy Barton

Title One Onsite review: Ms. Norman and Tracy have been working together to get the paperwork ready for the onsite Title One review. The review will take place at the school on April 14th.

MSTEP will begin after Spring Break. The MSTEP is for grades 3-5. The test will begin the week after Spring Break and will take place on computers. The Grade 3 test is not as long as the test taken in grades 4&5.

Kindergarten Information night has taken place. Head start program will be contacted to make sure that all eligible kindergarten students are enrolled for the fall. Will have 2 kindergarten classes for the fall along with DK and GSRP.

Field trip transportation concerns have been addressed. Teachers will not have to be concerned with fundraising to cover transportation costs as the district will cover the cost of bussing. Teachers would like the WDSA to put a line item in the budget to let them know how much the WDSA will give each class to put towards the cost of field trips each year. Teachers realize that they might have to do some fundraising to undertake field trips if they use all of the money that the WDSA allocates for them.

Wind Advisory – there was some very windy weather recently. There have been some concerns raised regarding the wind and student safety and this will be discussed.

Board Report – Nichole Martin

There is a new video and there are new flyers available for the upcoming Bond. Anyone who is in the East Lansing School district is eligible to vote on May 2. Questions were asked about how Red Cedar will be used if the bond passes. The plan is to build a new Donley and to renovate Red Cedar to use as swing space. It is too early to determine Red Cedar's use beyond that of swing space as it will depend on the need of the district three years from now.

There is a proposed housing development on the golf course close to Donley. The board has already been meeting with the planning commission regarding the proposal of 250 houses being built there. It is not known at this time whether or not the proposed development will go forth, but as soon as there is a definite plan, then the developers will have a definite timeline and then the school board will also have a definite timeline for planning purposes.

The grade 2 classes will be going to Impression 5. Ms. Maloney and Mrs. Rourke received a grant from the ELEF and I5 to cover the costs of having I5 educators come to the school and for the kids to go to I5. The children are studying Trebuchets and will be constructing their own trebuchets. As a result of the grant, all grade 2 classes in the district are going to be doing a similar project and going to I5 as part of their studies.

The search for a Superintendent will begin in the summer. Dori Leyko is acting Superintendent until then.

Every other Monday is an open board meeting at 7 pm. Please come out to show the Board what positive things are happening at the schools.

DPC/Fundraising Report – Alex

Box Tops – Everyone needs to be vigilant about cutting them out and turning them in as they do expire.

Kroger – please encourage everyone to sign up. The sign up does need to be done annually, but anyone who shops at Kroger can sign up.

Marco's – The 1st Thursday of every month is Donley Pizza night. Please remember to say that you are with Donley and name a teacher when you order. In June, we are going to have the kids decorate their own pizza boxes and then kids can order pizza and get it in their personally decorated box.

Labels for education – still going on but only until the end of the school year and then this program is being discontinued.

We are also looking at Amazon and Target for more potential fundraising opportunities.

Spirit Wear – the link for Spirit wear came out. It is being sold from March thru May 2017. There might be samples available to look at at the Dance in April.

Committee Reports

March is Reading Month. Julianna thanked Bree for all of her hard work on getting the doors ready for the Month. Bree mentioned that the theme for next year has already been chosen – Get Wild about Reading.

Dance – Diving Down with the Donley Dolphin Dance will be held Friday April 21. It is a family dance with an underwater/Hawaiian theme. It was decided to have healthy snacks available at the dance. The dance also coincides with the last night of the BOGO Book Fair. May need help decorating the gym – a sign up will be sent out later.

Mileage club starts the week after spring break. Please remember to get your kids signed up for this. A sign up will be sent out for parents to help out with Mileage club.

International Night – May 18th. Grades 3-5 will be having their end of year Sing concert in the gym during this event. They would like the singing to be first and then have other activities going on afterwards. This event is still in the planning stages. They would like to have more hands on activities for

the kids to do. The café worked really well last year and would like people to participate in that too. They will begin to have smaller meetings to get this event planned, so if anyone is interested, please let us know.

Yearbook – Alex has been looking into the possibility of getting a yearbook for Donley.

Teacher Appreciation – first week of May. Idea is to provide the teachers with three lunches. Will have a sign up genius for that.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Jen and seconded by Bree.
Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.