

WDSA Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Liisa Morton

Meeting Attendance: Liisa Morton, Bree Andersson, Julianna Hanna, Micaela Balzer, Colleen Taylor, Tracy Barton, Laura Culverson, Alex Huhta,

Meeting commenced at 7 pm.

Welcome – Meeting brought to order by President Micaela Balzer and introductions commenced.

Approval of Minutes - presented by Julianna Hanna. Motion to approve the February 2018 minutes was made by Alex and seconded by Colleen.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Colleen.

\$250 was spent on STEAM Night programming - \$200 for Nature Discovery and \$50 for the MSU Museum.

\$151.90 was spent for March is Reading Month - \$100 in prizes and \$51.90 in materials for the doors.

\$548 – was spent on the Staff shirts for the Donley Dash.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Julianna and seconded by Bree.

Teacher's Report – Laura Culverson - Laura spoke about literacy in the preschool program. When students first begin preschool, the focus is on phonemic awareness. By March, most students recognize the alphabet and can recognize the sounds of the alphabet. Almost all of the children are also able to recognize the names of their classmates. Now they will begin to focus on writing their letters and will be encouraging writing along with their drawing.

Principal's Report – Tracy Barton – Tracy spoke about the 3rd grade reading law. If the children are below grade level on their benchmark tests, then they are put on an individual reading plan. This school year, 1st grade and kindergarten children were tested and, if needed, were put on individual reading plans. In first grade, there was great improvement – 7 children were released from their individual plans. Next year the 2nd and 3rd grades will be tested.

Donley was listed as the 2nd most diverse school in Michigan on Niche.com.

Board Report – there was no Board member present. Micaela read the report that was sent to her from the Board representative. A resolution opposing guns in the schools was released by the ELHS. The Board is still negotiating the calendars. No decisions have been made. School of choice numbers are beginning to be looked at and there will be safety upgrades made to the schools over Spring break.

DPC Report – Alex - Gloria Thomas came to the meeting. She is promoting ASK – asking safe kids. She is willing to come into the school or meeting to give a presentation about awareness and gun safety.

Committee Reports

Dance – Things are under control. We are having a real DJ for the music and are having Oreos and Snow Cones as snacks. The book fair is also opening that night.

Book Fair – Opening April 13 from 5:30 – 7:30. It will also be open Monday April 16 – Thursday April 19 before and after school.

Teacher Appreciation – We need to start thinking about it now for May.

Spring Sing – is May 8 and starts at 6 pm. We will have flowers for sale at the event and photos too.

Safe Routes to School - Walking Wednesdays will begin after Spring Break. We have 2 meeting areas identified for walkers. One area is in Heritage Hills and the other in Carriage Hills.

New Business – Need to think about the Elections for next year. We need to find a Secretary and a Co-treasurer.

Next meeting is April 17.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting made by Julianna and seconded by Bree. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.