

WDSA Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Liisa Morton

Meeting Attendance: Liisa Morton, Vicky Bellon, Alicia Austin, Micaela Balzer, Colleen Taylor, Alex Huhta, Emily Ostrowski, Tracy Barton, Yasmina Bouraoui, Bree Anderson, Nancy Mesko, Julianna Hanna, Lesley Keith.

Meeting commenced: 7:03 pm

Approval of Minutes: Presented by Liisa. Motion to approve May 2017 minutes made by Bree and seconded by Alex.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Colleen. The bank account was compromised in August. \$434.30 was charged to the account. The bank has canceled the compromised card. Papers have been given to the bank and it should be resolved soon.

There was interest of \$2.53 over the summer.

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

Principal Report: Tracy Barton. Donley has had a great start to the school year. Many people are talking about the raw data scores from the MSTEP testing this spring. Donley has made a lot of growth and has moved up significantly. The top to bottom ranking data is still to be released, but Donley had made a lot of growth.

There are 3 new staff members with Donley this year, an interventionist, a resource room teacher and a support worker. We also have 2 new interns in the 5th Grade.

Enrollment at Donley is at 272, which is about the same as last year. There are many new families at the school.

There are still a couple of issues with the car line in the mornings – some people are still parking their cars in that line. Remember that the driveway is for drop off only – if you need to get out of your vehicle, please park in the parking lot.

Just a reminder for people to also check their emails (and junk email boxes) for emails from the school.

School Board: Yasmina Bouraoui (Board Rep). The MSTEP data has been released and Donley has done well. The District still has some room for improvement. All Employees who have contact with children have had seclusion and restraint awareness training completed.

Red Cedar Elementary is being renovated. Donley and Glencairn will begin construction next year. The building committee will be having their next meeting on Oct 12 at the High School at 10 am. The capacity of the new elementary schools will be similar at all

schools. There have been some questions regarding energy efficiency and the buildings will be as efficient as they can be within the budget. The buildings will have air conditioning.

A question was raised about permeable boundaries. The Board will be looking at the issue at their next policy meeting on Oct. 12 (4:30-7 pm).

DPC / Fundraising Reports : Alex

The District Parent Council will be having their first meeting in October. The Superintendent is at the meetings. The DPC would like to make better use of the council and would like to provide support behind causes that impact the all schools. Our representatives would like to bring school start times and bussing issues to the rest of the representatives.

Fundraising: Amazon Smile is now in place. In order to benefit the school, a shopper must go to AmazonSmile.com to start shopping. You can select the William Donley School Association and then go from there.

We have 10 families registered with Kroger. More families need to sign up online for this. There is also a Box Tops Bonus App that people can download and scan receipts to collect Bonus box tops for the school in addition to cutting box tops from boxes.

Marco's pizza night has begun. It is the first Thursday of the month.
Donley Dash – it has started!

Make a Plate – Jen Louagie will be taking it over. The information for this fundraiser will be going out at Parent/Teacher conferences. The idea is to have the orders sent at the beginning of November so that the products will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Tracy Barton also spoke about doing a school wide fundraiser to reimburse the building budget. Perhaps a cookie dough sale.

Committee reports

Donley Dash - Vicky and Alex. So far \$943 has been raised. This is the major fundraiser for the WDSA. The goal is \$8000. The run takes place Oct. 5 between 12 and 3 pm. Playmakers will come in to run the fun run for us. There will be MSU students helping out as well. The different grades run at different times. The kids have a great time. The website for donations is new this year. There are a few growing pains with that.

Pumpkin Fest – Oct. 13. Kandy is working on donations. We have approval to decorate the haunted house. This is a fun carnival. All of the classrooms have a fun activity for the kids to do. The kids buy tickets to participate in the games and to eat food. A sign up genius will go up soon.

International night – Juliana. International night is Nov 15. We are also opening the vault that night. We will go back to tables and food. The plan is to open the vault at the beginning of the night and then have people go around to the different tables. Perhaps have a passport that people can get stamped at the various tables?

Book Fair – Nancy. Liisa and I will be doing a webinar soon. Book fair will be Nov. 27 – Dec. 1. The books will be delivered before the thanksgiving break.

Fall clean up – This is completely voluntary. We will need some tools for this event.

New Business

Library – Shannon has let us know that there are lost and overdue fines totally \$145 that now need to be paid. The WDSA will pay those fines.

October's Meeting will be at Edgewood Village.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Juliana and seconded by Alex.
Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.