

ELPS District School Council Minutes
March 3, 2023
Noon
Held in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Linden Brown-Wren, Meg Drouare, Angela Michael, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth

Called to order at 12:04

Introductions

February Minutes Approved at 12:05; motioned by Meg, seconded by Angela

No Administrative Update or Guest Speaker Available

Building Updates:

- High School – Doing a community event movie screening, probably in March, of the documentary The Mask You Live In. Planning to have someone from MSU facilitate a conversation around the movie. The MMSCC had offered to partner with the HS council for the event, but the HS council has it covered.
- Red Cedar – Wanted to buy a popcorn maker, did a Go Fund Me fundraiser, and raised over \$700. The popcorn maker was delivered on 3/3. Students don't know about the popcorn machine but are working to earn a popcorn party before spring break if they read enough. Theme is "Pop open a good book". After that, plan to start popcorn Fridays.
- MacDonald Middle School – Activity Night went really well, over 300 kids attended, and they made more money than previous event. The 8th grade dance committee met, MMSCC will pay for the DJ and students will raise the rest of the money for that dance. The kids picked a glow in the dark theme.
- Green – The Book Fair Boogie dance on 2/24 went really well. The book fair was thrown off a bit by the snow days that week, but they were able to extend it through Monday, and it was open during the dance for parents to shop. The dance was 1 ½ hours, and cost \$1 per person. It is not a drop off event but is a family event. Got donations of water and some concessions, so was pretty low cost. And had a book themed craft available if kids need a break from the dance.
- Donley – Had Book Bingo event on 3/2. This is primarily put on by the teachers, but the WDSA assists. Asked for community donations of books for all levels and for new small stuffed animals. Also got book donations from Schuler Books. Had a station where kids could adopt a reading buddy, with adoption certificates, then families could play bingo to win books. Books were laid out on tables in the hallway, with sections for board books, picture books, chapter books and adult books. Throughout the bingo games teachers would also announce other book winning categories (examples: everyone wearing green, everyone with an even birthday, everyone with an odd birthday, each grade level, etc.) The goal is for each person to go home with as many free books as possible. Also had representatives from EL public library there to help families sign up for library cards. Donley has a popcorn machine and does popcorn Fridays about once a month, sometimes as part of a PBIS reward students can earn. We get all supplies (bags, popcorn, oil) from Popity Popcorn Co., and we take the machine to them to be cleaned once a year or so. We have either a 12 oz or 16 oz kettle, and it usually takes about 1.5-2 hours to pop enough for the school. Typically have 3-4 volunteers, one makes and scoops the popcorn, the others count bags out, open bags for filling, tape them shut when filled and deliver to classrooms. We typically use the STEAM room for making popcorn. For regular popcorn Fridays, we have large tote bags for each classroom to deliver the bags in. We get a list from the office of how many students per class to make sure we deliver the right

amount. We also reach out to teachers for students with allergies/braces so that we have safe treats for those students as well, which we deliver as well. For a PBIS reward popcorn day, we pop and fill bags the same way, but instead of delivering to classes, we have them out on tables in the STEAM room, along with bottles of water and juice pouches, which are typically other rewards the students can earn, and the students come down with their classes to get their rewards. This is usually paired with a movie and pajama day. When we make popcorn we also make sure to deliver some to each of the specials teachers, the library and the front office, so that no staff are left out. We typically buy popcorn supplies once or twice a year, and Popity Pop will often deliver to the school. Working on getting more information about the exact supplies we use and our setup, but let me know if there are any questions.

- Marble – Not available
- Glencairn – Not available
- Whitehills – Not available

Next Meeting 4/7

Adjourned 12:55

Building Reps:

Donley	Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth
Glencairn	Natalie Bertoia
Green	Meghan Drouare
Marble	Tana Hemsley
Red Cedar	Linden Brown-Wren
Whitehills	Sara Cunningham
MacDonald	Meghan Drouare
High School	Angela Michael