

ELPS District School Council Minutes

May 5, 2023

Noon

Held in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Dori Leyko, Meg Drouare, Jessica Eyde, Angela Michael, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth

Called to order at 12:05

April Minutes approved at 12:06; motioned by Meg, seconded by Angela

Administrative Update – Dori Leyko

- Currently in the process of hiring a number of positions, including a high school principal, high school girls basketball coach, elementary teachers, elementary social worker, and elementary speech and language teacher. Some districts struggle to get positions filled, but ELPS typically gets a good crop of candidates. By getting positions filled now, there are often opportunities for new teachers to teach a couple of classes during summer school.
- Working on wrapping up this school year and planning for next school year at the same time. Just finished last Professional Development day for this year and all elementary staff participated in critical response training. Active shooter training is one component of the training, but it applies to all kinds of building emergencies. Feedback was extremely positive on this training and its relevance. The training includes information about how the brain works during a crisis, and to help understand what parts of the brain shut down or are activated and helped teach how to make decisions in an emergency. Secondary staff will be doing this training in August. An additional hour of training will be available in the fall at each building, which is a scenario to practice role-playing a threat. It is less intense than ALICE training, but gives the opportunity for staff to practice.
- Dori and some other staff are additionally taking part in Behavioral Threat Assessment Management Training hosted by the Michigan State Police Office of School Safety. Have already taken part in some initial training, but this advanced training will help to have a team in place to be able to do threat assessments and evaluate how to handle threats that arise. This is a group that can be called when a person is in crisis and should include everyone who may be able to help, as they learn how to respond and give/get appropriate support.
- Spring sports have been very rescheduled this year due to weather, so it is getting pretty busy, trying to fit in all of the games and events.

Elections:

- Not all school councils have had elections yet, so not all DSC representative positions have been filled yet.
- For now, Angela and Rhiannon will plan to be co-presidents, and Rhiannon will continue with meeting minutes as well, until we have enough representatives to fill the positions.
- Rhiannon and Angela plan to meet during the summer to schedule meetings for next year and propose groups/committees to invite for next year's meetings.

Building Updates:

- High School – no updates
- Green – Silent auction starts next week to raise money for a popcorn machine. Kids did teacher appreciation this week, with a donated Carabbas lunch and simple ideas for the other days, like make a card for teacher or bring a sweet treat/act really sweet day.
- Whitehills – Today was popcorn Friday, offered to share tips for popcorn machine with Green and what supplies are needed. Book fair was last week and went well, kids loved it. Carnival was a few weeks ago and was lots of fun.

- Middle School – Safe Routes to School came to discuss upcoming improvements on Burcham. They are also looking to work with the community on ideas of how to use the programming funds that are a part of the grant. These can be used for incentives, advertising, events related to encouraging biking to school, safer drop offs, etc. Dropoff and pickup are going better now that there are adults available to be at the doors. They also have safety vests to wear as well so students know who they are.
- Donley – Silent auction starts Sunday and carnival is coming up next Friday.
- Glencairn – no updates
- Marble – no updates
- Red Cedar – no updates

Adjourned 12:38

Building Reps:

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