

ELPS District School Council Minutes
October 7, 2022
Noon
Held in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Natalie Bertoia, Sara Cunningham, Meghan Drouare, Tana Hemsley, Shannon Hilliard, Dori Leyko, Maureen McGinnis, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth

Called to order at 12:02

September Minutes Approved at 12:04; motioned by Sara, seconded by Maureen

Welcome and Introductions

- We now have a rep for each school
- Need to update the meeting Zoom information on Facebook Events

Administrative Update

- Reminder, no school Friday October 14th. This year instead of late start Wednesdays there are 5 Fridays set aside for professional learning. The offices will also be closed so office staff can participate in building learning as well.
- October is National Principal's Month.
- Plenty of take home covid tests provided by DHHS are available in each building. They can be sent home with kids when requested.
- There are changes to Friday night football game policies, starting tonight. Starting a limited bag policy, which many local high schools also do. The policy was written using similar language to Lansing and other local districts. Spectators 8th grade and below must be accompanied and supervised by an adult through the whole game.
- Questions for Dori:
 - There was a rumor that there were guns at previous football game? Answer: It was just a rumor. No evidence was found of guns or any other allegations, was just a rumor going around.

Fundraising Discussion

- Middle School and High School primarily use direct giving for fundraising.
- Whitehills ordered spirit wear from Haslett Tshirt Goods, \$13-\$15 per shirt. They had a preorder at events, then shirts were distributed at school. Haslett Tshirt Goods donated back 5% of sales as well. Also using Book Fair, Amazon Smile, Box Tops for fundraising. Haven't done any of the previously lucrative events yet, but plan to do a movie night soon. 2 movies in different spaces, one geared to younger kids and one to older. Will sell tickets per kid or as a family pack, and have pizza and popcorn for sale. School must have appropriate license to show movies at these events.
- Green just did a fun run, during the school day, of 2 big loops around the school grounds. Some obstacles were set up throughout, then kids were sprayed with silly string at the end. Fundraiser leading up to it including Spirit Week. Each kid who raises \$25 gets \$5 credit to book fair. Raised just over \$5000. Doesn't cost much usually, did buy kids shirts this year which added some cost. Easy donating, had link through square and website, and did grade level party for grade that raised the most. Decided to do shirts for each student because of school name change. All students participate, doesn't matter if they donate. Had Gatorade and popsicles at the end. Lots of parents just wrote checks for \$25.

- Red Cedar is doing a carnival this month, but has been discouraged from having any competition among kids or grade levels. Have been limited in fundraising due to concerns about inequity, and had to cancel their planned auction due to concerns. Were hoping to have an auction, Dori is planning to talk to district equity teams about what is appropriate in terms of fundraising to hopefully help make it more clear.
- Other schools have had auctions and all been deemed appropriate as long as it was directed toward adults, not students. Other schools have charged admission for carnivals and other events, providing free tickets to students who needed those.
- Glencairn had a fun run last Friday. No competition among students, and also provided shirts. Spent about \$1700 on tshirts, added an inflatable obstacle course, fruit and water for all kids. Netted about \$3700, raised \$6000. May have had more success if advertised more. Put together at last minute, posted every day on social media, but that was only advertisement, other than telling kids. They also used a paypal link, easier for people to not write a check.
- Donley is planning an auction and carnival in the spring. Have also done spiritwear sales and about to do an artwork fundraiser using Square 1 Art.
- Other ideas: Someone used to do spaghetti dinner where local business sponsored and had their info printed on placemats. Penny wars? Direct sales companies – Sara forwarded some info she received. Candy Cane shop – the company Green uses accounts for a certain number of kids getting free gifts, and it has been very easy to use. Stock the teacher lounge events, can have things shipped directly to the office using Amazon wish lists to make it easier for parents to contribute.

Building Updates:

- Marble – Finding a lot of old paper files. Maureen is working to consolidate data and offered to help other councils learn how to do the same if interested.
- Donley – Science Night was a huge success, really fun night.
- Green – Just started whole school assemblies again and Mondays, and have Friday News where a couple students do a news report with the music teacher each week
- MacDonald – looking forward to Activity Night, will sell pizza and candy, planning for end of October.
- Glencairn – Just had their fun run, council recently purchased soccer ball & nets and foam building blocks for use when it's rainy. Just voted to change their name to Glencairn Community Council.

Next Meeting 11/4

Adjourn 1:07

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