



MARBLE EQUITY TEAM

# Equity Team Meeting 3/06/2019

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

In Attendance:

Alissa Cohen	Kath Edsall	Katt Farr	Monica Fink	Melissa Fore	Josh Robertson
Dana Watson					

Welcome & Introductions: (sign in)

Action Item Updates:

1. Discuss potential curriculum ideas to suggest/implement – Team **[In progress]**
2. Look into the NSLP's ASSP and SFSP as a way to provide snacks to Deerpath via the federally funded programs – Dori Leyko **[In progress]**
3. Develop a tracking system and method with staff for Deerpath snack accountability – Melissa Fore **[In progress]**
4. Create a post on the Principal's Facebook account calling specifically on dads and their skills – Josh Robertson **[In progress]**
5. Create a flyer calling specifically on dads and their skills – Dana Watson **[In progress]**
6. Create passports for incoming students for the Kinder Round-up event on May 21<sup>st</sup> – Alissa Cohen & Monica Fink **[In Progress]**
7. Invite Scott Farver back to join the meetings – Melissa Fore

Discussion:

1. Discuss budget request from Marble Parent Council
  - a. We asked for the following funds to be available for allocation. We will continue seeking donations and fundraising.
    - i. \$1,000 for Equity Workshop May 1
    - ii. \$100 for Equity Workshop snacks
    - iii. \$500 for Deerpath snack pantry through June
  - b. At this point it is uncertain if the previous requests will be our staples.
    - i. Deerpath pantry is a success with students feeling comfortable enough to go into the office to pick up the snacks.
      1. We may or may not continue to fund the pantry next year depending on the programs we currently have in place at the school and programs we can get implemented.
        - a. There are two different snack programs currently at the school.
          - i. Kiwanis Club currently provides a snack.
          - ii. Weekday snack survival program currently provides a snack.
        - b. We have discussed with Superintendent Dori Leyko two new School Nutrition Programs (SNP) that are part of the National School Lunch Program which are Federal programs.





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- i. Afterschool Snack Program (ASSP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
  1. They provide nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and milk to children each school day and during the summer months in public schools, nonprofit private schools, and residential childcare institutions.
  2. Each sponsor that would like to participate in School Nutrition Programs (SNP) must apply to MDE SNP via the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+).
  3. The School Food Authority (SFA) may choose to carry out the responsibility of operating School Nutrition Programs in three ways: operate meal service directly without assistance (self-operating); contract with a food service management company (FSMC) to manage the food service operation; or contract with a vended meal company or other commercial or community entity to provide vended meals.
2. Are we meeting our targets?
  - a. How many kids would we like to feed?
  - b. Discuss tracking. Slips, or a form for example
  - c. Also track how much food is dropped off
2. Discuss making volunteer opportunities inclusive for men and how we can help. We explored different ideas on how we can get more involvement and availability within and around the schools.
  - a. We might be able to implement a program like Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) a K12 program and initiative of the National Center for Fathering that makes it easy for fathers (or father figures) to spend meaningful time with their children in a school setting. The program is overseen by a Top Dog volunteer dad who partners with the school administrator to identify opportunities for Watch D.O.G.S.
  - b. Discussed the possibility of providing childcare for meetings.
  - c. Discussed a targeted campaign on social media to seek involvement.
    - i. Create a post on the Principal's Facebook account calling specifically on dads.
  - d. Discussed the potential for hosting live meetings on Facebook.





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- i. Need to determine if this would be a viable option based off of users.
    - e. Discussed beginning a campaign “It Takes a Village” to increase volunteering interest.
      - i. Discussed identifying the volunteer opportunities via a visible board possibly “Take a Hand Lend a Hand” type of set up.
      - ii. Recruiting caregivers in general and dads specifically while they are already present at the school.
        1. Greeting all students while waiting for the bell.
        2. Helping nearby students with boot removal or locker help.
        3. Join the Beat the Bell Program to interact with the students during this time.
      - iii. Discussed the potential to fulfill volunteer needs through MSU’s Service-Learning Center. Or with a SignUp Genius list.
        1. What organizational needs would need to be fulfilled to put this together.
        2. What amount of continuity would we be able to maintain?
        3. Who would be able to perform this need?
3. Revisited the Kinder Round-Up discussion and our presence as a welcome committee.
  - a. Tentative date for Kinder Round-Up is May 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. In addition to being a friendly face to ask questions and receive instructions we can inform the families about all of the opportunities the school has available.
  - c. Discussed the possibility of having a Passport for Visiting activity that the students can participate in while we speak with the parents.
    - i. Possibly having dads to help with the students in either the gym or the playground.
    - ii. Possibly having 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders as tour guides.
  - d. Discussed the possibility of having a small Marble Family picnic immediately following the Kinder Round-Up that we would invite the incoming families to.
  - e. Discussed the recruitment of new students by delivering flyers to each of the preschools that feed into Marble.
4. Discussed the need to continue to get the word out about our Increasing Our Appetites for Social Justice on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - a. We have continued to promote through email and on Facebook.
  - b. To date we have 16 reservations.

