

## 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					

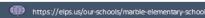
Welcome & Introductions: (sign in)

## Action Item Updates:

- 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 21st 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.





- 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 (selfoperating); 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.
  - 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.





- 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 21st.
  - 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.
    - 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.
- 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.

