



# MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2013  
7:00 – 8:30 PM, Marble Library

In attendance: Amy Refior, Kelly Gemmel, Lynne Clyma, Kay Biddle, Jodi Spicer, Katy Carson, Carla Larzelere, Jenny Stevenson, Sarah Preisser, Dori Leyko, Jessica Coates, Stacy Dickert-Conlin, Sonya Craig, Karen Bonnell, Becky Roberts, Melissa DeRosia

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Sarah  
Preisser

Introduce Officers—Amy Refior (treasurer), Sarah Priesser (President), Jodi Spicer (Comm liaison), Melissa DeRosia (DPC rep)

Welcome Guests

Agenda approval—Amy Refior makes motion, Kelly Gemmel seconds, approved

## REVIEW MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2013 MEETING FOR APPROVAL

Sarah  
Preisser

Review May 7, 2013 minutes—Amy makes motion, Jodi seconds, approved

## TREASURER’S REPORT

Amy Refior

Presented budget, line-by-line.

Jodi makes motion to increase MCASE budget by \$100— Stacy seconds, approved

Discussed there is an 18K surplus of funds. This has been communicated to Mrs Leyko and potential spending options are being discussed. Options will be discussed at future MPC meeting.

We talked about the audits we're putting in place in response to the problem at Pinecrest

## PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

DoriLeyko

**She asks, please come to meetings with topics**

**There are three focus areas for the district through Professional development (PD) meetings:**

- **Effective instruction**
- **Collaboration**
- **Literacy**

**Marble school improvement goals**

- **All Marble students will show growth in reading achievement scores**
- **Math**
- **Science**
- **Writing**
- **Demonstrate appropriate behavior for a safe learning environment.**

**School status—“Reward School” based on** - overall achievement

- improvement

- shrinking the gap between our top 30% and bottom 30% in the areas of math, reading, writing, and science

## Building Wide

- First week positive behavior intervention and support (PBIS) lesson.
- Assembly lesson taught by Nickelson. Teachers' feedback was this was an effective lesson. Result – Fun Run assembly went well.
- Bucket Filler has started.
- K-6 scheduling includes Block Scheduling. Every grade has a special every day at the same time. Block scheduling has the specials on a 3-day rotation (only 3rd grade has a 4-day rotation. The purpose of the block schedule is grade levels have the same schedule throughout the day. This means interventions can occur at the same time and teachers can have the same planning time which is during the special time. Lynne Clyma mentioned that 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers meet on Mondays to do planning.
- Assessments – Screening and baseline – AIMS web. Reading and math screeners. This has occurred in the past first weeks of school.
- Promise math test – handled by MSU for 3,4,5 graders. This is used for the teachers to assist them in what should be instructed. Done in Fall and Spring
- New 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Johnson – Lansing 14 years of experience
- New 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher Charles – did her internship at Marble.
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- Lunch monitor positions filled
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade special teacher (20% FTE) – currently being posted. 70 applicants for position.
- Curriculum Night – successful, issue with rain and moving the kids to the gym. 7 or 8 teachers setting up movie and no movie was shown. Read stories, did puppet shows. Need better backup plan for future curriculum night.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

- New superintendent Cliff Seybert
- Many new teacher hires. Very excited about new hires in faculty and admin
- BOA—alternating schedule of business mtgs and work sessions, in attempt to get more work done without the formality of Robert's Rules in mtgs
- Starting interviews next week to replace Cliff's curriculum position—Cliff is in Supt. position for one year.
- Reconfiguration plans: basic outline includes neighborhood boundaries, they are based on historical lines
- Block scheduling is new. So all the specials teachers are staying at Marble and not traveling to other schools this year. Also allows for enrichment

Kay Biddle

- and remediation to be at the same time across grade level.
- State is going back to letter grades.... They say they are de-emphasizing the gap. Marble is a “Reward school”
- Tech—starting to implement bond. Purchased a lot of the equipment and it’s starting to go into buildings.
- Groundbreaking at MacDonald coming up soon, next few weeks.
- Call Kay anytime. Her number is on the website.

**DISTRICT PARENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Minutes from the DPC September 12, 2013 meeting can be found online at [elpls.k12.mi.us](http://elpls.k12.mi.us) under “Parent Information,” then under “Parent Organizations,” then under “District Parent Council.”

Melissa  
DeRosia

**FUN RUN REPORT**

57 kids have so far signed up online for a student page. We are at 20% of our goal so far.  
 Sep 28 is the early pledge turn in date  
 Kick-off Assembly - *(Wednesday, September 11)*  
 Fun Run - *(Wednesday, October 2)*  
 Celebration Assembly - (TBD)

Sonya Craig  
Becky  
Roberts  
Jodi Spicer

**MCASE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Science Night November 7: school-wide project? Need volunteers!
- Math Enrichment Workshops—Oct/Nov and April/May
- Community Learning Times, in process
- Math Extravaganza January 27
- Half day field trips—spring, includes JRMF (math festival)
- Virtual field trips available to teachers
- Honors Times Two—program offered by MSU Honors College
- Little Free Library at Marble???

Stacy Dickert-  
Conlin

**There are volunteer positions still open: Carnival help needed—  
 Games and Prizes, Raffle, Silent Auction; Sarah Tarpoff coordinator;  
 Welcome Wagon and Family Relations**

Kelly  
Gemmel

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Sarah  
Preisser

Meeting times for MPC in 2013-14 School Year will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, unless posted otherwise due to a holiday

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| ▪ September 20 – Picture Day     | ▪ November 1 – 7 – Book Fair |
| ▪ October 2 – Fun Run            | ▪ November 7 – Science Night |
| ▪ October 9 – Walk to School Day |                              |

**Melissa moves that meeting is adjourned, Amy seconds. Motion passes**