

MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2014
7:00 PM, Marble Library

WELCOME, INTRODUCTION

Sarah Preisser

Sarah Preisser called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following were in attendance: Karen Bonnell, Kelly Gemmel, Lynne Clyma, Dori Leyko, Libby Keenan, Jennifer Bukovinszky, Jodi Spicer, Becky Roberts, Mindy Morgan, Jay Todd, Sarah Preisser, Erica Loomis, Amy Refior, Sonya Craig, Liz Danowski, Jessica Coates, Emily Palsrok, Bridget Seitz, Cathy Foster

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Tonight's agenda had no amendments. Amy Refior moved to approve agenda. Sonya Craig seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Amy Refior motioned to approve minutes from the January 21, 2014 meeting; Erica Loomis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amy Refior

This was a quiet month for our accounts.

- ❖ Erica Loomis and Sarah Preisser have been working with the parent council officers at Red Cedar as well as the current parent council officers at Glencairn on a number of transition topics, one of which is funding / fundraising. They have agreed to do a Fun Run in September at Glencairn and hope this event will raise enough operating budget for the initial year at Glencairn (based on historical amounts raised at both Red Cedar and Marble.) The Red Cedar parent council has voted already, and we want to contribute even shares towards the down payment needed to secure the "Get Movin' Crew" for the fun run (it costs \$500 to secure them.) It is the expectation that students can raise \$5000 up to \$10,000 through the Fun Run next year which will be more than enough for the initial year as an elementary. Erica Loomis motioned to give Glencairn \$250 toward next year's Fun Run. Kelly Gemmel seconded. Motion passes.
- ❖ Supplemental Funding Program deadline was discussed. The Feb 20 date is before teacher assignments for next year have been announced. Therefore teachers may be hesitant to apply for funds to use on materials in classrooms that they may not be able to use next year. Erica Loomis moves to change the deadline date to Friday, March 14; Jodi Spicer seconds. All in favor and motion passes. Jodi Spicer will communicate the change to Marble community.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dori Leyko

- ❖ Alternate indoor recess activities are going well. About 100 students are going outdoors for recess with the rest staying in for walking club, activities in lunchroom or gym.
- ❖ Valentine's Parties are Thursday afternoon, February 13.
- ❖ The 3rd graders had a great, though frigid, week at the zoo last week for the Big Zoo Lesson.
- ❖ Teachers met Tuesday, Feb 11 to look at winter screening data and made plans for moving between classrooms for enrichment and intervention. Just getting underway since we had a snow day two weeks ago when they were going to first discuss this.
- ❖ Upcoming Tuesday is Teacher enrichment to talk about cultural relevancy with speaker Calvin Terrell. Tuesday, Feb 18 6-8PM he will be speaking at the Middle school—open to the public. See district website for more details.
- ❖ Smarter Balance online test will most likely, replace the MEAP next Spring. In March, our 3-4th graders will be piloting the English/Lang Arts part of the Smarter Balance test. We have opted to be a pilot school. Total test time is 3-4 hours throughout Mid-March to early April. Taking part in this is tied to some of our funding for technology grants.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Jay Todd

- ❖ Feb 3 meeting approved trip to Spain for Spanish students this coming summer.
- ❖ Conversations with the city regarding emergency response. Very positive conversation. Will lead to a joint meeting last Tues in April at Hannah Center. School board and City Council meeting together to talk about overlapping issues.
- ❖ Approved upgraded surveillance cameras.

- ❖ Board approved Repro Health curriculum. Adopting the Michigan Model, bringing outside instructors in.
- ❖ Supt. Search: came up with an outline of general profile for new supt. coming out of the surveys.
- ❖ 3 page summarized Strategic plan was discussed

MCASE

Karen Bonnell

We continue to have Math Enrichment offered for all K and 1st grade students for the months of Feb-March. Led by volunteers, arranged with classroom teachers. Math games and activities that the students learned in Nov-Dec math enrichment time have been moved to the classrooms for everyday use and new math games are being introduced.

MILEAGE CLUB

Karen Bonnell

- ❖ Mileage Club will begin April 14 when we return from Spring Break. This is different than the date previously announced.
 - As a way to encourage children to become more physically active, Sparrow is offering the Feelin' Good[®] Mileage Club[®] again this spring. The club is available free of charge to local elementary schools.
 - The 2014 Feelin' Good[®] Mileage Club[®] is a voluntary program that runs during April and May, and is designed to offer students in grades PK - 6 the opportunity to walk/run at designated times. Children earn a Toe Token[®] (brightly colored plastic foot) for every 5 miles logged, and a specially designed water bottle for reaching 20 miles. Registration is required for your child to participate, which will allow us to provide you with updates on your child's progress throughout the 7-week program.
 - Please register online by March 7 at sparrowmilesclub.com
- ❖ To note: there will be a Girls on the Run team at Marble this year. Registration is by lottery and is happening now. Becca McAndrews, Summer Minnick, Libby Kirschner are coaching. More info? Becca beccamca@hotmail.com.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Bridget Seitz, Jodi Spicer

- ❖ Thursday, Feb 27, 2014 at Marble
- ❖ They want to thank the MPC for support of the annual spaghetti dinner.
- ❖ *Make sure to broadcast that the spaghetti dinner is for everyone at Marble and in the local community to attend and that it supports the 4th grade Mackinaw Trip

CHARLIE'S BUDDY BENCH UPDATE

Libby Keenan

- ❖ David Medei (former Marble family) is building the bench free of labor cost. The Waller family is helping to design the bench. 4th graders will be "proctors" of the bench, facilitating the bench; "Buddy Monitors." Still talking about the designs and details.
- ❖ The sale of friendship bracelets will raise funds for the bench. Stephanie Lampi is coordinating the bracelet sale. Turn in bracelets by Wed, Feb 19. Sale will be Monday, Feb 24 at Marble. There was discussion around extending sale of bracelets to other schools, particularly Glencairn.

TRANSITION PLANNING

Sarah Preisser

Open discussion on items we need to ensure are covered in the transition planning (both MPC and to pass to the school and district) Sarah Preisser passed out the document attached to the end of these minutes titled "Transition Planning" in order to help bring clarity to the discussion.

- ❖ **See district website for transition information. There is a link from the homepage. <http://elps.k12.mi.us>**
- ❖ Libby Keenan pointed out there is a difference in questions and concerns. Questions may be answered, concerns may still be felt after questions are answered. She is interested in collecting concerns from parents.
- ❖ Lorraine Ware (current Red Cedar principal) is going to be the principal at Glencairn next year. She is working on facility improvements in order to accommodate next year's student population, walking through the building to list what needs to be done to accommodate K-5 grades.
- ❖ Around the end of February teacher assignments for next year will be made, who is teaching in what building—not sure yet specific method and dates of communication of this info.
- ❖ Sarah Preisser and Erica Loomis are and have been working with the Parent Council at Red Cedar Elem to provide a smoother transition to Glencairn.
- ❖ The question of communication of facts and proposed timeline of decisions came up over and over. Jay Todd is going to speak with Mr Seybert about this concern voiced by our parents. The Superintendent's office has been at work on these issues. We are getting the information as it is issued.
- ❖ We can compile a list of questions, concerns and send it to Superintendent Seybert with a copy to Jay Todd as our building rep to work out the answers. Email your questions to Sarah Preisser and she will compile them for Mr Seybert. Initially we have questions: When will we know where students are "assigned" for next year? How can parents help?
- ❖ **Dori Leyko and Libby Keenan will be hosting a Marble Transition meeting for parents to share concerns. This forum is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 25, 2014, 7-8PM at Marble for current Marble families only—to bring concerns. This will NOT be a question and answer night. This will be a time to share concerns that others in our community may also be feeling.**

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOR PARENTS

This is a time to bring parent questions and concerns to the MPC. –This time was wrapped up in the transition discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

❖ Valentine's parties – February 13

❖ Mid-winter break – February 14 -18, no school

❖ Calvin Terrell – "Educational Excellence and Success for All Students – February 18, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, MacDonald Middle School

❖ Marble Transition Meeting for Current Marble Parents to Share Concerns – Tuesday, Feb 25, 7-8 PM at Marble

❖ Supplemental Funding Program timeline CHANGES:

❖ **Proposals due by March 14 at 4pm**

❖ Committee selected by March 14

❖ Committee review and meet between March 14 to March 27. Awards announced March 28

❖ Funding disbursed by April 2014

TRANSITION PLANNING

Considerations for all

- When will staff placement be made known to staff, and then the community?
- Will all schools have the same/similar building space, technology, classroom materials, playground equipment, etc.?

Considerations for populations staying at Marble

- Ensure parent council election process is well understood and all feel welcome to participate in elections and positions. Strive for a mix of parent population.

Considerations for populations coming into Marble

- Ensure parent council election process is well understood and all feel welcome to participate in elections and positions. Strive for a mix of parent population.

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Considerations for populations leaving Marble (and likely going to Glencairn)

- Ensure Glencairn is a blend of familiar for both Red Cedar and Marble (e.g. best of each school activities – Morning Celebration, Math/Science Night, International Fair, Fun Run, Big Zoo Lesson, Fourth Grade Mackinac trip)
- Ensure parent council election process is well understood and all feel welcome to participate in elections and positions. Strive for a mix of parent population.
- Plan welcome event(s), all school playdates in the summer on a specific day of the month (e.g. 2nd Wednesday of the month) so interested kids can meet on their future school playground

Frequently asked questions:

- **Parent Council Planning:**
 - Glencairn/Whitehills having funds/team in place so they can start the school year
 - Planning of the events for Glencairn/Whitehills should be done partially in this academic year for the events to be successful the upcoming year
 - Committee chairs established especially for the things that happen in the fall like Directory and t-shirts.
 - T-shirt drive for incoming Marble and Glencairn students.
 - Committee chair transition
 - Positions we need to fill in advance:
 - Officers
 - Volunteer coordinator