

WELCOME

Dan Bollman

In attendance: Emily Lilly-Laca (DPC Rep), Casey Bain (Marble teacher), Libby Keenan (Marble social worker), Dori Leyko (Marble principal), Katy Larson (parent), Andrea Magyar (parent), Sara Smith (co-VP), Courtney Trunk (co-VP), Jodi Spicer (communications liaison), Ginger Ogilvie (parent, chair wellness comm), Babs Krause (BOE rep), Dan Bollman (pres), Amy Refior (treasurer), Karen Bonnell (secretary)

Review/Approve Agenda

We will switch BOE Report with DPC Report. Add an item under “New Business,” a letter regarding SmartBoards presented by Jodi. Motion to approve by Sara Smith, second by Karen. Agenda approved.

Review/Approve Minutes - May 20, 2014

Motion to approve by Emily, second by Sara. Agenda approved.

Principal's Report

Dori Leyko

- We are still in the midst of screening students for intervention and enrichment groups using AIMS Web screening data.
- Just finished initial teaching of the PBIS lessons for each classroom, i.e. expected behavior in lunchroom, halls, assemblies, etc.
- Fun Run kickoff assembly today. School-wide goal is \$10,000; if met, the prize will be a staff/teacher talent show.
- Staff PD today looked at building-wide data. Next week will look at grade levels and classrooms.
- Principals attended the One Book One Comm event on Monday night at Wharton.
- We are a Reward School, this is an certification from the State. Reward schools are those that make adequate yearly progress as well as being identified in one of three ways below:
 - 1) top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom list
 - 2) top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric) or
 - 3) "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools.
- The MEAP will take place in the Spring instead of Fall this year.
- The adapted Curriculum Night schedule this year was much better than previous years.
- Question raised by Sara about 5th grade, how will they be graded? Sep. 17th there will be a meeting of 5th grade teachers with Ms. Baumann to talk about the 5th grade grading system.

District Parent Council Report

Emily Lilly-Laca

- Introduction of Dr. Robyne Thompson, new District Superintendent. She talked about her use of Twitter and mass media with Students/Community; she addressed concerns around bussing, movement within the district the first week, and starting Listen and Learn events this week.
- ELEF presentation. 30th Anniversary, best turnout they have ever had - 200 ppl. for their Tailgate, with the intent of getting their name out there, not as a fundraiser; addressed what they do for the district, how schools acquire funds.
- IT info- tech updates, why they took out the white boards/projectors; phone systems upgraded, 911 features; clocks bells replaced; email streamlined; within two weeks schools will have all their laptops/ipads. Christian Palasty, district tech director, would be happy to come in and talk with us about technology.
- Rundown from each school. Donley has a new principal. Glencairn's already started their Fun Run and are 1/2way to goal. Whitehills just added a Buddy Bench and lending library, still need a 5th grade teacher. Red Cedar divided up monies to schools which acquired most of their students. MacDonald has had a good start to the year with 6th graders.

Board of Education Report

Babs Krause

- It has been helpful to hear the “switch from smart boards to screens and projectors” rationale from Christian Palasty
- As far as bussing: ISD holds Dean's contract. But we have our own EL liaison. They hopefully will be adding more routes.
- Dr Thompson is very responsive. She communicates frequently and in detail. She takes concerns very seriously, of parents and students. She will be meeting with the high school students as one of her listen and learn tours.
- MacDonald—working with folks at MSU to plan use of the project spaces for 6th graders, to make sure it's not wasted.
- Board is being proactive on the egg wars that usually happen around EL High Homecoming (this week.)

- All district email addresses have been changed to a new address, patterned as firstname.lastname@elps.us. A full list of EL staff is on the website if you need to check for a current address.
- The October calendar will be set at the Sept 22 Board of Ed meeting. Currently the calendar is being set month-by-month.
- Comment from Libby Keenan: The tech folks have been working hard all summer, full time, to enable the tech upgrades. A lot of work has gone into the myriad details of each phase of the Technology Bond implementation.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Amy Refior

Overview of 2014-2015 budget: Most of the budget categories decreased by 20% from last year to be conservative for the new school year and change in grade configuration.

Amy makes motion to approve 2014-15 budget, second by Andrea.

Discussion on motion:

- Update from Dori on MPC-funded iPad purchase. We had decided to wait to purchase them until end of July so that the warranties could be the most up-to-date as possible. However, for the ELPS tech dept, after this summer of outfitting every classroom with new boards and projectors there was not time to purchase and install the MPC-funded iPads for Marble before the beginning of the school year. Palasty said the tech office is now ready to go ahead with the purchase. There was much discussion surrounding purchase price and choice of vendor, as well as protective cases. Dori will follow up with Palasty regarding questions that arose: cost, where to purchase, what about the cases that we budgeted for.
- Amy: Budget will be amended to remove the \$1000 from technology purchase. The decision will be made later after Dori gets some answers from Palasty. Another motion by Amy and a second by Andrea.

Motion to approve budget passes. The budget is posted on the MPC website, accessed through the district website.

Jodi will draft an MPC update eblast which includes MPC calendar link and iPad purchase update, why they are not in classrooms yet.

Amy presented financial report; approx \$33,000 in bank and scholastic dollars.

Fun Run Update

Jodi Spicer/Courtney Trunk

The Fun Run will take place Oct. 6. Kick off assembly was today. See handout that came home with children for dates, website, goals, prizes, etc.

Smart Board follow up letter

Jodi Spicer

Jodi presented the draft of a letter intended for the ELPS Tech Director from the MPC: where are the Interactive White Boards (IWBs) MPC spent a large amount of money on 2 ½ years ago, rationale for the change, can we give answers to our parents. MPC Board members will review and give feedback before sending the letter this week to tech director, board rep, supt., and principal.

Old Business

iPad purchase update--this was given during the treasurer's report above

Dori Leyko

Volunteer status

Dan Bollman, for Heather Hagan

Still looking for these committee chairs: Silent auction at Carnival, Art Room volunteer coordinator, Landscape, Yearbook

Parent Q&A

- Katy Larson pointed out that we need wood chips, or even better, another strip of sidewalk along the side of the building where the busses load. It is a matter of safety, as well as a problem when there is mud or ice to walk through. Babs Krause will communicate this need to the district works dept. Ginger will send Babs a picture of the problem area.
- Ginger asked the question, does MPC have a newsletter? This question correlates with Jodi's growing concern that we communicate frequently, transparently, and thoroughly with the Marble community. A: No, we don't have a newsletter.

Dan moves to adjourn, Jodi seconds. Meeting adjourns

UPCOMING EVENTS

Picture Day

Friday, September 19

Fun Run

Monday, October 6, after lunch

Superintendent Listen & Learn at Marble

Tues, October 7, 6:00 PM, Marble library

October MPC meeting

Tues, October 21, 7:00-8:30 PM

