

In attendance: Chuck Wilkinson, Dori Leyko, Sara Smith, Amy Refior, Courtney Trunk, Lindsay Fast, Katy Larson, Dan Bollman, Kate Powers, Karen Bonnell, Emily Lilly-Lacca

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dan Bollman

**REVIEW/APPROVE AGENDA** Amy motions to approve, Emily seconds. Motion passes.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES** –February 24, 2015. Correct spelling of Tali “Hysten.” Moved by Amy, seconded by Sara. Motion passes

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS**

Treasurer’s Report

Amy Refior

- Not a lot of revenue this month, some expenses for Carnival, Wellness month, Mileage Club.
- Cash flow projection in regard to giving field trip money to each grade level. After a review by Amy Refior and Dan Bollman, we have about \$15,000 surplus. As well as an \$11,000 reserve. Based on numbers from the office, if we did \$5/grade/student it would amount to \$1710. Each grade would get \$200-\$300 per year to spend on field trips, for this school year, 2014-15. Amy makes the motion to approve \$1500 addition to budget for a \$5/student/year field trip donation, excluding the 4<sup>th</sup> grade since we provide them \$1500 for the Mackinac Island Trip. Second by Courtney. Motion passes.
- Mileage Club. This year MC asks to purchase t-shirts as incentives. The last time they were purchased was about three years ago and a parent took care of the expense. There are also misc expenses related to MC: keychains (which Sparrow is no longer providing), teacher participation incentives, etc. Amy makes the motion to approve an additional \$350 budget for MC for misc expenses as well as incentives and t-shirts. Emily seconds. Motion passes.
- Hospitality budgeting—right now we have \$500 and we spent about \$285 on the Family Picnic, and first day coffee and ice cream social. For the remainder of the year we will have May teacher appreciation week, last day of school thank-you-to-volunteers breakfast, last day of school teacher luncheon. Amy makes a motion to increase hospitality budget by \$200, up to \$700 for this year. Second by Courtney Trunk. Motion passes.

District Parent Council Report—no meeting yet this month

Emily Lilly-Lacca

Principal’s Report

Dori Leyko

- Girls on the Run has started for the second year.
- Friday went to her first archery tournament with Casey Bain and 10 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Central.
- Reading month events going on. Lauren Collier and Pam Nickleson are heading up the month’s activities. Zuzu African Acrobats are coming Monday, March 23, at 1:15 PM. All 5 elem. schools are bringing this group in for a cultural assembly.
- Hired another lunch monitor.
- Teachers attended PD today at the high school.
- M-Step begins after Spring Break (this replaces the MEAP.) 5<sup>th</sup> graders begin the Tuesday after Spring Break. Principals will work out schedules and communication. 5<sup>th</sup> graders take Math, Literacy, Social Studies. 4<sup>th</sup> grade does Math, Literacy, Science. This year Marble is taking it paper/pencil.
- Question: the story behind why 4/5<sup>th</sup> graders cannot send letters to Glencairn anymore. Answer: a few of the letters were found to be hurtful in content. Ms Leyko and Mrs. Keenan are talking through ways to allow students to continue this community-building practice in an acceptable manner.

Board of Education Report

Kate Powers

- Approve food service contract for 2015-16
- Approved merit pay reaching back to 2010. Highly effective evals receive \$100/year, \$50/year for effective.
- Next steps for property at Red Cedar building. Discussion morphed into future vision of the district. Agreement that the property be used for education: STEM/STEAM (add “Arts”), preschool, unique preschool programming ideas were mentioned. No action has been taken. Lots of good public comment. We are working hard to engage the community in this decision. We have financial limitations. Next steps, BOE Pres has asked for individual board members to submit ideas for their vision re the property. Kate doesn’t feel this will be voted on quickly, but the board wants to work transparently and thoughtfully. It was announced that there has been interest from other companies to purchase the property, no bids yet, nothing done with that.
- Q from Ms Leyko re: Cole Academy charter school from Lansing, principal Brian, wants to expand into EL, looking at Bailey or Red Cedar buildings. Brian has been in communication with the BOE strategically, but Kate does not feel this is an option at this point.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Wellness Committee

Ginger Ogilvie

- Kelly Gemmel said the smoothie day went very smoothly.
- Recognition to Ginger for pruning the crab apples out front!

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

Stand-up desks

Dan Bollman

Mileage Club

Amy Refior/Karen Bonnell

- Approx 250 students registered. Begins April 13
- Michigan Mile is May 30

Marble Carnival

Sara Smith/Lindsay Fast

- Friday, April 24 6-8 PM
- Classrooms have been assigned games and teachers have picked class basket theme.
- Eblast went out to parents today.
- Silent Auction will be online only from Monday-Thursday the week of Carnival. Pay with cash, check, charge or paypal.
- Adding staff and teacher-associated experience raffle and silent auction items: ie, class pizza party, vice-principal for the day, pancake breakfasts, walk to Tasty Twist.
- No bounce house this year. We’ll have a deejay in the gym for karaoke and dance party.
- It is fun to volunteer! Sign up to volunteer!
- Glencairn is lending us a popcorn machine.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Spring building screening data

Dori Leyko

- Ms Leyko presented a power point packet with building data. See her for a copy if interested.
- Spring assessments will take place in late April/May.

Communications—tabled until next meeting

Amy Refior

Officer & committee chair nominations for 2015-16

Dan Bollman

- Sara Smith is the leading the Office & Committee Chair Nominations committee.

**PARENTS QUESTION & ANSWER**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**ADJOURN 8:33PM**

*UPCOMING EVENTS*

Spring Book Fair

All School Music Program

Principal Leyko Birthday

Mileage Club begins

MSU Science Fair

MPC April meeting

Marble Carnival

Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 20

Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 at MacDonald Middle School

Saturday, March 28

Monday, April 13

April 15-19

Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 PM in Marble Library

Friday, April 24

All school events may be found at our Google Calendar: <http://bit.ly/MPCCalendar>