

ELPS District School Council Minutes

October 18, 2024

Noon

Held in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Jessica Eyde, Lizzy King, Molly Szpunar, Jill Selke, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth

Called to order at 12:03

- Introductions

No Administrative Update

Discussion of Elementary School Fundraising and Events

- Whitehills had first fun run on 9/27 and raised about \$13,000 with donations from families and businesses. Gave staff lunches during conferences. In November have STEM Fest. February will have Arts Fest organized by the art teacher. Science Fair in March and Carnival in the spring. Trying to have one thing each month to bring families to the school.
- Donley is similar and happy to share WDSA event calendar if anyone wants it. Just had STEAM Night, and did one lunch and one snack day during conferences. Pushed for food/snack donations from families instead of being funded by WDSA. Book Fair is in November. Planning a fundraiser at Launch, previously did one in March and over 100 kids attended. Planning one for November and one in the spring. Fall Pumpkin Fest is end of October, an in school event supported by WDSA. Currently doing Dollars for Dolphins fundraiser campaign and will have auction in March. Donley can't tie fundraising goals to individual students due to Title 1 status. Hoping to do a spring fun run to celebrate the end of Mileage Club.
- Glencairn had a fun run/obstacle course in early October with a bounce house, and raised about \$8,500. Each class has a set time to do the course and each grade has different color shirts provided by GCC. They get them early in the year and then students can wear them on field trips through the year, cost was \$4/student. Working on math and science nights and planning to do a movie night in a couple months.
- Marble would like to move forward with a garden at the school. Planning Book Fairs in December and again in the spring.
- Whitehills is also interested in landscaping and the principal is on board. Red Cedar won an MSUFUCU grant for trees, Linden may be able to provide information on how they applied for that grant. It may help to get some screening or noise barriers at Whitehills, Glencairn and Donley because they are on such busy roads. Adding Billy Hastings to the list of guest speakers for future landscaping discussion.
- Question - How are schools funding their book vending machines?
 - Donley decided up front that the funds from one book fair go to the vending machine, the funds from the other go to the librarian. The librarian previously received revenue from both book fairs, but is happy to split with vending machine, and she is in charge of ordering books for it as well. One student per grade is chosen each week to get a book, with the goal of each child getting one through the year.

- o Whitehills principal has been strategic in who gets a book because they haven't figured out yet how to fund it. They also do two book fairs, but usually one is Buy One Get One.
- o Marble has two book fairs as well, but all money is held for the MCC, but that money then goes to each classroom. They also use scholastic bucks for bucket fillers.

Meeting Minutes Approvals

- May Minutes: motioned by Jessica, seconded by Lizzy, unanimous approval
- September Minutes: motioned by Jessica, seconded by Lizzy, unanimous approval

Adjourned at 12:40, next meeting November 8

Building Reps (as of today):

Donley	Lizzy King
Glencairn	Molly Szpunar
Green	Karianne Harris
Marble	Jill Selke
Red Cedar	Linden Brown-Wren
Whitehills	Jessica Eyde
MacDonald	Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth
High School	Angela Michael