

ELPS District School Council Minutes  
September 13, 2024  
Noon  
Held in person and via Zoom

In attendance: Dori Leyko, Angela Michael, Jessica Eyde, Jille Selke, Lizzy King, Karianne Harris, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth

Called to order at 12:04

- Introductions
- Will re-send May meeting minutes for approval by email

Administrative Update

- Homecoming is today, with the parade at 5:30, varsity football game at 7:00 and the dance Saturday night.
- There is a new safety team at the high school. They will respond and support other buildings as needed as well. When the security contract ended this summer, the district started from scratch and hired a new team, who are district employees, not contractors. Matt Morales runs the program and each monitor is cross-trained to perform all jobs. They will provide extra security at football games, and there is now someone monitoring door 8 at all times.
- Last week the district hosted US Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. He made multiple stops in the Midwest on his tour, including at Glencairn Elementary to learn about the MI Talent Together program, an initiative to support teacher shortages. It is a paid teacher apprenticeship program developed by all the districts in Michigan, and is geared toward school employees who are not certified teachers, but would like to become certified. We have had at least one teacher hire from the program already, with 3 apprentice teachers in the program this year and candidates already identified for the next two school years.
- After months of planning on a school based health clinic in partnership with Ingham County, including a community advisory group and clearing the area on Old Hickory, the Ingham County Health Department is no longer able to staff or pay for the clinic. Some grant funds for construction had come from DHHS, so those are being held while the district looks for a new partner. Grand Ledge opened a similar clinic in April in partnership with U of M Sparrow. Dori met with them to see if a similar partnership would work for East Lansing.
- Transportation usually settles down with less delays after the first three weeks, but things are mostly going well this year. The district has a new Director of Special Education and a new Principal at Glencairn.
- Questions for Dori:
  - Are dances allowed at the elementary level? Answer: Not a hard yes or no answer, the concern with dances at that level is age-appropriate dancing. More comfortable with something like a dance party or family dance night, where it is clear it is not a fancy dress dance like at the older levels, but is a silly, age-appropriate gathering with music and kids running around. Some schools combine their dance night with the Book Fair or another activity.
  - Would a district-wide International Night be a possible event, rather than elementary schools trying to plan their own. Answer: It may be possible, may want to reach out to Klaudia Burton and MSU student groups.
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#### Discussion of committees/speakers for this year

- Director of Special Education – Dr. Precios Armstron
- Mental Health Advisory Committee – Heather Finley
- Equity and Social Justice Team - Klaudia Burton
- Sex Advisory Committee
- Safety – Matt Morales and safety team members
- Academic and Professional Development – Glenn Mitchum
- Open ended internal discussion meeting

#### Additional Business

- Plan a new officer training and share materials we already have available.
- Plan a forum for School Board Elections. Will have to be soon as ballots are starting to go out.

#### Individual Building Updates

- High School – No updates, homecoming is this weekend
- Middle School – No updates
- Marble – Had first meeting this week and planned the whole year out as much as possible. The M4 obstacle course fundraiser is coming up. It will be open in the evening as well as the school day so that families can run the course together.
- Donley – Have first meeting next week but have set event calendar for the year. The first big event is STEAM Night in October, with 25 groups already. Want to try to do some new things this year, or bring back things that haven't been done in awhile like a fun run. That is planned for spring to align with Mileage Club.
- Green – Had first meeting with lots of new people joining, and fun run is next week. Essentially an obstacle course, and a Kona Ice truck will be there as well.
- Whitehills – In previous years have had a 5K in August, but this year transitioned to a fun run because of the costs and wanting all students to be able to participate.
- Glencairn – No updates available
- Red Cedar – No updates available

Adjourned at 12:58

#### 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