

Livonia PTSA Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting 2/10/2021

In attendance: Mandy Gerstenbrand, Sara Bennett, Andrea Malenfant, Debbie Yates, Nikki Watson, Kellie Dummer, Jon Wennstrom, Mike Testa, Madeline Acosta, Lynda Scheel, Debbie Pline, Nicole Dant, Mr. Pesci

Meeting Called at 7:35 p.m. by Mandy G.

January Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Nikki W., 2nd by Mike T. Minutes Approved.

Elementary Report: Jon Wennstrom

- Picture retakes are this week at the elementary schools.
- Kindergarten registration began February 1st and there has been a tremendous response. Online forms are making the registration process easier for parents.
- Teacher growth plans are being worked on with observations taking place.
- Buchanan will be hosting a Winter Field Day for the first time with social distancing and safety protocols on Feb 18th. If successful they may continue doing it every year.

Secondary Report: Mr. Pesci (Franklin Principal)

- Second semester has begun.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be in March.
- Looking at how to best support student athletes.
- Senior honors night, prom, and graduation are still in discussion on how/if they can be safely done.
- Trying to support students that may be struggling academically.

NEW BUSINESS

Founder's Day: Kellie D.

- Currently working on the video submissions and signs with help from Mandy.
- Goal is to distribute the signs when the video is ready.

OFFICER'S REPORT

Treasure's Report: Nicole D.

- Income of 25 cent interest

Nominations Committee:

- Robb told Mandy that slate of nominees will be presented in March and we will vote in April.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Malenfant

President's Report: Mandy G.

- Livonia Save Our Youth had speaker Chris McKenna give a presentation on creating safer digital environments per Lynda S. Would Council possibly have him speak at a spring workshop?
- Kiwanis high school scholarship information is coming out and will be due on May 14th.

Advocacy: Mike T.

- Laurie Pohutsky will be at Council's March meeting and will be taking questions.
- MI PTA put out call to action for school funds. Currently it is tied up due to the current restrictions on the Governor's powers. Asking PTA members to write legislators to get it out of limbo since federal funding has nothing to do with governor's powers.
- MDE requested a waiver again on state testing this year.
- Would like to motion at next meeting for Council endorsement of the No New Tax Bond.
- Post Bond information for units to share with families.

Diversity & Inclusion: Debbie Y.

- Has scheduled posts on Council's Facebook page for Black History Month.
- Chinese New Year is this Friday and will have a post about that as well.

Membership: Sara B.

- 15 more members since last month.
- Current member number is 2,193.
- Checking with MI PTA regarding the last membership contest.

P.E.P.: Sara B.

- Founder's Day PEP points have been recorded and reflected in current PEP numbers.

YMAD: Debbie P. & Nikki W.

- Will be meeting this week to discuss getting the number of participants for certificates.
- Celebration will most likely be virtual.
- Will accept photos, videos, power point, or whatever is easiest for participants.
- Total number of participants is needed in March.

Meeting Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. by Nicole D. 2nd by Kellie D.