

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

June 7, 2023

In attendance: Andrea Malenfant, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Kellie Dummer, Nicole Dant, Lynda Scheel, Andrea Oquist, Debbie Yates, Nikki Watson, Tera Woodruff, Patty Novak, Megan Moore, Jason Robbins, Bill Green

In attendance via Zoom: Monique Cadoret, Chris Chmura, Elizabeth Vacheresse

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Andrea M.

Approval of the April meeting minutes motioned by Nicole D., 2nd by Nikki W. Minutes, unanimously approved.

Superintendent Report – Andrea O.

- Last weekend more than 1000+ LPS students graduated. Western Wayne Skill Ctr/Garfield and LTP students will graduate this weekend.
- Summer Programming is all set and 1,000 LPS students are registered. Fun Friday's sign up was filled in 15 minutes.
- Bond work is continuing. Construction has started at the new Early Childhood Ctr. Summer projects are starting and include some new LMCs, kitchens and A/C in the other schools.
- The one-day Unified Sports Camp was so successful last year, this year it will be held 3 times, once at each high school.
- Passport to Safety is Saturday, June 10th.
- Saturday, June 17th there will be a combined Job Fair with Northville/Livonia/ Plymouth Canton schools.
- Spring Sports are wrapping up with lots of team heading into playoffs.
- A new LPS website is being worked on by the communications department. It will be rolled out in August with a new app. Debbie Y. asked if it would be possible to see a combined district calendar of multiple schools.
- 7 LPS students will have their artwork on display at the DIA from June 30 – July 30th
- A question was asked if the topics for the summer camps was advertised.

Elementary Report – Bill G.

- Jon W. is a great advocate and communicator with the PTA's.
- K Round Ups were this week. Kindergarteners will be grouped after the first week after the teachers evaluate them.
- Project Lead the Way will be at all schools next year. Students will have more STEAM options.
- PLTW will fit in nicely with the expansion of more FLL robotics teams.
- Data review days for teachers have worked well. Teachers will have another one before school is out.
- There are many activities happening in all the buildings, keeping students busy.

Secondary Report – Tera W.

- Secondary schools are in celebratory mode; honors nights and graduations. All events went well and the live stream of the 3 graduations was well received.
- Career Center construction is going well.
- June 13/14th are half days for secondary. Will be used for assessments.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Guest – Jason Robbins – Collabrateam Entertainment Network

- Has an all-inclusive summer theatre program for younger students. They will learn team building, confidence, and while learning basic acting skills.
- Looking to offer it Aug 7 – Aug 28th twice a week, 2 hrs a day. Would need indoor space at a school. Example cost model: \$20/week per student. He would also need a couple of paraprofessionals to help with students.
- There would not be a show at the end, they would be doing small scenes throughout the sessions.
- Jason will share all this information with Andrea M. who will share it with district people for a decision.

Audit Party – Andrea M.

- Will be held July 19th, 6 pm at the board office.
- 26 people have signed up already.
- Royal Oak PTA will have representation at our audit party as well.
- Liaisons will be chosen at the audit party.

ELVS/Math APS – Chris C.

- 140 participants – 97 signed up for both, 36 ELV's only, & 19 Math only
- 57 volunteers are signed up
- All sessions will be held at the Civic Center Library
- There will be an open house training for volunteers on June 22nd

Council Email Addresses – Debbie Y.

- Council email addresses are not working. Google Workspace ended and we didn't take action soon enough. Debbie Y and Laura both did a chat to find out what is the best plan.
- **Debbie Y made a motion to purchase a new email plan with online Microsoft Office that costs \$95.88/year to be taken from the admin line item. Motion seconded by Kellie D. All in Favor**

Tentative Council 23-24 Calendar

August 16 – General Meeting
September 20 – General Meeting
September – IEP Binder - Date: TBD
October – Costume Closet - Date: TBD
October – Meet & Greet - Date: TBD
November – Food Service Appreciation – Date: TBD
November 15 – General Meeting
December – Family Engineering Night – Date: TBD
January 17 – General Meeting
January 20th – Chili Cook Off
January – Reflections Celebration – Date: TBD
February 21 – Founders' Day
March 20 – General Meeting
March 21 – Transportation Appreciation distribution
April 17 – General Meeting
April 25 – YMAD Celebration

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

May 22 – Officer Training
June 12 – General Meeting
July 17 – Audit Party

Family Engineering Night - Patty N.

- We previously had 100 kids/50 families that the last engineering night. We would like to host this ourselves. Patty has a guidebook of the opening activities. Some have consumables and some have reusable items. Mike T. says that Toyota also has some activities we could use.
- There are then 2 challenges that are more involved and longer. We would need to purchase all the items. We could use some of these items are other events like BB2S or the chili cook off.
- It is recommended for K-4 LPS students.
- Patty will come up with a budget to purchase all the items and present it in August when we are creating our council budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Officer Training– Andrea M.

- Went well and was well attended. Andrea suggested creating an SOA cheat sheet to hand out next year.
- Committee chair leaders didn't get many visitors. We should think about adding 30 minutes and have everyone listen to these committee reports.

Reflections Ceremony – Debbie Y.

- Everything went well. Chairpersons need to understand that they need to help at the ceremony. There was also a suggestion to give the students name tags for when they come up to get their awards.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer – Debbie P. – written report

- Debbie Y. has Reflections receipts to turn in

Corresponding Secretary – Mike T. – No report

Recording Secretary – Kellie D. – No report

2nd Vice President – Amanda G. – No report

1st Vice President – Sara B. – No report

President – Andrea M.

- Andrea suggested we limit the number of years a unit has the same liaison school to 2 years. This will keep things fresh and spread out our council talent.
- Andrea has accepted Nikki W. resignation from the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mike T. – No report

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

Bylaws - Nikki W.

- We are waiting on the vote at the National Convention to increase membership dues.

Chamber Liaison – Kellie D. – No report

Clothing Depot – Kellie D.

- Lynda is going to reach out to Jen. T to see who is in charge of the clothing depot at FHS.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Debbie Y

- The district is not going to replace Lisa Kaiser. Debbie Y. met with Theresa O'Brien and Stacy Jenkins and they would like the PTA to help connect parents with any DEI work. Ideas are still being formed.
- Debbie Y. has a vision to create a student media committee. Students would interview other students who celebrate certain holidays. They would create videos to highlight the holidays and important days. This would replace Debbie Y. posting about all holidays and important days.

ELVS - Debbie P. & Chris C – Report above

Founders Day – Mandy G

- Mandy reached out to Donald from MI PTA about using his photo booth company next year.

Masterworks - Open

Membership - Nicole D

- 2,641 members. Memberhub fees are going up and passwords needed to be reset.

Newsletter – Laura – No report

PEP – Sara B. – written report

- PEP hasn't been updated because of the council emails being down.

Reflections - Debbie Y - Report above

STEM – Patty N. – Report above

Student Engagement – Andrea M. – No report

Website – Laura U. – No report

YMAD - Nikki W. and Debbie P –

- Celebration went well. Next year, we will go back to chairpersons bringing the snacks.

Open Discussion –

- Kellie will create a flyer to try and get more people to join council committees.
- Lynda attended the Niji Iro vote and everything went well.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by Kellie D.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.