

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

November 15, 2023

In attendance: Andrea Malenfant, Kellie Dummer, Megan Moore, Nicole Dant, Phil Francis, Laura Ulaszek, Jon Wennstrom, Debbie Pline, Megan Moore, Amy Owens, Megan DuMont, Nicki Bowman, Kirstie Jonckheere, Holli Kerkhof, Patty Novak, Shanan Wheeler, Elizabeth Vacheresse, Debbie Yates

In attendance via Zoom: Mike Testa, Erin Knopsnider, Shelly Ping

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Andrea M.

Approval of the September 20, 23 meeting minutes motioned by Nicole D., 2nd by Keadin P., unanimously approved.

Superintendent Report – Phil F.

- This week LPS announced the Elementary Teacher of the Year - Amy Chapman-Pinta EST at Grant Elementary, Secondary Teacher of the Year – Terri Bennett Math Teacher at Franklin High School, and Support Staff of the Year – Krystal Reid Para Pro at Garfield Community School. Phil read the award description for each of them. They were all surprised by their school staff and will be recognized at the next school board meeting, the LPTSAC Founders Day Celebration and the Livonia/Westland Chamber dinner.
- The LPS Education Foundation presented 32 grants to LPS staff totaling \$50,005.
- SHS, Holmes, Hayes, Hoover and Roosevelt will get renovations next summer. There will also be renovations to SHS, CHS, and FHS pool rooms.

Elementary Report – Jon W.

- Congrats to Amy Chapman-Pinta, Elementary Teacher of the Year.
- Fall fundraising via the PTAs at the elementary schools has gone well. These funds are used for all kinds of great projects for elementary students.
- K-6 admin and all staff used PD days to be trained by Connie Hamilton; a content area leader who has a book called Hacking Questions.
- PLTW shipments have arrived and teachers are very excited to continue this work with students.
- The BOE held their last study session at Riley. The BOE is traveling to different schools for their meetings to see all the renovated spaces. The Riley staff did a great job presenting things that are happening at Riley.

Secondary Report – Shanan W.

- The first combined middle school activity night went well. There were over 900 students. The next one will be in February at Emerson.
- The middle school principals are meeting to look at bullying and harassment in the schools. It is a problem every year and they are looking for preemptive solutions.
- All levels finished the first rounds of CSA's. Teachers used their PD day to look through the data to proceed for the next semester.
- The staff was also trained in CIRT, Critical Incident Response Training. It is general information about how to respond to safety issues within the building. This was part of the safety inspection that the district had in the spring.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

- Bill Shank, who worked for the CIA, presented to all 7th-grade students on internet safety. He gave them information about how to keep themselves safe while chatting with people online.
- The district has also just begun working towards universal accommodations and what that means for all children in the district.
- Frost is using their mascot time for targeted interventions so that class time is not interrupted.

Guest Speaker – James McConnell from the Livonia Historical Society.

- LHS is seeking donations so that all Livonia 2nd graders will have the opportunity to attend the 1 room schoolhouse at Greenmead. They attend class in the Newburgh School building during the visit and then play games outside.
- They will also be seeking PTA support for this program for spring 2025.
- Jen Corey from LPS is working on equal field trip experiences for all students and LHS has met with her. There is more information attached to the main copy of these minutes.
- For now, Council will share this information with the school PTA's and they can decide if they want to donate. Grant Elementary PTA already helps pay for this field trip for their 2nd graders.

NEW BUSINESS

Food Service Appreciation – Andrea M.

- We will pack the bags after tonight's meeting. Units are sending someone to pick up each school's bags to distribute them.

IEP Binder Event – Andrea M.

- This event is scheduled for Thursday, November 29th at Riley Upper Elementary. 6-7 pm. Units were asked to share the event with parents so they can RSVP. Andrea has invited the LPS Student Service Coordinators to attend.

Family Engineering Night– Patty N.

- This event is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th at Churchill High School. We will need about 15 adult volunteers to help. There will also be Livonia Warrior students to help. The robotics team will also provide pencils to give away. Patty will create a sign up for volunteers and will send it out soon.

Chili Cook Off – Andrea M.

- The date has been confirmed with Franklin High School for Saturday, January 20th. Andrea will confirm with the Kiwanis about the \$500 prize.
- Chili entries will need to be registered by January 13th.
- We will have a bake sale again; we will sell hot dogs and chips again. Patty will set up a STEM table again. We will invite one of the FTC teams to demo their robot. Laura will ask FHS choir to sing again.
- For the grand prizes will we seek Awesome Designs from the Garfield Community School students again to engrave mugs or cutting boards.
- Andrea needs help getting donations for the prize baskets. She has a donation letter and will share with everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

Costume Closet – Andrea M.

- We gave away 150 costumes. We put out the collection boxes at all the elementary schools to collect more costume donations. Mandy will pick them up and deliver them to Cass for storage until next year.

Council Meet & Greet – Andrea M.

- Went well but not there were no representatives from student services.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer – Debbie P. – Debbie will deposit the money from the PTA Meeting Signs. We are eliminating the Clothing Depot account.

Motion to close the savings and checking accounts for the Livonia PTSA Council Clothing Depot and write a check for the total amount left to Livonia Public Schools made by Kellie D., 2nd by Andrea M. All Approved.

Holmes & CHS still need to upload their 990's into GB.

There has been a change in GB, so you have to enter a stock number for donations. Debbie P. will create an information sheet about this to send to all units. We didn't know about this before we started collecting donations for the Food Service Appreciation so we didn't get any donations.

Corresponding Secretary – Mike T. – No report

Recording Secretary – Kellie D. – No report

2nd Vice President – Amanda G. – Absent

1st Vice President – VACANT

President – Andrea M. – No report

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mike T. – No report

Bylaws - Andrea M – Remind units to make sure their bylaws are in the newest template and help them if they need to update theirs.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging - Debbie Y – No report

ELVS - Debbie P. – Keadin P will help with this.

Founders Day – Mandy G – Written Report. Date is set with St. Mary's Cultural Center. This year there will be 10 per table. Forms will be sent out to units soon. The Google Photo Drive is available and has been in the newsletter and officer forum FB page.

Membership - Nicole D – 2,334 members. There is 1 unit left to pay Council dues.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

Newsletter – Laura – Send articles to Laura by 11/27. Remember to cc PEP to get points.

PEP – Sara B. – No report

Reflections – Megan M. – Projects are will be dropped off by units on Friday, November 17th at the BOE building 4 -6 pm.

STEM – Patty N. – See discussion above

Student Engagement – Andrea M. – No report

Website – Laura U. – Please send Laura updates for the pages of the website that you are in charge of.

YMAD - Debbie P – Information was sent out to units. Remind all units to share.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:11 p.m. by Debbie P.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.