

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

March 20 2024

In attendance (in person and Google Meet): Andrea Malenfant, Kellie Dummer, Nicole Dant, Debbie Pline, Megan Moore, Keadin Parish, Erin Knopsnider, Mike Testa, Lynda Scheel, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Holli Kerkhof, Monique Cadoret, Debbie Yates, Laura Ulaszek, Andrea Oquist, Andrew Pesci, Jon Wennstrom, Laura Zeigler, and Emily Keith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Andrea M.

Approval of the January 17, 24 meeting minutes with correction to add Lynda Scheel to attendees motioned by Lynda S. 2nd by Monique C. All approved.

Superintendent Report –

- Thank you to Phil F. and the City of Livonia for putting up lighted safety signs at Emerson and Johnson. The district is working with Wayne County for a similar sign in front of Franklin HS.
- The student activity directors, student leaders from each high school attending a Rotary club meeting. The students lead the meeting and updated everyone on their community service and acts of kindness.
- The district will celebrate World Down Syndrome Day with mismatched or colorful socks
- Day of Music at each upper elementary was a way for 6th graders to celebrate music options; band, orchestra & vocal. The hope is to help them make a decision for 7th grade. Currently, 6th graders do exploration of instruments.
- Sub A Staffer, a fundraiser for the LPS Education Foundation is having its drawing on 3/22. People can nominate a staff person to receive a ½ day off work. Members of the cabinet and administration will step in for the winners.
- March is Reading Month celebrations are happening all over the district. The PTA's have put on some great assemblies, activities and guest speakers.
- Mandy asked about Learning in L Town for the summer – There will be K-1 camps in July, grades 2 -8 will have 2-week camps, there will be math boost camps and Free Family Fridays. There was a suggestion to limit how many camps each family can attend so more families have an opportunity to participate.
- Mike asked a question about Varsity letters – The board and administration are working on this. Currently, figure skating and girls hockey are not sponsored by the district so they only receive an activity letter. Mr. Etue has met with the groups who are seeking Varsity letters. Andrea O has also met with the families.

Elementary Report – Jon W.

- K-6 buildings are wrapping up 2nd trimester, report cards went live today.
- March is Reading Month has been great. Two Riley teachers accepted a proclamation from the board.
- Pizza, Popcorn and Paperbacks was held at Riley and Battle of the Books are being held at the 3 Upper Elementary schools.
- QAR Internal reviews are happening across the district. Over 3 years all schools will be reviewed. The reviewers visit classrooms and the school receives feedback from the committee.
- Riley has started a Student Council.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

Secondary Report – Andrew P.

- CSA's for marking period 3 are going on. Teachers will review the data from them on April 8th.
- Middle School open houses are going on.
- Spring concerts and plays are happening. There is a Coffee House concert at FHS on 3/21 in the south cafeteria.
- Spring sports have started.
- LCTC held a fashion show and the proceeds will be donated to charity.
- Senior related activities are starting including a Rock the Runway fashion show at FHS, April 25th in the PAC. Students will wear their Prom fashions.
- Jamie Masters, a teacher at FHS has started a program called Reaching Higher. 25 junior students will learn how to become mentors/leaders. They will receive 8 weeks of training to become better leaders. This will start with student athlete captains and will grow from there.
- Mr. Pesci nominated the FHS band and orchestra for the M.A.D.E wall at Franklin.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Appreciation – Andrea M.

- We will pack the bags tonight. They will be dropped off tomorrow morning. We received \$310 in donations. We are using to buy donuts, juice and fruit. All items for the bags were purchased from families throughout the district.

Reflections Ceremony – Monique C.

- All set for 3/21. Gallary will start at 6:30 and the ceremony will begin at 7 pm
- Liz will MC again and water and treats will be set up.

MI PTA Convention – Andrea M.

- April 19 – 21st Dearborn Double Tree hotel. Currently Mandy, Andrea, Nicole, Keadin and Megan will be attending.
- They are asking us to create a basket to donate. And we will have a posterboard set up for display.

Council Application – Andrea M

- We received a council application from Holli Kerkhof. She is the current Coolidge PTA President.
Motion to add Holli Kerkhof to the Livonia PTSA Council by Lynda S. 2nd by Laura U. All Approved

Nominations Committee – Laura U.

- The nominations committee presented the following slate of officers:
 - o President – Mandy Gerstenbrand
 - o 1st VP – Kellie Dummer
 - o 2nd VP – Andrea Malenfant
 - o Treasurer – Nicole Dant
 - o Corresponding Secretary – Debbie Pline
 - o Recording Secretary – Laura Ulaszek
- **A motion to accept the slate as presented by made by Keadin P. 2nd by Monique C. There were no nominations from the floor. All approved.**

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

OLD BUSINESS

Chili Cook Off – Andrea M.

- We had 16 chili entries and 4 judges. There were lots of people there. Cooper was the winner of the \$500 prize. Debbie P. will follow up with the Cooper principal and Brian Weiss about them getting the prize.

Founders' Day – Mandy G.

- Mandy will make sure there is ranch dressing next year.

Advocacy – Mike T. – We would like to host a school board candidate forum. We will get high school students to help out again. We will do this again in late September before absentee ballots come out.

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. – Keadin will take over

Founders Day – Mandy G – Report above

Fundraising – VACANT

Membership - Nicole D – 2,473 members. No units owe money.

Newsletter – Laura – Send articles to Laura by March 22nd for the April newsletter.

PEP – Sara B. – No report. PEP points end, at the end of April.

Reflections – Monique C. – Report above.

STEM – Patty N. – Family Engineering night helped the robotics team win an award.

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 – Over 951 participants, which is up from LY. Mandy helped deliver certificates & seals to schools that had a lot. Chairpersons should collect the projects and bring them to CHS to set up. Remind the YMAD Chairpersons that they must bring cookies this year.

Open Discussion – The SHS principal was requested that we try and use SHS for our events. We will try to rotate our events at the high schools but we use what is available.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.