

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

April 17, 2024

In attendance (in person and Google Meet): Andrea Malenfant, Kellie Dummer, Nicole Dant, Debbie Pline, Megan Moore, Keadin Parish, Lynda Scheel, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Holli Kerkhof, Laura Ulaszek, Andrea Oquist, Patty Novak, Bill Green, Kristen Quesada, Sara Pelletier, Allison Kisskalt, and Natalie Brown.

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

Approval of the March 20, 24 meeting minutes motioned by Lynda S. 2nd by Debbie P. All approved.

Superintendent Report – Andrea O.

- Storm protocols were in place during today's storms. Buses are to go to the nearest LPS school and hold in place.
- Sub A Staffer assignments will be starting soon. There were 12 winners chosen and it raised about \$2000 for the foundation.
- M Step testing and SAT testing have started. PTA's have been celebrating students and helping them with little treats.
- 2nd grade field trips to Greenmead's one-room schoolhouse have started.
- Special honors nights and concerts are going on all across the district.
- Coolidge hosted the school board meeting. The school board has been having meetings throughout the district.
- ECC construction is coming along. The administration met with the playground people recently.
- Learning in L Town information will be coming out soon.
- A question was asked about the district's financial situation based on what is happening in Ann Arbor. Andrea O says LPS has planned ahead and has been very responsible with the fund balance knowing that enrollment will continue to decline because birth rates are declining. They are keeping services for mental health and the fund balance will still be around 17%, within the limits of the MOSB.
- Mandy G. met with the MI PTA and they are preparing a resolution to have a librarian in every school in Michigan.

Elementary Report – Bill G.

- Pre – K – 6 grades are busy. M Step is happening in 3 -6 grades. The testing window is longer this year, reducing the stress on students and staff. The data received from the tests will help staff make sure they are teaching the correct information.
- 6th grade camps have started, a great experience for students.
- Classroom observations are wrapping up and PBIS schools are collaborating.
- Staff are getting students prepared, who are transitioning to a new school next year.
- Young 5's will be in locations around the district. Right now, there are 113 students registered.
- K Round Ups will be at the end of May.
- Mr. Green asked how principals can help the PTA's. Discussion and ideas were exchanged.

Secondary Report – Kristen Q.

- MS activity night was held at Holmes and everything went well. There were over 800 students.
- Washington DC trips for 8th graders are happening now.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

- Honors Nights, Prom, and Graduation are all coming up soon.
- PSAT and SAT were done all online and was much faster than before. ACT work keys is still pencil and paper. M- Step tests are starting for 11th graders.
- CAPA @ CHS is performing She Kills Monsters this weekend. This will be the last shows of the year.
- MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Jayden Reij will be honored at a school board meeting.
- CAP Scholarship fund is accepting applications for their scholarship.
- Physicals will be available at each high school May 15th, 22nd and 29th
- There will be a Unified Bocce Ball game on June 8th to honor the late student Ainsley who used to help with Unified Sports.
- The Center Program and ASD kids will be putting on Finding Nemo on May 25th at 11 am.

NEW BUSINESS

YMAD Celebration – Debbie P.

- All set for April 24th at CHS. Volunteers will set up cookies and projects around 5:00 pm

LPS Resource Fair – Andrea M.

- Being held at the Jackson Center April 25th. Andrea created flyers and bring the PTSA tablecloth.

Officer's Training – Andrea M.

- All set for May 22nd in the Emerson LMC. The main focus will be SOA requirements. Breakout sessions will be President – Mandy & Andrea, Secretary – Kellie & Laura, Treasurer – Nicole & Debbie P. Membership – Keadin
- Kellie will share a charitable gaming flyer to include
- We will do the color-coded folders again for each officer.
- We will do Q & A at the end and give away prizes.

Elections 2024/2025 – 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
- **There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to accept the slate as presented by made by Lynda S. 2nd by Keadin P. All Approved. 12 yes, 0 no**

OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Appreciation – Andrea M.

- Went well.

Reflections Ceremony – Monique C.

- Went well.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer – Debbie P. – Presented the budget. We have received donations from LEA and LEADS this year and we are thankful to them. Chili Cook-Off profited \$1,800 and Founders Day profited \$600.

Corresponding Secretary – Laura U. – No report

Recording Secretary – Kellie D. – No report

2nd Vice President – Amanda G. – Attended the Mayors Non-Profit Breakfast. The city has a non-profit page that we can add our logo and information. Spree tickets will be available soon online. We discussed how units will be able to track their ticket sales. Can the Spree ED send out weekly updates? Can we have access to the dashboard? The Spree needs volunteers and they have grants available and scholarships for the students. They are also selling a 10 x 10 space for \$250 for the week of the Spree.

1st Vice President – VACANT

President – Andrea M.

- We will be giving Franklin choir a donation for singing at FD and CCO.
- The Frost PTSA is having board election issues. There was a discussion on their slate.
- Sara is stepping down from council at the end of the year. We will need someone to step up for PEP for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mike T. – no report

Bylaws - Andrea M – no report

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

ELVS - Debbie P./ Keadin P. – Information will come out soon. We have decided to limit the number of participants. Time will be scheduled in blocks of 2 hours, 2 weeks at a time. ELV's will be available for current K – 4 students. Keadin needs to be added to the Council Givebacks.

Founders Day – Mandy G – no report

Fundraising – VACANT

Membership - Nicole D – 2,476 members. MI PTA will be voting at a convention to remove the \$40 dues fee. National PTA will be voting for a membership increase of \$1.

Newsletter – Laura – Send articles to Laura by April 25th for the May newsletter.

PEP – Sara B. – Submit items by May 1st. Current standings Webster 6,850, Riley 6,550 and SHS 6,100. Discussion on whether to give prizes to the top 3 or top 5. We will wait to get the final numbers to see how close the points are.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

Reflections – Monique C. – Report above.

STEM – Patty N. – Patty had an idea to do something like Reflections and YMAD but for PLTW/STEM. Could we connect our STEM night with PLTW items? This is still an idea more will be worked on during the summer.

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 – Report above.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:06 p.m. made by Lynda S. and 2nd by Nicole D. All Approved

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.