

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

September 20, 2023

In attendance: Andrea Malenfant, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Kellie Dummer, Nicole Dant, Phil Francis, Laura Ulaszek, Jon Wennstrom, Debbie Pline, Roger Opsommer

In attendance via Zoom: Monique Cadoret, Lynda Scheel, Mike Testa, Patty Novak, Debbie Yates

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

Approval of the June meeting minutes motioned by Laura U., 2nd by Debbie P., unanimously approved.

Superintendent Report – Phil F.

- Andrea O is at a conference
- 4th week of school is going well, open houses have been well attended. Curriculum Nights have also been good. Starting before Labor Day was successful.
- As always there are some transportation issues. The district is low on bus drivers but they are still hiring.
- A/C units are installed at all schools. There have been some issues but the central office is working on fixing the problems.
- Jill Wozinak is retiring and her replacement has been named Teresa Giunta.
- FHS Hall of Fame had their ribbon cutting last Friday. The football game was packed and it was a very exciting event for the district.
- LCTC/Robotics walk-through was last week and was great. Everyone is excited to move into the space.
- HS/MS construction is wrapping up along with elementary libraries.
- PLT Secondary is going well and the staff is excited about the time they get.
- Council is trying to get a hold of someone about the Clothing Depot. Phil suggested emailing Lora Boka.

Elementary Report – Jon W.

- Corn Roast was fun and he liked that the district was involved with Council and the LPS Education Foundation.
- I-ready is wrapping up for reading and math. School improvement tasks at each school will start. Each building creates its own tasks so they are school-focused.
- Data dives will begin in October.
- Mascot time at each school is being used for intervention blocks for students. This will mean they are pulled out of tier 1 learning less.
- PLTW is going well. Families are excited about the addition of STEM learning.
- Picture Day & fall fundraisers are starting and M-Step reports are being sent home on 9/22 for K-6.

Secondary Report – Roger O.

- PLTW is great for elementary because it will have a great flow from elementary to secondary.
- Mascot time at the MS level is 30 minutes and students are working on the special needs of MS students.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

- Holmes has started Habits Maximize Success – students are learning together how everyone can be in sync.
- Roger likes the clear direction from CO and all levels are heading in the same direction.
- At HMS, they are working on combining events so there are fewer events for parents. They combined the 8th grade Washington DC meeting with Open House. HMS is also promoting trying new habits at home. Asking students to try a positive new habit for a week.
- Touch A Job at Schoolcraft College 9/30
- Middle school activity nights will happen again. The first one is at Frost on 10/27
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be virtual and in person. 11/1 & 11/2, they are half days for students. Each school will send out sign-ups closer to the date.
- Student count day is 10/4, CSA will be 10/25 & 10/26.
- Homecoming games for the high school 10/6 CHS & SHS, 10/13 FHS

NEW BUSINESS

Council Email Addresses – Laura U.

- New council email addresses are working. Committee chair emails are set up. With this new system we can only set up 1 person for committee email addresses.
- Andrea M. will send out an email to the units and provide new email addresses.

Costume Closet– Andrea M.

- 10/3 @ FHS 6-8 pm
- We will sort costumes 9/23 at 11 am.
- Donations will be collected the night of and boxes will go out to all K-4 bldgs. and the Jackson Ctr after Halloween.

Council Meet & Greet – Andrea M.

- 10/16 BOE - Patriot Room 5:45 pm – 6:20 pm
- Jill sent the invite out to the cabinet and the school board members.
- There will be light snacks

Food Service Appreciation – Andrea M.

- We will pack the bags after the November Council meeting.
- We will use the Amazon wish list and donations again. We will not be doing the coloring pages again; we never get enough.
- Delivery will be November 16th if anyone is available to help.

Council Application – Andrea M.

- Council has received a council application from Keadin Parish. See attached.
- Discussion on whether Keadin would be a good fit for Council. She is interested in helping with Reflections, ELV's, and Math APS. She also works at Cleveland.
- **Andrea M. motioned to approve the council application from Keadin P. and was seconded by Nicole D. All Approved. All approved on Google Meet as well.**

OLD BUSINESS

Corn Roast – Andrea M.

- Event went well. The bake sale collected \$119.94. The event needs to be shortened a little.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer – Debbie P. – Little activity since last month. We will pay MI PTA dues, and insurance soon. 990 is due 11/15

Corresponding Secretary – Mike T. – No report

Recording Secretary – Kellie D. – Coolidge asked about Council purchasing blue “PTA Meeting Tonight Signs”. Kellie will survey the schools to see who would want them. Council would not be able to pay for them but we could do a bulk order for a cheaper price and units would pay.

2nd Vice President – Amanda G. – No report

1st Vice President – Sara B. – Written report. Lots of PTA board officers have not joined their own PTA yet. Andrea will let board members know that they need to be a member before October 1st. Sara was going by MH data, but that information may not be correct. The board will look into this.

President – Andrea M. – Andrea is still waiting to hear about a date for the IEP Binder night. She hasn't gotten a response from LPS. Hopefully, it can be scheduled for October. Andrea also received a resignation letter from Sara for her position as 1st Vice President. She has taken on a full-time job that requires her to work all Wednesday nights. She would like to stay on Council and continue to be the PEP Chairperson. The position of 1st VP is open until someone is nominated. Mike T. asked if any Council members have gotten feedback from 5-6 parents about music being reduced for PTLW? No one on Council has heard anything.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mike T. – Mike will create and send out a short questionnaire to city council candidates like we have done in the past. We will also share the League of Women Voters candidate video and Chamber voice of candidate forums for the public's knowledge. We do not support individual candidates.

Bylaws - Andrea M – Please reach out to your liaison units and make sure their bylaws are in the most up-to-date template. Nikki sent out the updated templates last year.

Chamber Liaison – Kellie D. – Please remove this committee

Clothing Depot – Kellie D. – See earlier discussion

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Debbie Y

- We are adding B to DEIB, it stands for belonging.
- Debbie Y, Mike T, Andrea M met with Stacy Jenkins and Theresa O'Brien from LPS about what responsibilities our group would have in spreading DEIB information. We are the parent voice in the district so that makes sense. Debbie will be hosting a welcome meeting for all DEIB chairpersons on 10/3.

ELVS - Debbie P. – Debbie has some ELV's boxes that need to go into storage at Cass.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.

Founders Day – Mandy G – Mandy is investigating new venues. St. Mary's wanted to raise the price a bunch. Some of the other places seem to be very expensive as well. Date is set 2/21.

Health & Welfare – Please remove this committee

Male Engagement – Please remove this committee

Masterworks - Open

Membership - Nicole D – No report

Newsletter – Laura – Send articles to Laura by 9/22

PEP – Sara B. - 1st SHS 3000 points, 2nd Randolph 2100 points, and Grant 1400 points. Remind units about due dates for PEP items and pay memberships to MI PTA on time

Reflections – Monique C. – Everything is ready to go and will be sent out to units ASAP. Reflection entries will be due to unit chairs 11/10 and due to Council 11/17. Monique will contact CO to book a room there for drop-off.

STEM – Patty N. – A discussion was had about the Family Engineering Night. Families would pre-pay via MH. We will use the cafeteria at CHS. Patty will see what dates in December are available. We decided on no pizza for this first time. It will be \$5 per student K-4, younger siblings will be free; 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Mike and Patty were discussing which activities we would have.

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. She has been updating with all the new email addresses.

YMAD - Debbie P – Information was sent out to units. Debbie will follow up with chairpersons from last year as well.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:55 p.m. by Andrea M.

Respectfully submitted by Kellie D.