

# Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

## January 15, 2025

In attendance:

Council - Andrea Malenfant, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Kellie Dummer, Laura Ulaszek, Debbie Pline, Nicole Dant, Jon Wennstrom, Keadin Parish, Megan Moore, Mike Testa, Andrea Oquist, Kristyn Cousino

Guests - Elizabeth Vacheresse, Jenna Kuhn, Laura Zeigler

In attendance via Zoom: none

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mandy Gerstenbrand.

Approval of the November 20, 2024 meeting motion by Mike T., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keadin P. Minutes, unanimously approved.

### **Superintendent Report** – Andrea Oquist

- Quiet over break, no building issues. Ended year well with CSAs – no snow days
- New Dialog went out: Kindergarten registration, ACAT registration, HS preview nights and more
- New admin.:
  - o Mr. Schiavi, AP at Riley (from South Lyon)
  - o Mrs. Burke, principal at Webster (former EST at Rosedale)
  - o Mrs. Pierson, interim principal at Coolidge (AP at Cooper. Mrs. Collyer went to early childhood position at Wayne RESA. Will post in April/May for the position)
  - o Mr. Cesarz, interim AP at Cooper
- New BOE started Monday, January 13
  - o Mrs. Bonifield retired after 12 years
  - o Dave MacFarland started
- State accountability – MDE scores
  - o Mrs. O'Brien will share at BOE meeting
- LPS Education Foundation's Dollar for Scholars – would love to have PTA/PTSAs to spread the word and encourage people to attend. January 30.
  - o Spoke about guest speaker Maria Dismondy
  - o Bring new or used book for her nonprofit.
- Discussion about Hoover crosswalk initiated by Mike T.
  - o Getting brighter lights and more ground markings
  - o Mike thanked Mrs. Oquist and Mr. Francis for their work
- Discussion about Marshall
  - o Learning Tree may move to Jackson Center
  - o Marshall needs too much in updates
  - o Will find a new home for Blessings in a Backpack
  - o Maintenance says that Marshall cannot be utilized any longer
- DEIB conversation

Respectfully submitted by Laura Ulaszek

- Mandy has emailed Stacy Jenkins and Theresa O'Brien – needs response, Andrea O. will follow up

### **Elementary Report** – Jon Wennstrom, Riley principal

- New hires are excited and doing a great job
- K-6 doing a reset – taking a step back and reviewing protocols
- CogAT (6<sup>th</sup> grade) going on now
- Mochitsuki celebration at Niji-Iro on Friday, January 17 – “Pounding the dough”
- PTA events – reminder that the schools are not providing supervision. It's mostly understood but parents need to be reminded that they are not drop off events (i.e. skate nights). Maybe put disclaimer on flyers
- Spoke with Mr. Green re: outdoor recess
  - Temp with windchill below 15 degrees = stay inside
  - AccuWeather app real feel of current weather not hourly
  - Principal has the final say, not a district decision
  - Choice to stay inside may be for other circumstances (i.e. flooded playground)
  - Plan to update language in the policy

### **Secondary Report** – Kristyn Cousino, Holmes principal

- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester off and running, adjusting to new schedules
- Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders preview nights
  - Jan 28 – FHS, Jan 29 – SHS, Jan 30 – CHS, Feb 5 – LCTC
- Next month, start scheduling for next year
- Winter athletics in full swing
- MSC, MCAT selections coming soon
- Phantom at CHS Feb 28, March 1 and 2
- Unified Basketball CHS vs FHS Friday, January 17 at Franklin
- LCTC advanced med went to Buchanan – checkups for stuffed animals
- Holmes working on rolling out PBIS. Emerson and Frost already have
  - Looking at in building fun time during mascot time for students doing what they are supposed to be doing – earning points
- iReady last week
  - Holmes did event for 7<sup>th</sup> graders as iReady reward on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be Friday
  - Movie, basketball, dodgeball, etc.
- Discussion on Mrs. Cousino adapting to middle school

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Founders' Day – Andrea M.

- Things are going well, receiving RSVPs and payments
- Invites went out to fancy people
- Great Lakes Ace donating gift cards for supplies

- Franklin's Bel Canto Choir is planning to sing. Hoping to have Frost instrumental beforehand
- Mandy – not receiving pictures for slideshow from units

Chili Cook Off – Kellie D.

- January 18, 11 am-2 pm
- 12 entries as of today
- Sending out emails to participants
- Making baskets tomorrow – 20ish baskets
- 1 of 4 judges can't be there
- Set-up at 9:30 am
- Special Olympics basketball happening at the same time

LPS Education Foundation Annual Dinner – Laura U.

- Dollars for Scholars 5-7:30 pm on January 30 at St. Mary's
- 5 Council members attending

Nominations Committee Formed – Laura U. (chair), Mike T. and Keadin P.

- Present in March, election in April

Reflections – Megan M.

- Ceremony will be March 20 at Franklin
  - o 6:30 pm gallery viewing, 7 pm ceremony
  - o Megan will contact James at Franklin

Transportation, Warehouse and Maintenance Appreciation Event – Mandy G.

- March 20 – breakfast and goodie bags
- Parking March 19 after meeting

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Food Service Appreciation Event – Mandy G.

- Went well

Family Engineering Night

- Lower attendance but people there had fun
- Discussion about changing date to earlier in the year

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

Treasurer – Nicole D.

- Discussion on start up money for Founders' Day

Corresponding Secretary – Debbie P. - No report

Recording Secretary – Laura U. – No report

Respectfully submitted by Laura Ulaszek

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Andrea M. – No report

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Kellie D.

- Be sure to check Cass before we buy items

President – Mandy G.

- MI PTA meeting was this past Saturday
- MI is working on SOA letters
  - o Can find letter in Givebacks

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Advocacy – Mike Testa

- Discussion on crosswalks – better markings
  - o Hoover is dark at times HS and MS student buses pick up
  - o Traffic sergeant went out there and many tickets were given
  - o Phil Francis is working on getting better lighting and signage
  - o Traffic Commission will probably put in signage, lighting and paint
- National Legislative Conference (virtual) – March 4-6

Bylaws – Andrea M.

- National dues are going up \$1
- Discussion brought up by Mandy that current boards probably need to decide on new member prices
- Units will need to amend bylaws if increasing membership fees

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging - OPEN (Mandy)

- Waiting on response from district

ELVs & Math APS – Keadin P. – no report

Founders' Day – Andrea M. - Report above

Membership - Nicole D

- 2,473 members

Newsletter - Laura

- Articles for the next newsletter will be due January 27
  - o Remember to write for the future
  - o Put text in email, attach pictures

PEP – Keadin P.

- Coolidge in the lead
- Please turn in your things, points are bonus

Reflections – Megan M. – report above

STEM – Patty N. – Not present

Student Engagement – Andrea M. – No report

Website – Laura U.

- Check your pages on the website and send any changes to Laura.

YMAD - Debbie P.

- Going well
- Discussion on Coolidge's event – blanket and card making
  - o January 17 event for families
  - o Also doing during recess

**Other Business**

none

Motion to Adjourn at 7:32 p.m. by Keadin p.