

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

November 20, 2024

In attendance:

Council - Andrea Malenfant, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Kellie Dummer, Laura Ulaszek, Debbie Pline, Nicole Dant, Jon Wennstrom, Keadin Parish, Megan Moore, Holli Kerkhof, Pete Mazzoni, Patty Novak, Mike Testa

Guests - Elizabeth Vacheresse, Jenna Kuhn, Rebecca Schilling, Jeff Backus, Christina Engler, Erica Cording, Janet Stuebler, Courtney Beaudoin, Heather Hildebrand Fears, Laura Zeigler, Heather Poisson, Beth Brown, Helena Stylianou, Jessi Lanius, Melissa Raveed, Torri Connors, Allē Sanchez, Samantha DeCapite, Laurie Vasquez

In attendance via Zoom: none

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

Moved seats to sit by someone you do not know

Approval of the September 18, 2024 meeting motion by Kellie D., 2nd by Megan M. Minutes, unanimously approved.

Superintendent Report – Andrea Oquist not present (ill)

Secondary Report – Pete Mazzoni, SHS principal

- Conferences: one night in-person, one night virtual
 - o Slight decrease with having them be appointment only but good representation at all three high schools and LCTC
- 800 students at all middle school activity night in October at Frost
- Fall sports and bands had success at all 3 high schools, participation is up
- SHS play coming up soon, holiday concerts, charity events
- CSAs coming up
- Winter sports up and running

Elementary Report – Jon Wennstrom, Riley principal

- PLC (professional learning communities) coaches recently visited
 - o Went really well – invigorated teams
 - o Buildings have PLC meetings at least once a week
- Fundraisers are happening
- LPS Education Foundation grants were delivered
 - o 32 grants for a total of \$50,000, Riley had 3
 - o Thank you LPS Education Foundation

Respectfully submitted by Laura Ulaszek

- Riley's DEIB chair has been doing monthly list with holidays (similar to what Debbie Y. used to do). Push to add "belonging"
- Interviews for Webster and Coolidge principals – round 2 complete
- Riley AP interviews start November 21
- Riley student council participating in Fleece and Thank You event at SHS in November
- Discussion about units getting help from Riley's DEIB chair
 - o Mandy said Council is working with district to see what it will look like and we will have a coordinator from Council
- Discussion on bus driver shortage

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NEW BUSINESS

STEM – Patty N.

- Family Engineering Night 12/12 from 6-7:30 pm at CHS
 - o \$5 per family, 50-70 families, K-4
 - o Robotics will help again, needs adult help as well
 - o Prizes to be raffled off

Food Service Appreciation –

- Goodie bags for about 200 people

Founders' Day – Andrea M.

- St. Mary's, February 19, 2025
- Price has increased to \$40/ticket, 8 per table, units may need to amend budget
- Firm date to turn in nominees of Dec. 20 – will not be in program if not in on time
- Info coming out next week
- Take photos and upload to Google Drive. Link is in every newsletter. Label with school name and event

Costume Closet –

- October 2 at Franklin 6-7:30 pm, café, 4:30 set-up
- Sorting and organizing at Cass 9/21, 9:30 am
- Donation bins at the event
- Will do collection after Halloween at elementary schools
- Has been on district social media

Chili Cook Off – Kellie D.

- January 18, 11 am-2 pm
- \$10 entry fee, \$5 admission
- Council has two 11x17 posters for each unit to display at their school
- Bake sale, raffles, maybe hot dogs

LPS Education Foundation Annual Dinner – Laura U.

- Dollars for Scholars. New format – switched from luncheon in November to an evening event, 5-7:30 pm on January 30 at St. Mary's
- Info on social media and Foundation website
- All are welcome

OLD BUSINESS

Candidate Forum - Mike T.

- Went really well, lots of great feedback about students.
- Broadcast live and was played in rotation for quite a while

IEP Binder Event – Andrea M.

- Went really well, 13 families present
- 30 binders went out all together.
- LECC might have Andrea present to staff

Costume Closet – Andrea M.

- Went really well, 133 costumes went home with students, lots of accessories
- We need M/L child, teen
- Staff members contacting Andrea about getting costumes for their students
- Discussion about having time for staff

DEIB Chair – Mandy G.

- We are looking for a chair but waiting for a meeting with district. Council will be able to fill council chair after meeting. We are in a holding pattern but units should reach out if they have questions

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer – Nicole D.

- Reports passed out, no questions
- One unit still needs to pay Council dues
- Seven schools have not done 990

Corresponding Secretary – Debbie P. - No report

Recording Secretary – Laura U. – No report

2nd Vice President – Andrea M. – No report

1st Vice President – Kellie D. – no report

President – Mandy G.

- Get SOAs in so you can get letter of good standing

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mike Testa – no report

Bylaws – Andrea M.

- If three year timeframe is up, need to update.
 - o If amending, must post for 30 days and vote. If not amending, just upload.
- All units will need to update next year. Maybe update in the spring
- National dues are going up \$1

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging - OPEN

- Discussion noted above

ELVs & Math APS – Keadin P. – no report

Founders' Day – Andrea M. - Report above

Membership - Nicole D

- 2,312 members

Newsletter - Laura

- Articles for the next newsletter will be due November 25
 - o Remember to write for the future
 - o Put text in email, attach pictures

PEP – Keadin P.

- Coolidge 5350 points, Buchanan 3700 points
- Please turn in your things, points are bonus

Reflections – Megan M.

- Entries due to chairs last Friday, November 15
- 192 entries, 18 schools
- Will look at date for ceremony

STEM – Patty N. – report above

Student Engagement – Andrea M. – No report

Website – Laura U.

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

YMAD - Debbie P.

- April 23, 2025 at CHS

Other Business

none

Motion to Adjourn at 6:50 p.m. by Nicole D.

Goodie bag packing after meeting

Respectfully submitted by Laura Ulaszek