

Livonia PTSA Council Executive Board Meeting

August 21, 2024

In attendance: Andrea Malenfant, Mandy Gerstenbrand, Kellie Dummer, Laura Ulaszek, Debbie Pline, Nicole Dant, Mike Testa, Jon Wennstrom, Keadin Parish, Kevin Etue, Megan Moore, Holli Kerkhof, Courtney Beaudoin, Heather Hildebrand-Fears, Dana Fustini

In attendance via Zoom: Patty Novak

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

Approval of the June 12, 2024 meeting motion by Debbie P., 2nd by Andrea M. Minutes, unanimously approved.

Superintendent Report – Kevin Etue

- Staff at professional development this week.
- Renovations: LMCs and kitchens are getting approved. Alternate meals at SHS for first couple of weeks.
- School staffing is getting full.
- Open Houses over the next couple of weeks.
- Wrapping up LPS audit. LPS is in good shape financially.
- Young 5s enrollment is strong
- Staffing changes:
 - o Kristyn Cousino, principal, moved from Webster to Holmes
 - o Ben Hillard new principal at Rosedale from academic services
 - o Larry Grezak moved from Hayes principal to an academic coordinator
 - o Christine Broome new principal at Hayes, was EST at Hoover
 - o Paul Kennedy, new AP at SHS
 - o Joe Anderson, interim principal at Webster

Secondary Report – Kevin Etue

- Walk throughs on Friday, August 23 except for Frost which was on August 15
- Open Houses the next couple of weeks
- New system for equitable grades across the district.
 - o Assessments—retakes—gradebooks
 - o 60-30-10 weighted scale
 - o More info from principals
 - o AP, MSC, MACAT will be different
- Schedules officially released today – August 21
 - o Problems with leaked schedules because Clever and other apps pull from MiStar which updates nightly.

Elementary Report – Jon Wennstrom

- Expressed thanks to LPS Education Foundation for the great Bounce Back to School. Loves that Riley is the site.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Ulaszek

- Building PD today, district tomorrow at Franklin
- Open Houses this week and next
- School tours were on August 15 at 10 am and 4 pm.
- Monday is a half day of school, full day on Tuesday
- Roosevelt, Hoover and Hayes had construction this summer
- Larry Grezak came to Riley's building PD day and spoke to staff. It was great having him there.
- Question on if kindergarteners will be grouped and teachers decided later: building decides; its encouraged but not mandatory.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – presented during treasurer report

Audit – Council's audit completed and uploaded

DEIB – we need a new chair

- Discussion on district plans and what is happening

Corn Roast – September 8, Megan can join Laura to man table

Candidate Forum – September 26 at 6 pm. City Hall Auditorium is booked.

- All 5 candidates have confirmed
- Traditional questions, lightning round, final question
- All can answer all questions this year since there are less candidates

IEP Binder Event – Andrea M. is looking for date and location. Will check Emerson.

Costume Closet – October 2 hopefully at Franklin, needs helps sorting and organizing at Cass

Chick-fil-A – Laura can proceed with conversations with Peter, Livonia location's marketing coordinator to get more information and contact PTAs

Portillo's fundraising info will be in next newsletter

OLD BUSINESS

APS/ELVS - Keadin

- Went well. Will do more participants next year. Maybe about 100. This year it was capped at 81 (175 previous year)

Spree Vouchers

- Council has the checks and they will go out interoffice mail. Checks not written properly again this year. Made out to school and not PTA/PTSAs. Laura will add to checks before putting in mail
- Discussion on how Spree Committee needs to handle all of it next year like they used to and not Council. They have a paid executive director.

Audit Party – Debbie

- At time of report, only Cleveland's need to be completed (was done before meeting ended)

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer – Nicole D.

- Budget discussion

Corresponding Secretary – Debbie P. - No report

Recording Secretary – Laura U. – No report

2nd Vice President – Andrea M. – No report

1st Vice President – Kellie D.

- Will start working on Chili Cook Off with Franklin, 1/18/25

President – Mandy G.

- Encouraged Council members to reach out to liaison schools
 - o Remind to upload audit and budget, complete 990 (do not pay someone to do it), officers must be members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy – Mike T. – Report above

Bylaws – Andrea M.

- Price of membership going up next year (National)
 - o Units need to use new template
 - o All units will need to update bylaws next year due to price changes
 - o If at three-year mark, will need to update this year

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging - OPEN

- Discussion noted above

ELVs & Math APS – Keadin P. – above

Founders' Day – Andrea M. - Report above

- There will be a firm date for nominees and write-ups, will not be in program if not turned in on time

Membership - Nicole D

- 454 members

Newsletter - Laura

- Articles for the next newsletter will be due August 29, newsletter will probably come out September 4 or 5

PEP – Keadin P.

- Current standings Grant – 1000; Coolidge and Hoover 900

Reflections – Megan M. – No report

STEM – Patty N.

- Plan another Family Engineering Night in December, CHS cafe

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
- Will email out info to units mid-September

Motion to Adjourn at 7:35 p.m. by Mandy G.