PTSA Council General Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2020

Location: Walled Lake Elementary

Attendees:

| Jackie Gurwin | Council/WLN/CHS | Leigh Shamenski | Council |
| Julie Amann   | WLE             | Sarah Piggott   | Council/GMS |
| Dan Monkman   | PLE             | April Munafo   | MHG     |
| Brandi Brendtke| GMS/WLC/Council| Chris Titus    | BOE     |
| Judy Evola    | ESC             | Dulcie McQueen | Wixom   |
| Susie Crafton | WLW/MBE         | Shayna Levin   | Council/Commerce |
| Pam Hayes     | WLE             | Kathy Gruzas   | Council |
| Ashley Witherspoon | LLE   | Michelle Bianco| FFE     |
| Wendi Oliver  | Glengary        | Denise Dunn    | BOE     |
| Troy Marks    | WLC             | Lisa Massat    | Council/WLN/CHS |
| Katie Tomasik | Keith           | Heather Martinez-Variever | Walnut Creek |
| Andrea Mooradian | Banks | Jaime Evans   | WLE     |
| Melissa Maleski | WLE        | Jolie Abreu    | WLE     |
| Colleen Tucker | WLE             | Darcell Baxtresser | WLE |
| Kim Quinn-Haver| Teacher Representative |

Called to Order at 7:06 pm by Jackie Gurwin, PTSA Council President

- Welcome from interim Principal Julie Amann from WLE  
  - Having a great year so far with an amazing staff  
  - Utilizing many new strategies and “kits” with student to focus on emotional growth and development  
  - Thanks the FFE for supporting their programs this year through mini-grants  
  - Is a K-2 pilot school for literacy development to be shared with the district  
  - Excited to be a Phase 1 renovation building for the bond  
  - Grateful to the PTA for supporting all their students, including Field Day fun for everyone and many other programs

- Minutes Approval from Nov 25, 2019  
  - Motion to approve Brandi, seconded by Shayna  
  - Approved

- Financial Report – Leigh Shemenski  
  - Current budget reviewed for the month

- President’s Report – Jackie Gurwin  
  - Comments to be touched on further in the agenda

- Legislative Report – Lisa Massat  
  - Successful first advocacy meeting held tonight  
  - Peggie Casagrande gave a very informative presentation with question and answer session regarding how to advocate for public schools and what grassroots efforts can do for our community  
  - Next meeting is Feb 24, 2020. All are welcomed to attend and there is no commitment beyond gaining information for yourself to share with others.

- Teacher’s Report – Kim Quinn-Haver  
  - Irene Daniels Scholarship applications are due the third week in March
• This is a long-standing scholarship in Walled Lake that is service oriented with an academic aspect
• Please share with any seniors who are members of the PTSA or families who are members
• Plans to revamp the scholarship are being considered
• The winners are announced at the Awards and Installation ceremony

• District Report – Judy Evola
  • MLK Celebration was a huge success with celebrating two Friends of Diversity award winners
  • Governor Whitmer has visited the district twice this year and we are confident she is a partner but needs our help to reach out to legislators to advocate for public schools.
  • Working on finalizing the calendar for next year, using survey info and WLEA to make final decisions
  • Phase #1 of the bond work is gearing up for major renovations to Glengary, Wixom, Mary Helen Guest and Walled Lake Elementary this summer. The bid package is coming to the BOE in February for approval
  • Plays and musicals continue to be a highlight this season. Please attend if you can.
  • WL Schools Credit Union is open to all Walled Lake families. We encourage you to check out what they offer for your middle schooler’s first bank account.

• Board of Education – Chris Titus
  • 3 members of the BOE are attending advocacy hearings that focus on special education pieces specific to WL Schools. Our position is that special education should be fully funded on the federal level and not using the general education dollars to fund these programs. Walled Lake has a presence at these meetings.
  • 3rd Grade reading law is in effect and the BOE as well as all administrators are working diligently to be sure any affected families are aware and being supported through their respective schools. No families will be blindsided, and every support will be offered, including that from Oakland Schools.
  • Mrs. Kohansky will be attending our Feb meeting to share info regarding the 3rd grade reading law.
  • Offering 3 new courses at the high school level as well as a Teacher Cadet Academy for student that are interested in going into the teaching profession.

• Foundation For Excellence – Michelle Bianco
  • The mini grant program is in the review process with over 40 applications totaling over 40k in total requests
  • Schuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Performing Arts grants are due April 4, 2020
  • Tuition Expedition raffle sales are going on now through WLCS Tickets this year.
  • 1 ticket will be donated to each PTA/PTSA for this year’s raffle

• New Business
  • Health and Wellness topics were discussed in the different buildings

• Old Business
  • Reflections entries are sent to the state at this time. Winner will be announced in March
  • Reflections programs are completed and need to be proofread by each school to ensure all information and artwork is correctly identified before printing

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 pm