PTSA Council General Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2019

Location: Dublin Elementary

Attendees:

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<td>Andrea Sullivan</td>
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Called to Order at 7:11pm by Jackie Gurwin, PTSA Council President

- Around the Room Introductions
- Welcome – Jeff Drewno, Principal
  - Northernmost school in the district
  - Thankful for the bond passage. The old school will probably be gone in 3-4 years. We are in the schematic design phase of the new school. Pretty exciting. Last week the architects from TMP were at our school and we held a Student Council meeting with them. The architects presented their design to the students in an effort to get feedback. It was fun, the kids had a lot of great feedback and questions. That was followed by a Community Stakeholder Meeting #2.
  - We continue business as usual while all of that is going on. We are still focused on teaching and social/emotional learning. Everyone is invited to come back and see school in action.
- Minutes Approval
  - Motion to approve by Susie Crafton
  - Seconded by Tracey Lamey
  - Approved
- Treasurer’s Report – Leigh Shemenski
  - Nothing happening in September. Report is through 9/30 (now done monthly vs. meeting to meeting).
  - Still some Council dues outstanding, Leigh will email
  - Motion to approve by Leigh
  - Seconded by Brandi
  - Approved
- **President’s Report – Jackie Gurwin**
  - Still trying to keep times down
  - Parenting Fair is this weekend, Saturday 7am. Brooks Gibbs is amazing.
  - Meeting attendees tonight received free registration to the fair!

- **Legislative Rep Report – Lisa Massat**
  - To follow up to our MASB presentation, Lisa will send contact information
  - Their site is very helpful to understand what’s going on in Lansing in plain English
  - Question: did the budget pass? Yes and we did get $120 per pupil that our budget was based on. Due to some vetoes, we did lose some funding.

- **Teacher’s Report – Kim Quinn-Haver**
  - Next week starts parent teacher conferences for older students
  - This coming Wednesday teachers have “Spice it Up”
  - As part of professional development teachers have 50 different sessions they can choose from
  - Elementary conference signup will open 11/18
  - There is a question about when high school conference sign up opens, try 11/4, then if that doesn’t work try 11/7

- **District Report – Judy Evola**
  - Open House week was last week, it was fantastic, volunteers did a great job
  - Some feedback: families currently in the district are confused that this isn’t for them. It could be for them, people can still check out their feeder school.
  - Her department is currently working on the Schools of Choice program. Continually trying to build the Walled Lake Schools brand
  - Plays coming up: Clue opening this week at WLN, WLC is presenting Trixie the Teen Detective, WLW is doing Cinderella
  - Mr. Gutman had his first community coffee last week. Lively discussion about lots of things. We want to be transparent, available.
  - WLCSD has a PAC, Citizens for Walled Lake Schools
  - We support the Great Lakes Finance Initiative

- **Board of Education Report**
  - Nancy van Leuwen – on behalf of LAYA, thank you to the units who donated to the Taste of the Lakes event. And coming up, students will be able to join the Walled Lake Schools Credit Union at their schools to encourage students to save.
  - Stephanie Kaplan – go to Parenting Fair, WLC Marching Band going to states on Saturday, thank you for efforts at Open Houses
  - Christ Titus – always feel free to ask the BOE questions, we want to be transparent about how we operate. Just received audit back, highest ratings received, “nothing to report”

- **Foundation for Excellence – Michelle Bianco**
  - Religious Diversity Journeys program is making progress, Muslim Community Center, Lakes Community Church have made donations
  - Shout out FFE mini-grant program. Application hoping to be released this week. New this year: literacy packages. Dublin has received flexible seating, ozobot robots, teacher manuals. Deadline to apply will be Friday after Winter Break. $250 Thank You grant will
be drawn from names of participating schools as a thank you for participating. Awarded before school ends.

- Funding: Count on Me program for district staff through paychecks
- New banners will be distributed to schools in the community with good visibility

**Presentation by Lakes Area Community Coalition (LACC) – Joan Baert**

- Work to prevent underage substance abuse and addiction
- Work with LAYA but different, LACC is 100% about prevention, grant-funded
- Was a HVS teacher for 25 years, has 4 kids
- LACC works to reduce risk factors that make them more likely to try or use drugs or alcohol
- Teach kids skills
- We are fortunate to be raising kids in a community that is surrounded by resources
- WLCS has been the strongest ally. Dr. Delgado is the liaison with the schools. He is an amazing advocate for kids.
- Assemblies like DARE are part of the program but environment changes have the biggest impact
- Every 8th grader will receive a program called “Keep them Safe, Keep them Healthy” – real talk from former addicts, what choices did they make, how did they get out of that, what affect did it have on their lives. Personal stories are important. De-stigmatizes drug abuse when real people connect.
- Judge Reed brings sentencing hearings to middle schools. Middle school is the best time to teach prevention.
- Partnerships with local mental health professionals, community resources. School counselors are already spread thin. Teach coping skills.
- Building zen dens at WLC and WLN.
- Kids are afraid to report problems because they don’t want to get in trouble. Administrators want to encourage kids to report and seek support instead of being afraid. Different strategies for suspensions, education component, parent component.
- Lots of layers to prevention, not just an assembly.
- Like us on FB, visit our website, tons of community events, always looking for volunteers
- Youth Action Board meets 1x month Sunday afternoons at Commerce Library, amazing leaders, 8th grade and up
- Our weakest sector of help is parents, need more parent involvement
- Hiring a project coordinator
- 7th, 9th, and 11th graders are being surveyed about current drug and alcohol use
- Happy to speak with parents or individual PTA/PTSA units
- Parents: the best thing you can do is talk to your kids and be specific about rules. Not just “don’t do bad things”, say “I don’t want you to drink alcohol”. Listen to your kids.
- Question: How to help kids not be worried about being seen as a “narc” by their social group? That is the work of all of us for years, support kids, outside resources.
- Athletic code of conduct: no consequences for self-reporting, won’t be kicked off the team. Asking for help is the most important thing.

**New Business**

- Reflections due to schools around November 15th, due to Council December 3rd
Standards of Affiliation – What’s missing? Emails will be going out to schools. Everyone needs to be in good standing for Reflections and Awards

- Old Business
  - None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm

Next Meeting November 25, 2019 at 7pm at Walled Lake Western. There will be a presentation by the Oakland County Sheriff Department about online safety.