PTSA Council General Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2020

Location: Pleasant Lake Elementary

Attendees:

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<td>Ellen McDonald</td>
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Called to Order at 7:03 pm by Jackie Gurwin, PTSA Council President

- Welcome from Principal Nayal Maktari from PLE
  - Celebrates cultural diversity within his school and a vast SES ranging community where the school community supports each other and asks for nothing in return
  - Point of pride is the “Leader in Me” program which creates teams within the school that develop leadership skills
  - Students are involved in creating the SIP goals and outreach initiatives for the year and monitor how the goals are being met and their outcomes for the school community
  - Mentoring teams are also utilized to meet with an adult mentor two times a month to make supportive goals for the school community
- 3rd Grade Reading Law Presentation – Cathy Kochanski/Lori Burke
  - Law began in 2016 to be effective in 2020
  - Focus is reading proficiency by the spring of 3rd grade or possible retention
  - Legislators have created many “good clause exemptions” for students
  - WL Schools have been tracking students starting in kindergarten to create IRIP’s and provide support in literacy and reading if they are below grade level
  - District has trained and is utilizing many “coaches” and support staff to work directly with students to bring them up to grade level
  - ELL are supported through our ESL staff to learn new language skills
  - Minimum cut scores on the spring M-STEP would indicate low proficiency
  - WL Schools teachers, administration and superintendent have been in ongoing communication with families regarding this law and have been working to ensure every student that needs support is receiving it with transparency and guidance. No one will be blindsided by their students reading level.
  - All information regarding the law and WL Schools approach and services can be found on the district website
- Minutes Approval from Jan 27, 2020
  - Edit Attendees: Leigh Shemenski (spelling) and Cathy Kochanski (BOE Report)
  - Motion to approve Elizabeth, seconded by Kim and Brandi
• Approved
• Financial Report – Leigh Shemenski
  $0.09 in interest to report this month
• President’s Report – Jackie Gurwin
  Presentation of the slate of new officers will be shared at the February meeting
  Awards and Instillations will be at Geisler on May 18. Awards from the state should be ordered by April 1. Each school can award 2 Merit Awards from council
• Legislative Report – Lisa Massat
  Absent due to hosting district advocacy meeting
• Teacher’s Report – Kim Quinn-Haver
  All teachers are working on literacy development in every grade in WL Schools and are very supported
  Looking for people who would like to read and review Irene Daniels Scholarship applications
• Board of Education – Chris Titus
  Met with Representative Berman to discuss budget for special education. Noting that the current funding was based on IDEA a law passed over 30 years ago for special education where the funding was 40% coverage and now it is 16.7% which would’ve meant $9 million more dollars for WL Schools
  Teacher shortage is real and there isn’t a solution currently, but something the district is constantly working on
  Title 2 funding for teacher support is being used
  Working on tax chance for local control of bond refunds rather than state or federal
  Proud to share that Oakland County was the largest contingent from Michigan at the Washington DC advocacy meetings and our voices were being heard
• Foundation for Excellence – Michelle Bianco
  Schuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Performing Arts grants are due April 14, 2020
  Tuition Expedition raffle sales are going on now through WLCS Tickets this year until March 30, 2020.
  Golf scramble raffle baskets are being asked for again this year from each PTA. The baskets are a huge hit with golfers and attendees and bring in many useful funds for FFE.
  Katie Tomasik is the winner of the Council PTSA free Tuition Expedition ticket
• New Business
• Old Business

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm