Walled Lake PTSA Council
Meeting Agenda
Virtual Meeting
June 1, 2020

Sarah Piggott – Council, Geisler
Jackie Gurwin – Council, WLN, Smart
Elena Dagg - Banks
Leigh Shemenski - Council
Shayna Levin – Council, Commerce
Amy Fry - Glengary
Kim Quinn-Haver – Teacher Rep, Smart

Chris Titus – BOE
Brandi Brendtke – Council, Geisler, WLC
Judy Evola - Administration
Dan Monkman – Pleasant Lake
Henry Gumbus - Dublin
Jillian Moutafis - Smart

I. Call to Order – 7:04

II. Welcome –
   A. Thank you to Jackie Gurwin for her leadership these past 2 years. Note the agenda was slightly tweaked from what was sent out originally.

III. Reading of the minutes (from April 27, 2020 – emailed prior) –
   A. Motion to approve by Leigh, seconded by Jackie. Approved.
   B. Will be posted on the PTA Council website soon

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Leigh Shemenski
   A. April Treasurer report shows $0.08 in interest. That’s it.
   B. May had a lot of activity - Insurance, Michigan PTA dues, Installation and Awards, Reflections costs for Weekly art contest, and Irene Daniels. Irene Daniels checks are in the mail to the recipients. We will have $3400 left in the account after all these payments go through.

V. President Report – Jackie Gurwin/Sarah Piggott
   A. Officer Transition
      1. PTA Directory info needed to produce directory to be handed out at the breakfast. Due date is June 12th to Sarah Piggott. Keith and Dublin have submitted already.
      2. Also need to update your officers in MemberHub. ALL officers need to be re-added, even those that are continuing a 2nd term.
   B. Presidents and Principals Breakfast
      1. This is the beginning of the year Kick off. Planned for August 12th with location TBD. Hoping to hold it at a Middle School for more space and more allowance for social distancing.
      2. Attendees are principals, PTA Presidents, Cabinet, Board of Ed. Also asking each president to bring one other board member with them to breakfast.
VI. Legislative Rep Report – Lisa Massat/Susie Crafton
   A. Susie will be taking over for Lisa. Lisa has been wonderful this year with bringing important info to present to WLCS.
   B. Susie will be looking into secure trainings for Advocacy volunteers. She is investigating different IT services. There will be a Zoom call soon, so watch your email.

VII. Teachers Report – Kim Quinn-Haver
   A. Lots going on in these last 2 weeks and trying to wrap up the end of the year. Some teachers were pink slipped. Teachers are working to get supplies to students and clean out their classrooms for the summer.
   B. Some kids seem to be excited about the Zoom calls with teachers so they have some socialization during the week.
   C. Irene Daniels Awardees announced.
      1. Ankan Sur – WLC
      2. David Honig – WLN
      3. Lauren Butler – WLW
   D. Irene Daniels will be changing to an online Google Form next year. Added a question about their personal involvement in PTA.
   E. Irene Daniels info will be handed out during HS Registration Week (if possible). Sarah says PTA will help to promote it.

VIII. District Report - Judy Evola
   A. The district is working hard to figure out plans on how to honor the seniors properly. Cap and Gown pick up went well and they are enjoying seeing photos posted on social media.
   B. June 14th will be a Zoom meeting for a Senior Celebration.
   C. 2020-2021 Calendar has been determined and will be sent out this week.
   D. Elementary staff are bagging up supplies for pick up next week. MS and HS are still developing a plan for locker cleanouts.
   E. 4 schools (Commerce, Wixom, Walled Lake El, Glengary) are getting bond updates this summer
   F. Students will still be learning through the last day of school
   G. District is working hard on a budget – layoff notices were given and will be approved at the BOE meeting on Thursday evening.
   H. Jackie reminded people that the Bond fund is different than the General Fund so just because you see construction going on does not mean our General Fund is in decent shape. Can’t use Bond funds to pay teacher salaries or day to day costs.

IX. Board of Education Report – Chris Titus
   A. As always, the BOE thanks PTA and the Community for support during the pandemic.
   B. There were 3 new Administrator Appointments approved at the last BOE meeting
1. Julie Amann – Principal, Walled Lake El
2. Dr. Nelson Hamblin – Asst. Principal, WLC
3. Thomas Ropek – Asst. Principal, WLW

C. Approved the Design for the ECC – it fits the goals and is designed around the layout of the property.

D. School Funding
   1. Budget is in trouble. We are required by law to have a balanced budget by June 30th but we don’t know what the funding will be until *after* that budget is due. That makes it very hard to balance.
   2. There is not much left to cut but we are legally bound so have to find some way to balance the budget. Staff will be laid off.
   3. Advocacy Groups are super important and we need parents talking to Legislative Reps. Please continue to Advocate for our schools!
   4. Budget cuts of $200-$2000 per student is possible. Mr. Titus says budget cuts will happen but we need to fight to make them as shallow as possible. Schools should not take the brunt of the cuts in the state.

E. Mr. Titus said he’s available at any time to discuss the duties of the BOE if anyone has questions.

X. Foundation for Excellence – Michelle Bianco
   A. Michelle was not in attendance but Sarah reported the Golf Scramble is cancelled for the year. It is replaced by the Acing Education in Walled Lake Schools promotion. This gives people a chance to purchase a 4-person round of Golf at Edgewood for the 2020 season to help support the FFE. Sponsorships are also offered. You can contact Michelle Bianco with questions.
   B. There are no gift baskets requested this year. Sarah asked Jackie if people could still donate money that was set aside and Jackie said she figured they wouldn’t turn it down. Dan Monkman cautioned that some schools may want to hang onto any extra money as we don’t know what next year will bring.
   C. On a separate but related note, there will be no Taste of the Lakes this year to support LAYA. No info regarding gift basket donations was given.

XI. New Business
   A. Memberhub Training Opportunities
      1. We will be offering a WL specific MemberHub training virtually in the month of June. Still working out details and finding people with good experience who are able to handle training for different areas.

XII. Old Business
   A. Installation and Awards Update –
      1. Slideshow is ready, just waiting for it to be posted on WLCSD website so we can link it. Candle is ready and will be sent out electronically for now with hard copies handed out during the breakfast.
2. You may tell your awardees and hand out the awards in whatever manner you see fit.
3. Council Awardees are:
   a) Council Honorary Life Membership – Michelle Fiebke-Lang
   b) Administrator of the Year – Kristin Froning
   c) Distinguished Service Award – Monica House
   d) Council Member of the Year – Kathy Gruzas
   e) Merit Awards – Torry Yu and Lisa Massat

XIII. Adjournment – 7:45 pm