

PTA Council Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2022

9:15 a.m.

Attendance:

Jenny Jarosik, Kate Ahmed, Lindsay Colbert, Kristen Dallman, Jessica Pritzker, Mary Ko, Sylvia Duarte, Nara Banzragch, Nicki Van Vuren, Matt Silverman, Stefanie Shefler, Melanie Newman, Cathy Kedjidjian, Karen Hitzeman, Alan Hernandez, Uelen-Ujin Dangaasuren, Natalie Jachtorowycz

Call to order: Jen Jarosik @9:20

Approval of the August minutes: Kate Ahmed

Stefanie Shefler

- Lyon construction is almost complete minus several punch list items, foundational work in the building we have complete multi-system support – literacy and SEL curriculum conversations centered on data and students is going well
- Currently planning instructional coaching K-8 walk-throughs of literacy programming what's going well, what can be improved – what is student work looking like during independent work time?
- 1st session is scheduled for Nov 14th for Lyon – teachers and admin all working together
- Beginning with Lyon leadership academic team

Jenny Jarosik

- Need a time to reschedule PTA President meetings for consistent attendance
- Holiday Helpers: continuing as is for this year with individual tweaks for each cluster

Karen Hitzman

- The conversation around Holiday Helper has evolved since last PTA council meeting
- We are working to help streamline with schools and social workers to support families in the most efficient and supportive way

Attea/Springman

- Holiday helper gift cards - a lot of overlap between schools

WB/GG

- A google form created by Kate to gather relevant information – ensuring everyone is receiving via email or text

He/Ho

- Own version of program led by Rhonda H – no coats or winter wear
- Gelfand is handling influx of additional coats and will support additional funding if needed

Ly/PR

- Own version as well – doing coats – Gelfand is doing vouchers for snow pants and boots

Glenview necessities network and Titans closet

- Doing coats. Fewer barriers because of GNN
- Have not seen any double dipping
- Collaboration with Youth Services happening weekly

Jenny Jarosik

- Holiday helpers will be reviewed in January for 2023 program updates
- Questionnaire is already on the list, survey will also go out asking the families what do you actually use?

Kate Ahmed

- Created open-ended comment box on form. So many are using this free text space to say thank you.

Jenny Jarosik:

- December meeting we will have Stacy Lenihan Director of Food and Nutrition Services – please share questions in advance directly with Jenny

Committee Reports:

BPAC:

Uelen-Ujin Dangaasuren – Mongolian BPAC

- Oct 25th Fall Family festivals – 35 families – 50-60 kids
Welcoming new families who have recently moved here
Did several activities – scavenger hunt, pumpkin carving, leaf art, leaf crayon rubbing
Pumpkin carving was a huge hit!
- Have a brochure to share

Sylvia Duarte – Spanish BPAC

- Glen Grove project team held event Spanish BPAC: great event – ofrenda project last Friday
- Club came from GBS that helped with skeleton creation - great turnout
- Spanish psychologist event at Attea this week
- GBS club – Chicano Bull

Jenny Jarosik

- Would like to get together with BPAC and PTA presidents in Nov/December

Alan Hernandez

- Oct 28 and Nov 10th are the next 2 events
- Family services and Youth services are joining on how to access services

Mary Ko – GEF

- K-2 event on October 19th at Ten Ninety – 80 attendees
- Next event 3-5 parents at Coarse Italian on Nov 14th
- October 28th Grant deadline – review and approve grants in December
- Trivia Night is Feb 4th tickets on sale in December

Natalie Jachtorowycz

- We are in our routine budget season now

Karen Hitzeman – (filling in for Cori Mohr Student Services Council Chair -Nicole Ray is parent liaison chair)

- They do a lot with 504/IEP world
- Training on November 14th
- First-level resource for families that have questions on 504 or IEP
- District in general in need of substitute teachers

Karen Hitzeman (as Liaison with Gelfand foundation)

- Shout out to everyone who has been helping
- Gelfand is paying rent for families, requests come to Karen - utilities/medical expenses – mental health resources
- Angel program - if you go to youth services, mental health resources covered for families 5-10 sessions
- Dec 8th sip and shop at Coarse Italian

Kate Ahmed - WB/GG:

- Shirt has been provided for every student and staff at WB
- GG rolled that out– the week of Halloween
- Went outside and wore shirts and sang the song, had a dance party (Thursday)
- A special experience of everyone wearing their shirt
- Fall parties – parents did not collect money for parties, PTA collected \$8k to use for all parties
- 2 grades at a time will paint rocks for the rock garden- working to collect them – will go in the GG courtyard area
- Each classroom gets a gift for their classroom
- PTA came up with a party plan for each grade

Jessica Pritzker – LY/PR

- Recently held Book Fair – Anderson Books (vendor)

- Bingo Night upcoming – Lyon brand new space
- Pollinator garden at Lyon
- Planning additional Parents Night Out
- Shirts for every kid

Lindsay Colbert/ Kristen Dallman - HE/HO

- Recently held Book Fair
- Held our Fall Benefit at Pinstripes – 80 people
- T-shirts – second year of T-shirts for everyone – had to provide for incoming Kindergartners and those new to district

Niki Van Vuren - SP/AT

- Benefit, sign up parties were a huge hit event held at Old Willow – Sept 10th
- Community Service projects: Environmental club – planting bulbs this Wednesday and the art club is going to paint them
- Gratitude card sign-ups – both schools have filled
- Community service project – Birthday bags to Northfield food pantry, students will make cards for SEL class
- Luncheon on Dec 14th – both schools Winter luncheon
- Breakfast for 8th grade students to better prepare for High School- Nov 2nd and Nov 9th
- Attea Winter Blues Bash party- parents donating water/soda
- 3 grant requests from Attea
- Potential for 5th grade students having a panel with 8th graders to prepare for middle school

Cathy Kedjidjian

- Discussion around 225 helping families get the communication from the high school to better prepare for HS

Cathy Kedjidjian - (as Dane Delli)

- We are settling into routines
- District-wide: annual calendar Board will see draft in November and approve in January parameters of coordinating with 225
- Additional construction next summer which puts considerations on calendar
- Have our first in-person D34 Parent Connect tomorrow night - Family Service Center and Sarah Gebhart will be here
- Last in-person Parent Connect was March 12, 2020
- Stuff the Bus for Character Counts – stuff the bus was lots of fun!
- AtoZ update: Still not getting full and complete information
- Room parents work with the teachers
- Keep talking/brainstorming about AtoZ

Matt Silverman:

- Great GBS Freshman class – doing well
- Tighter protocols and kids are responding

- NWA Math assessment results Fall to Fall
- Achievement percentile: increase YOY among 8th graders
- District Plan: MAP Testing, multi-tiered support, etc
- Need to create something we can articulate- Building School Improvement Plans
- Data Informed collaboration – (a lot of variability/emotion)
- Executive functioning/effort
- Re-examining grade level expectations/ IL Assessment for readiness

Meeting adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Kristen Dallman

Next meeting: December 13, 2022 @ Springman