



January 2018 Meeting Minutes

Educational Services Center, Bloomington Public School District
Bloomington, Minnesota
January 3, 2018*****11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Roberto Cantu (Principal PB), Rick Kaufman (Community Relations), Becky Lechner (OLE), Molly Lueck (PTSA Council President), Charlotte Westby (PTSA Council Vice President, IM rep), Beth Maiwurm (JHS), Kate Martin (Community Relations), Les Fujitake (Superintendent), Jason Thiel (WW), Sheri Brezinka (PTSA Council Treasurer), Kristi Wesolowski (PTSA Council Secretary), JC St. Onge-Holm (NH), Sue Bizal (Hillcrest), Jill Oldenburg (OLM), Wendy Marczak (BPS Christina Price (VVMS), Jen Rasmussen (OGE), Dick Bergstrom (Schoolboard), Jaysen Anderson (JHS), Carol Kampa (KHS), Gary Kressin (BCCA), Carla Reis (PB), Lisa Johnson (), Jodi Syrjamaki ()

Welcomed by Molly Lueck.

Introductions of those around the table

Minutes from December Meeting Approval -

First - Jill Oldenburg, Second - Lisa Johnson, All approved

“Feedback Loop” for January was a follow-up on a presentation by Maureen Bartolotta, BPS Schoolboard, and Marcie Coval, Curriculum and Instruction Specialist with BPS during our December meeting. Closet of Hope really does not have a collection point at this time, best to have PTA's work with their individual schools to help with that schools needs.

Les Fujitake, Superintendents Report

1. Les has been named to the Governor's Board on Workforce Development.
2. State Legislature convenes on February 20 and will be working on the budget. This will have impact on funding for our schools.
3. Oak Grove Middle School has a therapy dog. Radar is being used by multiple students and the primary role is to de-escalate situations.
4. Student enrollment is set, the formula for funding is the student number multiplied by 13,400. Our final enrollment is 10,209 for 2017-2018.
5. Still aiming for a joint session meeting in February for City Council and Schoolboard. Elementary.

Rick Kaufman Community Relations Update

- i. Cold Weather Protocol - the committee is made up of staff and parents. There is a plan of action for each stage - cold weather, cancellations, early dismissal, etc. 80-85% of our students receive transport so there is a concern for walkers. Cancellations occur no later than 5:30 am and after school activities are sometimes cancelled during the day. If school activities are cancelled, all late buses are cancelled.
- ii. Winter Recess - is cancelled for outdoors with a 0 temperature reading or a -10 windchill. Playgrounds are also checked for ice and principals make the final call. ALL INFO is on th website.

- iii. Continuing to roll our "My Stop". It has been installed in all buses and the refresh rate have been checked. You can sign up on the Hub and start receiving updates. This will tell you on-time status or any other relevant updates on your bus.

Roberto Cantu, Principals Report

- i. 5th Grade Students - Middle School Information Night is on February 5th at each Middle School at 6:30. As a follow up, Middle School Counselors will be coming to elementary schools on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday to meet with 5th graders. Most important feedback will be the music selection.
- ii. High School will hold their information meeting on January 11th for 8th graders at Jefferson and also at Kennedy - a 6:00 pm meeting will be held for Honors interest and a 7 pm meeting will be held for all.
- iii. All schools Kindergarten Orientations will be on their websites - each of these varies by building.

Sheri Brezinka. Treasurer's Report

- i. No new expenses to report.
- ii. Have received checks or notifications from all schools regarding dues.

Molly Lueck, President's Report

- i. The food drive is scheduled for April 24-28, more information to follow.
- ii. No new items to report.

Charlotte Westby, Vice President's Report

- i. April speakers series is scheduled for Mugshots from 10-noon, Solveig Brown, author of "All On One Plate" will present. Flyers and more information at our February meeting.
- ii. Jodi Syrjamki is the Game Controller for Carnivals.

High School Options

Carol Kampa (KHS), Jaysen Anderson (JHS) and Gary Kressin (BCCA) presented on the many options our high schoolers.

Pathways - want to provide many options to fit the needs and goals of each student, they are all different.

AP - college level courses right at the high school. AP exams determine college credit.
Concurrent Enrollment - teachers at the high school level need a Masters in their subject to teach,

credits transfer to colleges. Kennedy has over 300 students enrolled in concurrent enrollment this year.

Nobel - available at Kennedy only, based on humanities and the arts, high level classes for college

Credit

Dimensions Academy - available at both Kennedy and Jefferson, STEM fields, humanities cohort -

no college credit, just higher level programming and the ability to do some courses at Normandale.

PSEO - leave the high school campus and attend classes at a college. At Jefferson about 1/3 of kids

will try at least one PSEO class. Mostly Juniors and Seniors.

Jefferson and Kennedy are pretty equal sized schools.

Project Lead the Way - engineering classes and programming, weighted grades and college credit

options.

Online Courses - BPS has used an outside source for years for their online course options. They are

developing 13 online courses of their own. All will meet BPS standards, will be

taught by BPS teachers, available for the 2018-2019 school year.

Sr. Capstone Project - for high achieving seniors and they show depth of knowledge.

Internships/Mentorships and Independent studies also available.

Genius Bar - offers hands on learning opportunities.

BCCA - Gary Kressin

Work with local colleges, businesses and the United Way - focused on college classes to 10,11,12.

Transportation and materials are provided.

Kind of like college with training wheels.

Available to a wide variety of students with varying GPA's

Available topics are:

Healthcare

IT

Cosmetology

Nail Technician

Criminal Testing/Law Enforcement

Tech Trades like auto and manufacturing

Helps students save time and money

T2C - work with Normandale Community College and Hennepin Technical. Students defer graduation but

get one free year of college. Helps students develop better habits.

BEACON - Alternative program offering a variety of ways to raise GPA's and get your diploma.

Kids who are connected at school have higher success, higher GPA's and better overall education.

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The meeting was adjourned.

The February Meeting will be held:

Wednesday, February 7 from 11:30 - 1:00

Location: Educational Services Center, BPS

Topic: Smart Strategies that Help Students Learn How to Learn

Submitted by: Kristi Wesolowski, PTSA Council Secretary