



November 2017 Meeting Minutes

Jefferson High School, Bloomington Public School District
Bloomington, Minnesota
November 1, 2017***11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Les Fujitake (BPS Superintendent), Roberto Cantu (Principal PB), Rick Kaufman (Community Relations), Becky Lechner (OLE), Molly Lueck (PTSA Council President), Beth Maiwurm (JHS), Kate Martin (Community Relations), Sheri Brezinka (PTSA Council Treasurer), Kristi Wesolowski (PTSA Council Secretary), JC St. Onge-Holm (NH), Charlotte Westby (IM, PTSA Council Vice President), Sue Bizal (Hillcrest), Thuy Ros (VVE), Lisa Johnson, Jill Oldenburg (OLM), Wendy Mazarack (BPS), Carla Reis (PB), Jaysen Anderson (Jefferson Principal), Kristi Rundell (OGM), Dick Bergstrom (School Board), Andy Vollmuth (Normandale Hills Elementary Principal), Christina Price (VVM), John Weisser (BPS Tech), Karen Qualle (BPS Tech)

Welcomed by Molly Lueck. Introductions of those around the table

Feedback Loop -

1. Jill Oldenburg reported back on the Wellness Initiative. Julie Campanella is the contact. She is making the rounds to PTA meetings and will be present to yours. Also, all information on guidelines is on the Wellness tab on the BPS website.

Les Fujitake, Superintendents Report

1. Enrollment Update - Now that school has been in session for several weeks, enrollment is starting to become more static. Right now we have 10,141 enrolled which is above optimistic projections for the 2017-2018 school year. Projections are that enrollment will continue this upward trend in future years.
2. My Stop, the GPS Tracking of Buses is coming back. Our first roll out had many glitches and issues, was not in immediate time which caused lots of confusion. We will be doing a testing for a second roll out - not all schools and all population will be involved in the testing. A communication went out on 10/31 to Olson Elementary and Oak Grove families looking for feedback and volunteers.

Rick Kaufman, Community Relations Update

1. Referendum, Referendum, Referendum!
 - a. Registered voters have increased gradually, hoping this is a positive trend.
 - b. There has been a recent increase in early voting, will be open this Saturday, November 4 from 10-3. Both the City Council and the School board have many candidates and are important races, people still gathering information and not voting early.
 - c. Polls will be open on election day from 7am - 8pm. Signs are pointing to a close vote.
 - d. Recent polls show that about 77% are aware of the referendum. Advocacy Committee is doing a great job of getting the word out. 90% of parents in our schools are informed, the trick will be getting them out to vote.
 - e. Ward III support has gone from 50% to 80%. All hands on deck as word of mouth is our best support system

Roberto Cantu, Principals Report¹

1. Kennedy High School
 - a. Their production of Beauty and the Beast will be this weekend, great show, go support if you can.
 - b. 2 Cross Country Runners from Kennedy qualified for the State Tournament.
2. OMS - 300 plus kids attended the Monster Mash. This is a HUGE increase in attendance for this event.
3. Elementary
 - a. Many Holiday/Harvest types of parties going on.
 - b. Normandale Hills was named a School of Excellence. This is reflection on the great school but also the whole community. Over 1,000 elementary schools in Minnesota and only 200 have received this award, 8 right here in Bloomington. Normandale Hills is also a Federal Government Blue Ribbon winner.
4. EVERY school has received information about the Coat Drive. November 11 is the last collection day.

Sheri Brezinka. Treasurers Report

1. Very little activity on the budget/

- Letters have been sent to all PTSAs about the dues and scholarship donation. Dues support the work of the council, our special meetings, printing costs, etc. The Scholarship Donation goes to the BPS Education Foundation and 2 Kennedy and 2 Jefferson students receive a scholarship each year.

Molly Lueck, President's Report

- No new items to report.

Charlotte Westby, Vice President's Report

- The "Lights on After School" event is happening at Washburn. This annual event draws attention to our after school programs and runs from 6:30 - 8. PTSA's have an opportunity to put out tables - it was decided that we would do one table focusing on getting involved at the PTSA in your own school instead of many individual tables.

John Weisser, Flexible Learning Options and Technology in the Classroom

- Flexible Learning
 - The 2013 Referendum was a technology referendum. We are working to personalize learning to support students along their pathway to career and college readiness.
 - Because all students have a chrome book or personal device, computer labs are transitioning into open spaces for studying - the room we held our meeting in use to be full of computers.
 - Phase 1 - Foundations
 - 1:1 devices
 - Skills and applications leaning for teachers and students
 - Next step is Flexible Learning and flexible spaces.
 - FLEX LEARNING
 - 160 teachers have opted in with 5th grade math
 - They are using Station Rotation - teachers have students move throughout the room to gain learning in different areas of focus
 - HIGH SCHOOL - goal is to offer 13 online classes in the 2018-2019 school year
 - FLEX SPACES - students who are doing well or moving ahead in their classroom work use the flex space allowing teachers to do more focused learning in the classroom
 - STUDENT CENTER LEARNING
 - Personalized learning
 - Arch facilitators
 - Flex furnishings
 - This is really focused on how different students learn in different ways
 - Make peace with fidgeting
 - Redesign classrooms to optimize learning and best use of spaces.
 - Each media center is receiving an infusion of flex furnishing
 - NH, HC, OMS and Westwood on schedule for this year.
 - Construction has taken place at Ridgeview, JFK and Jefferson
 - Lockers are becoming a little obsolete at the High School level. All freshman are assigned a locker and Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors can request a locker. 22% of upper class kids requested a locker.
 - FLEX SPACES
 - A guide book was created for how to use flex space for both teachers and students. How to use the flex space and the expectations.
 - Differentiated instruction and student ownership with guidance from the teachers.
 - Phase 2 starts in the summer of 2018

Jaysen Anderson, Principal of Jefferson High School

- Flex Space is being used well. Students use it for group project meetings and individual studies, not to be used for listening to music and free time.
- Full time supervision of the space.
- Some kinks to work out - teachers on how to send kids to the space, students on how to effectively use the space but roll out has gone pretty well.

Les, Jaysen and a small group of PTSA reps went on a tour of the space after the meeting and spoke with the instructor in the space and the students using the space. Lots of studying and focused learning was happening.

The meeting was adjourned.

The December Meeting will be held:

Wednesday, December 6 from 11:30 - 1:00

Location: Educational Services Center Topic: Pathways to

Graduation

Submitted by: Kristi Wesolowski, PTSA Council Secretary