



October 2017 Meeting Minutes

Educational Services Center, Bloomington Public School District
Bloomington, Minnesota
October 4, 2017*****11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Roberto Cantu (Principal PB), Rick Kaufman (Community Relations), Becky Lechner (OLE), Molly Lueck (PTSA Council President), Beth Maiwurm (JHS), Kate Martin (Community Relations) Jason Thiel (WW), Sheri Brezinka (PTSA Council Treasurer), Kristi Wesolowski (PTSA Council Secretary), JC St. Onge-Holm (NH), Charlotte Westby (IM, PTSA Council Vice President), Melissa Riebel(KEN, Staff, No PTSA Board), Lisa Johnson, Sue Bizal (Hillcrest), Eric Melbye (Asst. Superintendent), Andrew Wilkins (Principal, WB), Heather Stark (State PTA President), Andy Kubas (Exec Dir Learning Supports), Jill Oldenburg (OLM), Wendy Mazarack (BPS), Carla Reis (PB)

Welcomed by Molly Lueck.

Introductions of those around the table

Molly discussed the "Feedback Loop" which included our September meeting on Flex Space. No feedback or questions were brought up regarding the flex space usage. Some around the table, upon the second discussion, did have questions about how flex space was used - how was it determined who would use, when is it available to students, etc.

Eric Melbye, Superintendents Report

1. Les is in a meeting down the hall, Eric provided the Superintendant's Update.
2. The referendum continues to be a main focus. Providing information, updates and working with the buildings to help disseminate information.
3. School year continues to be a strong year. Working on finishing up conferences in all buildings and then the focus will change to end of trimester preparations.

Rick Kaufman presented the Community Relations Update.

1. Strong Schools, Strong Community Referendum
 - a. Info Campaign seems to be going well but we are hoping it gains some momentum.
 - i. 123 people had pre-voted between 9/22-10/2
 - b. There was a great turnout at the Councils meetings, the referendum was an important topic
 - c. We will have a Parent Rally/Literature Drop on October 14. We will meet at Oak Grove Middle School. We are hoping for 20 volunteers per school, middle and high schoolers are also volunteering. This is NOT a door knock, it is a literature drop, we will place on doors only. Early voting will be open from 9-noon on 10/14. We will have another lit drop on 11/4.
 - d. Early voting is open from 8-4:30 Monday-Friday. Late night voting will be open on October 8 until 7pm and on October 25 from 8am - 7pm.
 - e. Right now the referendum appears to be close, ticket to getting the referendum to pass will be getting out the vote.

Roberto Cantu, Principal Representatives Report

1. Last week was Jefferson Homecoming, next week is the Kennedy Homecoming.
2. We had a big attendance at the Jefferson/Kennedy Game during the Jefferson Homecoming.
3. All Middle School fall sports programs are underway.
4. It is anti-bullying month at all middle schools.
5. PGP lessons have been rolled out.
6. Conferences will be happening this month.
7. It is fundraising season at all elementary schools.
8. There are lots of events going on at all the elementary schools.
9. Our schools will be participating in the Coats for Kids at the College of Hope. We are working on a coat drive. Gently used and new items will be collected. Drive will take place on 11/11 at the Covenant Church, leftovers will go to the community and the schools.

Sheri Brezinka. Treasuer's Report

1. Expenses are starting to come in, so far everything is on budget. No surprise or unplanned expenses have gone

to the budget.

2. Sheri Brezinka motioned for an approval of the budget. Charlotte Westby seconded.

Molly Lueck, President's Report

1. No new items to report.

Charlotte Westby, Vice President's Report

1. Our first speaker series, School Budgeting 101 was not well attended but the information provided was great. Excellent speaker.
2. The School Forum, our second speaker series done in conjunction with the League of Women Voters was standing room only. This will be available on the League of Women Voters website, www.bloomington.org and BCA will air.

Andy Kubas, Executive Director of Learning Support

The PGP:

1. The PGP, Personal Growth Plans, developed from a 2012 law on ways to prepare our kids, make them college ready. Even the kindergarten for all law falls into this law.
2. The PGP focuses on three main areas: academic, life/social, college/career.
 - A. Initial roll out of the PGP did a great job on the store front, the technology was great. Further research, however, found that one size does not fit all - what was not done was communicating with the students how this tool could be beneficial.
 - B. PGP has to be adapted to each student so that it meets each student's individual needs.
 - C. Focus shifted slightly and now the PGP includes, student, family and staff engagement.
 - a. Professional development for staff
 - b. Parent outreach
 - c. Curriculum for students - differentiated activities, focus on goals
1. Middle Schoolers -
 - a. Videos being used to teach/introduce components
 - b. Teaching organizing skills
2. High Schoolers -
 - a. 12 lessons have been built into the curriculum

2017-2018 plan is that 100% of students will have a PGP

Wellness Policy:

1. Right now it is in a bit of a squishy stage. Not consistent from building to building which makes it a bit confusing.
2. During schools hours - the Wellness Plan will be fully implemented to ALL school activities. As an example, Fundraisers - if "rewards" are planned for fundraisers, the Nutrition Guidelines laid out in the Wellness Plan must be followed. During holiday theme parties during school hours, guidelines must be followed.
3. PTA events and after school events are NOT required to follow the guidelines. Only during school activities held during the day.
4. Questions were asked about the school lunch program - there seemed to be inconsistencies between what the Wellness Program lays out and what lunches are served. It was explained that when ice cream is served at lunch, it sometimes fills part of the dairy requirement.
5. The School Website/Wellness page has lots of information.
 - a. Info on approved items
 - b. Guides on how to run a party
 - i. It was recommended that a forum be developed where schools can input creative ideas on how to implement fun with treats into their programs using the Wellness Guidelines.
6. bps.org does have the whole policy listed. It is rather cumbersome and very long. It was recommended that a more user friendly interpretation for the policy would make it easier for parents to follow and implement.

The meeting was adjourned.

The November Meeting will be held:

Wednesday, November 1 from 11:30 - 1:00 @ Jefferson High School
Topic: Flexible Learning Options and Technology in the Classroom

Submitted by: Kristi Wesolowski, PTSA Council Secretary