# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE DISTRICT WIDE PARENT COMMITTEE

**DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

**TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**LOCATION: To be held virtually Google Meet link:**

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# A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Land Recognition Statement
3. Welcome to the District Wide Parent Committee! (10 minutes)
4. La Crosse Public Education Foundation – Executive Director, David Stoeffler (10 minutes)
   1. David leaving LPEF; looking for a replacement – spread the word, apply if interested; hoping to do interviews next week
   2. David’s made a huge impact on the growth and development of LPEF and we’re thankful for his time with us.
5. Sharing Concerns (10 minutes)
   1. Understand that there are major bussing issues and Dr. Engel takes responsibility for this. Go Right Way has also failed to deliver on agreements. They do not have enough bus drivers for routes and extracurricular activities.
      * Kelly is logging all the issues.
      * Parent: sports are being cancelled because of lack of transportation after all the issues our students faced with lack of sports last year.
        + Dr. Engel looking to rent vans for coaches/staff to drive for smaller teams and free up a bus for the larger groups. Looking for Go Right Way to help with these accommodations.
   2. HS Responsibility Release:
      * Parent concern that there were 88 students last week and 73 today in study hall
      * Per Stacey: counselors, teachers, staff are looking to find other opportunities for these students instead of release, such as another class, job shadowing, etc.
      * They believe students are safer in our schools.
   3. Elementary school: unmasked at recess and eating in cafeteria
      * Harvard model still being followed re: recess
      * Per Shelley: the expectation is seated in cohorts with assigned seats so they sit by the same person in the lunch room as they do in the classroom – facilitates contact tracing; spoke with principals this week to ensure they are in compliance and teachers are following this.
   4. Standards based grading transition next year: per Stacey, looking for community volunteers on the committee; working on understanding what post-secondary schools are looking for with grading/testing
      * Looking for the best way to help marginalized students get the best opportunities and better ways to communicate to students what their progress/proficiency.
      * This also can look many different ways. Group can decide.
   5. Hamilton/Northside staff and students/families concerns with being overlooked
      * Per Shelley: meeting with them this week to hear concerns and get mitigation plan
6. Administrative Updates (30 minutes)
   1. Superintendent Update
      * Working on bussing as #1 priority
      * Survey will be sent out to school district families with goal to get good feedback on generalized direction for school district; ex. Do we spend more $ on elementary, do we focus on hs, etc.
        + Follow up will be dollars attached to the goals
        + November will have referendum to show moving forward with the goals
      * Covid: continuing to use mitigation strategies to keep kids in school
        + Considering ways to keep kids in school even with a close contact, such as daily test, rather than kid at home with monitoring
   2. Elementary Update – Shelley Shirel
      * Created a 4K Mobile Classroom and class started today
        + Goal is to server underserved and marginalized populations
        + Playtime also used to do assessment and find children’s needs for these families
      * HPL (high performance learners in grades 3-8)
        + Revamped program to support 5 different areas of giftedness: intellectual, academic, creative, artistic, and leadership instead of focusing on reading and math
        + Working with teachers on how do we identify students and help develop them
        + All 5th graders are involved in leadership program
      * New this year: Student Success Coaches for acedemic and behavioral growth – 2 in every building
      * Principals do have flexibility to problem solve outside of the 3ft social distance and masking, allowing them to decide how to accomplish assembly/PTO fundraisers/etc. within their own schools
      * Student and Family Support program – counseling opportunities
   3. Secondary Update – Stacey Everson
      * Acknowledgement of the tragic death of Abbillyne Mitchell from Central
      * Looking to find ways to encourage students to see 24 credits as a minimum not the maximum to graduate
      * HS activities underway: marching band 1st time marching at a game since 2019
        + Providing masks at the door for indoors but not making them required; looking for options for social distancing
      * 9/25 Homecoming for Central and Logan – holding the events outdoors
      * Social Learning digital program in middle school
        + HS adopting curriculum, also
      * Need parent volunteers to be on the Standards Based Grading committee
        + Call Stacey if you are interested in participation: 608-789-7185
7. Election of officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary) (15 minutes)

* Officers will be elected by majority vote.
  + When any voting occurs, a majority of the schools must be represented.
  + Superintendent will ask for nominations for each of the three positions.
  + Each school will have one vote for each position.
* Katie Leaver Chairperson
* Tammy Wills Vice-Chairperson
* Laura Eber Secretary

1. Joys & Shoutouts (15 minutes)
   1. Shoutout to our district for mandating masks immediately

*Please send any future meeting topic suggestions to* [*kgalvan@lacrossesd.org*](mailto:kgalvan@lacrossesd.org) *.*

Suggested topics:

* Guidance counselors & social workers
* Standards Based Grading
* ProjectAWARE
* Dangers of energy drink consumption
* Behavioral Coaches and Success Coaches