

## ***PARENT UPDATE***

### ***A Summary of a Recent Meeting of the District-Wide Parent Committee***

October 17, 2017

#### **Call to Order/Welcome**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Logan High School, LMC.

#### **Attendance**

Central High School: Trista Treglowne  
LaCrossroads: Not represented  
Logan High School: Brenda Leahy  
Lincoln Middle School: Patrick Lockley  
Logan Middle School: Not represented  
Longfellow Middle School: Lori Potkay  
LaCrosse Design Institute: Not represented  
SOTA II: Kyle Backstrand  
Coulee Montessori Elementary: Not represented  
Emerson: Steve Woodward  
Northside Elementary: Gretchen Knudson-Stuhr  
Hamilton: Not represented  
Hintgen: Not represented  
North Woods International: Jennifer Schmitz

Southern Bluffs: Jaclyn Osley  
SOTA I: Diane Wilson  
Spence: Suzie Pence (excused)  
State Road: Tammy Wills (excused)  
Summit: Not Represented  
Members at Large: Not represented  
BOE Liaison: Dawn Comeau  
Tom Thompson (excused)  
LEA Liaison: Not represented  
Superintendent Randy Nelson  
Executive Director of Business Services  
Patty Sprang  
Associate Superintendent/Instruction  
Troy Harcey  
La Crosse Public Education Foundation Executive  
Director David Stoeffler  
Visitors: Director of Information Technology Vicki Lyons

#### **Student Showcase – Logan High School Students**

Logan High School students provided a student showcase.

#### **La Crosse Public Education Foundation**

Executive Director of La Crosse Public Education Foundation David Stoeffler provided a brief update on the fundraising efforts of the La Crosse Public Education Foundation (LPEF). The LPEF has approximately \$71,000 in its grants budget this year. The second deadline for grant applications is Monday, February 26. The LPEF is helping to fund “community schools” at Hamilton and Northside, which would provide resources for the neighborhood and support families.

#### **“Keeping Students Safe Online” month**

Director of Information Technology Vicki Lyons provided a presentation entitled *Keeping Students Safe Online*. She discussed the district’s digital citizenship curriculum and suggested a few websites as resources for internet safety: [lacrosseschools.org/bridge](http://lacrosseschools.org/bridge), [netsmart.org](http://netsmart.org) and [commonsensemedia.org](http://commonsensemedia.org)

#### **Equity**

Superintendent Randy Nelson and Associate Superintendent of Instruction Troy Harcey provided an update on the many district activities involving equity in the classroom.

#### **2018-2019 School Calendar Update**

Director of Human Resources Mark White provided a draft of the 2018-2019 school calendar. There will be two built-in snow days next year. If three or more are needed, extra minutes will be added to the daily schedule. There will only be four early release days instead of eight. District Wide Parent committee members responded with comments and suggestions. The 2018-2019 school calendar will be finalized and ready for distribution on October 20.

#### **Legislative Update**

Superintendent Randy Nelson will provide an update on the 2017-2018 proposed budget at the next meeting.

### **2017 District Wide Parent Committee Survey Results**

The 2017 District Wide Parent Committee survey results were tabled to November.

### **Superintendent Update**

There will be more than 3% property tax drop next year due to increased property value in the city. The tentative statewide School and District Report Cards have been shared with school districts, but will not be released publicly until November 21. Our District's overall scores have improved, and the results show that we are closing achievement gaps faster than the state average.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- The November meeting may be moved to a different location to better view a documentary and have a possible panel. Questions may be formulated in preparation for Jeff Reiland's presentation at the December meeting.
- New Laws (November agenda)
- 2017 District Wide Parent survey results (November agenda)
- Opioid Documentary (December agenda)
- Equity (October-May agendas)
- PTO Best Practices
- One-to-One – Superintendent Randy Nelson
- Lockdown Procedures/ALICE Training (January agenda)
- Update on New Website – Nick Marcou
- Year-Round School Update
- AVID Update – David Stoeffler
- PTO Calendar/Fundraising Dates
- Special Education Supervisor Update
- Meet The Administration Night
- Help Our Students/Community (What do our kids need? Beds, chairs, etc). – Regina Siegel
- High School Future Centers
- Hamilton Year-Round School (teacher/parent perspectives)
- RTI - Early intervention
- Middle School iPad Programs
- iPad Support
- iTunesU (What platforms are we using?)
- Math Night?
- Teacher Evaluation
- Ways to reinstate training for parents to be able to help teachers with reading tests
- Budget updates; legislative updates; innovative programs, clubs, projects in district
- Dealing with bullying amongst friends
- Link to help parents learn how to help child (student) with homework – see more of what students are doing in schools, projects, etc.
- Early intervention (preschool and curriculum focus); Special Education (programs, referral process, etc.)
- Continued information on special clubs, projects, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, November 14, 2017 7:00 p.m., Hamilton, Gym**