

PARENT UPDATE

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

February 13, 2018

Call to Order/Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Northside Elementary School.

Attendance

Central High School: Trista Treglowne (excused)
LaCrossroads: Not represented
Logan High School: Brenda Leahy
Lincoln Middle School: Laura Olson
Logan Middle School: Not represented
Longfellow Middle School: Jeff Murphy
LaCrosse Design Institute: Not represented
SOTA II: Kyle Backstrand
Coulee Montessori Elementary/Adolescent:
Bennett Myers
Emerson: Steve Woodward
Northside Elementary: Beth Crammond,
Gretchen Knudson-Stuhr
Hamilton: Not represented
Hintgen: Not represented
North Woods International: Not represented
Southern Bluffs: Jaclyn Osley
SOTA I: Diane Wilson
Spence: Suzie Pence
State Road: Not represented

Summit: Not represented
Members at Large: Not represented
BOE Liaison: Dawn Comeau (excused)
Tom Thompson (excused)
LEA Liaison: Not represented
Superintendent Randy Nelson
Executive Director of Business Services
Patty Sprang
Associate Superintendent/Instruction
Troy Harcey
Director of Secondary Education & Supervisor of
Science Stacey Everson
La Crosse Public Education Foundation
Executive Director David Stoeffler
La Crosse Public Education Foundation President
Angela Strangman
Visitors: Director of Curriculum, Instruction &
Assessment Michael Lichucki

La Crosse Public Education Foundation (LPEF)

La Crosse Public Education Foundation Executive Director David Stoeffler and President Angela Strangman provided a brief update.

Local ESSA Planning Feedback

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Mike Lichucki presented information on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). He explained that ESSA replaces the No Child Left Behind Act. The National Education Association (NEA) created a dashboard which looks at student successes, attendance, behaviors, and AP coursework. It also looks at quality of educators and their schools. The objective is to create a well-rounded education; provide growth for teachers; and prepares students for college or career plans. The plan process is to review the state provided template and identify areas of greatest need while collecting and organizing the data. The district will consult stakeholders for feedback and create a plan that includes communication and review, evaluate and revise the plan, if needed. The most important elements for a student's education and success is to evaluate class size; effective time management; create an environment of learning; identify and serve both high achieving and those that need extra intervention to achieve. The biggest priority for our community and schools is to focus on equity; staffing and class sizes; mental health and resiliency; trauma-informed approach; and making sure the whole child is served. The school district is taking several steps to close the achievement gap by keeping low class sizes and providing volunteer and community partnerships to increase the individual support.

2018 School Board Election

Superintendent Nelson explained that three candidates (including two incumbents) will appear on the April 3, 2018 spring election for three School Board spots.

March District Wide Parent Meeting

Superintendent Nelson questioned if the group would like to have a forum to meet the candidates running for School Board. The committee agreed to show the movie *Paper Tigers* at the March meeting and plan for a linkage with the Board at their April meeting. The March District Wide Parent meeting at Lincoln will begin at 6:30pm to allow enough time for the movie and discussion.

PTO Best Practices

SOTA has implemented a skate-a-thon by using the free ice rink and all proceeds goes directly to the school.

Joys/Concerns

- Logan High School Craft Fair is March 17 from 9am-3pm. All proceeds go to support scholarships.
- Coulee Montessori is hosting a soup dinner and silent auction on February 27 at 4:30pm

Future Agenda Items

- Legislative Update
- School Calendar (October agenda)
- Equity (October-May agendas)
- Board Linkage (April agenda)
- PTO Best Practices (October-May agendas)
- One-to-One – Superintendent Randy Nelson
- Year-round school update
- AVID Update – David Stoeffler
- PTO Calendar/Fundraising dates
- Help Our Students/Community
- 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; innovative programs, clubs, projects in district
- Link to help parents learn how to help child 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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, **6:30pm**, Lincoln Middle School, LMC – **presentation of *Paper Tigers***