

PARENT UPDATE

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

May 8, 2018

Call to Order/Welcome

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

Attendance

Central High School: Trista Treglowne

LaCrossroads: Not represented

Logan High School: Not represented

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: Gretchen Knudson-Stuhr

Hamilton: Not represented

Hintgen: Not represented

North Woods International: Jennifer Schmitz (excused)

Southern Bluffs: Jaclyn Osley

SOTA I: Not represented

Spence: Suzie Pence

State Road: Tammy Wills, Heidi Beddoes

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: Samantha Rinker, Mobile Food Pantry Manager

Lyn Halvorson, Supervisor of Nutrition Services

Student Showcase

Central High School students provided a student showcase on resiliency and overcoming challenges.

Mobile Food Pantry Program

Mobile Food Pantry Manager Samantha Rinker presented information on the mobile food pantry. The program was launched in September and brings the pantry to the community where needed. If a school is interested in being a mobile site, please contact Samantha Rinker.

Nutrition Services Update

Supervisor of Nutrition Services Lyn Halvorson provided a nutrition services update. She explained the 48% of the district's students live in poverty. The department meets twice a year with community organizations to assess areas of need within the community. The nutrition department works hard to bring fresh, local foods to the students. All menu items utilize whole grains, low fat, etc., and strictly follow USDA guidelines. Next year the menu will include yogurt and string cheese.

La Crosse Public Education Foundation (LPEF)

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

Superintendent Update

Superintendent Randy Nelson communicated that the Board of Education has a new member, Keonte Turner. Connie Troyanek will serve as the Board President and Dave Rudolph will serve as the vice president. Governor Walker has released a grant for school safety. The grant is earmarked toward structural plans including front entryways and adding bullet-resistant film on windows. The district has applied for the grant to assist with the safety in our schools.

2017-2018 District Wide Parent Committee Feedback

District Wide Parent members completed a survey providing feedback from the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Barb Clark, executive assistant regarding District Wide Parent membership for 2018-2019 school year.

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, September 11, 2018, at Emerson Elementary, LMC