

PARENT UPDATE

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

September 11, 2018

Call to Order/Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Emerson Elementary, LMC.

Attendance

Central High School: Not represented
LaCrossroads: Not represented
Logan High School: Brenda Leahy
Lincoln Middle School: Laura Olson
Logan Middle School: Kirsten Daykin
Longfellow Middle School: Lori Potkay, Jeff Murphy
LaCrosse Design Institute: Not represented
SOTA II: Kyle Backstrand
Coulee Montessori Elementary: Nell Saunders-Scott
Coulee Montessori Adolescent: Not represented
Emerson: Steve Woodward
Northside Elementary Gretchen Knudson-Stuhr
Hamilton: Not represented
Hintgen: Not represented
North Woods International: Not represented
Southern Bluffs: Jaclyn Olsey, Alicia Place
SOTA I: Doris Faucheux

Spence: Not represented
State Road: Not represented
Summit: Barbara Jo Wolff
Members at Large: Suzie Pence, Trista Treglowne
BOE Liaison: Dawn Comeau
Tom Thompson (excused)
LEA Liaison: Tabatha Veum
Superintendent Randy Nelson
Executive Director of Business Services
Patty Sprang (excused)
Associate Superintendent/Instruction
Troy Harcey (excused)
Director of Secondary Education
Stacey Everson
La Crosse Public Education Foundation Executive
Director David Stoeffler
Visitors: Emerson Principal Brian Oberweiser

Student Showcase – Emerson Elementary

Emerson Principal Brian Oberweiser presented the Emerson Improvement Plan.

Introduction of 2018-2019 DWP Members

The committee welcomed and introduced 2018-2019 District Wide Parent members.

Review of By-Laws

Superintendent Nelson distributed copies of the By-Laws. The committee reviewed the document. The By-Laws are available on the district's website at www.lacrosseschools.org

2018-2019 Election of Officers

- Chairperson – Kyle Backstrand was elected as Chairperson for the 2018-2019 DWP Committee
- Vice Chairperson – Barbara Jo Wolf was elected as Vice Chairperson for the 2018-2019 DWP Committee
- Secretary – Suzie Pence was elected as Secretary for the 2018-2019 DWP Committee

Review of Guidelines for the District Wide Parent Committee

Superintendent Nelson distributed copies of the Guidelines. The committee reviewed the document. The Guidelines are available on the district's website at www.lacrosseschools.org

2018 District Wide Parent Survey Results

Superintendent Randy Nelson and Chair Kyle Backstrand presented the 2018 District Wide Parent survey results. The committee discussed and voted to change the time of the meeting. Vote was unanimous to continue with the 7:00pm start time.

La Crosse Public Education Foundation

La Crosse Public Education Foundation Executive Director David Stoeffler provided an update on the work of the Foundation.

Superintendent Update

Superintendent Nelson provided an update on the budget; transportation report; and current enrollments for the district. He reminded members that American Education Week is November 12-16.

Best Practices

- Emerson Elementary has eliminated the fee to join the PTO; PTO earns \$7,000 for state track meet parking
- Lincoln Middle has eliminated the fee to join the PTO and instead asks for a \$10 membership but can donate more if they would like; Lincoln also holds an apparel sale at the beginning of the school year; Show Your Love for Lincoln – those donating will have their name on the wall
- Central High School Band holds a fundraiser for parking at Moon Tunes during the summer; Central also has a Booster Club; Show Choir and Band Parent groups
- Logan High uses the Logan Craft Fair for scholarships
- La Crosse Public Education Foundation David Stoeffler suggested the school uses Scrip cards through September. Kwik Trip Scrip cards are 10% off

Joys/Concerns

- Bus routes and times were not given to parents until the Thursday before September 1.
- Consideration should be given to using a different food service payment platform.
- Parents appreciated that the bus company called to double check if their students were riding the bus.
- SOTA I - focusing on technology through history by going back to tools, hammers, and nails, etc. to build birdhouses.
- The iPad online payment is great.
- Save the Date: October 29th is the 8th Annual Rebuilding for Learning Summit at the La Crosse Center. It is a free, all day event, with keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and lunch provided by Festival Foods.

Future Agenda Items

- March 19: Online Safety: Justin Patchin
- 2019-2020 School Calendar – Mark White (October agenda)
- Legislative Update (Begin in January)
- Equity (October-May agendas)
- Board Linkage (April agenda)
- Trauma-Informed (Resilience)
- YRBS (vaping)
- Transportation
- School Safety
- Grant, New Systems
- High Schools (backpacks, etc.)
- PTO Best Practices
- One-to-One Devices
- Year-Round School Update
- AVID Update – Troy McDonald
- PTO Calendar/Fundraising Dates
- Special Education Supervisor Update
- Meet the Administration Night
- High School Future Centers
- RTI - Early intervention
- iTunesU (What platforms are we using?)
- 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.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Suzie Pence, recorder

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Longfellow/LDI, LMC