

PARENT UPDATE

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

January 8, 2019

Call to Order/Welcome

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

Attendance

Central High School: Not represented
LaCrossroads: Not represented
Logan High School: Brenda Leahy
Lincoln Middle School: Laura Olson
Logan Middle School: Not represented
Longfellow Middle School: Not represented
LaCrosse Design Institute: Not represented
SOTA II: Kyle Backstrand
Coulee Montessori Elementary: Nell Saunders-Scott
Coulee Montessori Adolescent: Not represented
Emerson: Not represented
Northside Elementary: Gretchen Knudson-Stuhr
Hamilton: Not represented
Hintgen: Cassandra Torres
North Woods International: Not represented
Southern Bluffs: Alicia Place
SOTA I: Not represented
Spence: Not represented

State Road: Jed Olson
Summit: Barbara Jo Wolff
Members at Large: Suzie Pence,
Trista Treglowne (excused)
BOE Liaison: Dawn Comeau (excused)
Tom Thompson (excused)
LEA Liaison: Tabatha Veum (excused)
Superintendent Randy Nelson
Executive Director of Business Services
Patty Sprang
Associate Superintendent/Instruction
Troy Harcey
Director of Elementary Education Todd Antony
Director of Secondary Education
Stacey Everson
La Crosse Public Education Foundation Executive
Director David Stoeffler
Visitors: Andy Johnsrud, Independent Facilitator for Love
and Logic Curricula

School Showcase – Logan Middle

Logan Middle School students provided a student showcase on their neighborhood school concept and how they promote academics.

Parenting Through Love and Logic

Andy Johnsrud, Independent Facilitator for Love and Logic Curricula provided a presentation to the group on Parenting Through Love and Logic with practical skills for parents and educators to raise kids who contribute, create fulfillment, and thrive in the real world. He provided handouts on the Rules of Love and Logic. For additional information, please contact Andy at api@wairrorsoftheopenheart.com or check out the website at www.warriorsoftheopenheart.com

La Crosse Public Education Foundation

Executive Director of the La Crosse Public Education Foundation David Stoeffler provided information on the Adopt-a-School program. The program encourages businesses and organizations (service clubs, faith groups, etc.) to develop meaningful partnerships with schools. The goals are to improve student success in schools; promote community understanding and support for the La Crosse public schools; and channel community volunteers and resources to address varying needs specifically identified by schools, while also minimizing the workload of school principals and staff. The program is designed for group efforts rather than individual volunteers. To get involved please talk with your work, church or nonprofit colleagues and consider taking on a regular commitment to Adopt-a-School. For more information on the program, please contact David Stoeffler at 608-787-0226 or email: david@lacrosseeducationfoundation.org

PTO Best Practices

- Coulee Montessori held a soup supper and raised \$4,500.
- Hintgen Elementary held a fundraiser for a garden.
- Lincoln Middle School held a fundraiser/social with staff and parents at JavaVino.
- Spence Elementary provides a movie night/community builder.
- Summit Environmental School is planning a Chicken-Q.

Superintendent Update

Superintendent Randy Nelson provided a legislative update. Director of Elementary Education Stacey Everson and Director of Secondary Education Todd Antony provided a brief update regarding the work their departments are doing to provide consistent and understanding with the district's attendance policy, specifically chronic absences, focus on prevent; and at the secondary level working on how to approach students who are struggling and those that are already proficient in areas such as Academic Career Pathways.

Joys/Concerns

- Requested feedback regarding the Resiliency movie that was shown at the last meeting:
 - Not too many attended to have a discussion
 - Any books, resources, or information that parents can use to apply toward what they learned through that film?
 - Many of the LMC's have parent resources, Love and Logic, etc.

Future Agenda Items

- March 19: Online Safety: Justin Patchin
- Legislative Update (Begin in January)
- Equity (October-May agendas)
- Board Linkage (April agenda)
- Trauma-Informed (Resilience)
- 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.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019, LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL, LMC, 7:00PM