

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE
DISTRICT WIDE PARENT COMMITTEE**

DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtual

Google Meet link:

meet.google.com/ukq-fbmu-oew

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Tammy Wills, Natalie Rose Doerfler, Kari Coaty (sub for Hintgen), Katie Leaver, Ann Thurman, Jessica McGough, Trista Treglowne, Erin Belby, Gretchen Knudson-Stuhr, Laura Eber, Nell Saunders-Scott, Anna Stindt, Dawn Wacek, Kathi Blanchard, Pam Hansen

Also Present: Aaron Engel, Troy Harcey, Patty Sprang, Shelley Shirel, Stacey Everson, Kelly Galvan

1. Call to Order
2. Land Recognition Statement
3. Welcome to the District Wide Parent Committee!
4. La Crosse Public Education Foundation
 - David has taken a new opportunity and will be leaving LPEF at the end of September. A search for his replacement has begun.
 - David has grown the Foundation to new heights and his efforts have made the Random Acts of Kindness funding to surpass goals.
 - He will be missed greatly.
5. Sharing Concerns
 - Transportation: After School activities are being cancelled because there are no drivers to drive those routes. Staff are stepping up to help out in many cases to make sure students get to school. District is working closely to try to get issues fixed as quickly as possible.
 - Communication regarding Covid mitigation- new parents in the district don't have the abundance of information that parents received last year so it would be

- helpful to reiterate the info again for all.
- We seem to be using good practice with seating charts and routines in classrooms, however, there are concerns regarding lunch times and recess. Directors to check in with Principals to discuss.
 - Meeting with Hamilton and Northside staff to work on support for Year Round Schools as they have unique situations that do not apply to our standard school year calendar schools.

6. Administrative Updates

a. Superintendent Update

- Can't make promises on immediate fixes for transportation but it is the number one priority right now. Continually working with GoRiteway to address situations. Please continue to report issues with bussing to your student's Principal or school AA.
- Long-Range Facility Planning continues. Survey will be mailed to all residents in La Crosse School District boundaries in late October. Potential for a referendum in the future.
- Covid is still a concern within our schools. We want to keep kids safe and keep them in school for the best possible learning. We continually evaluate our spread within schools to make sure we stay on top of the situation.

b. Elementary Update

- We continue to work on tightening up mitigation procedures in all elementary schools.
- Preschool Mobile Classroom- this allows us to bring 4K classes to students in underserved areas. We are one of 3 other districts in the US to have this type of classroom availability for students.
- High Performance Learning (HPL)- looking to enhance programming, to support more areas than just reading and math, and identifying students interests and abilities.
- Instead of saying no to all field trips, PTO events or course activities, we are looking at each situation to make sure we have solid safety practices in place. Plans can be submitted to Principal and they will discuss with Director of Elementary Education and Director of Student Services to find safe ways to allow opportunity to take place.
- New support positions added: Success Coaches and Counselors.

c. Secondary Update

- High School student release concerns- historically students that did not have a class on their schedule or during study hall would be allowed to go home for that timeframe. Principals are working to give students other opportunities to perform during that time: work study, additional classes, etc. We would like the thought process to be that students obtain 24 credits for graduation as a minimum not as a maximum.
- Parents will be asked to be part of the Standards Based Grading implementation. Opportunities will include chances to delve deeper into the details of the system and understand the concepts.

- Add Standards Based Grading as a future agenda topic.
- Tragic loss of Central Student, Abbilyne Mitchell. We continue to find ways to honor her and remember her life.
- Sports and activities have had a great start to the year. Marching Bands have been able to perform for the first time in 1.5 years!
- Thank you to NHS students that assisted and supported the LPEF fundraiser The Bowtie Classic golf tournament.
- Homecoming dances will still take place this year, though they will be utilizing outdoor venues.

7. Election of officers (Chairperson- Katie Leaver, Vice Chairperson- Tammy Wills and Secretary- Laura Eber)

- Officers will be elected by majority vote.
- When any voting occurs, a majority of the schools must be represented.
- Superintendent will ask for nominations for each of the three positions.
- Each school will have one vote for each position.

8. Joys & Shoutouts

- School site testing is appreciated by families.

Please send any future meeting topic suggestions to kgalvan@lacrossesd.org .

Suggested topics:

- Guidance counselors & social workers
- Standards Based Grading
- ProjectAWARE
- Dangers of energy drink consumption
- Behavioral Coaches and Success Coaches