

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LA CROSSE
DISTRICT WIDE PARENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 2022
TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Virtual

MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:01pm
2. Land Recognition Statement
3. Approve Minutes - December 14, 2021
 - a. Motion by Aimee Witt to amend December minutes to include discussed sugar concerns. Superintendent Engel to be sure to have Supervisor of School Nutrition contact parent to set up a time to talk.
 - i. 1st by Laura Eber; 2nd by Tammy Wills - Minutes approved with amendment.
 - ii. Minutes will be amended and reposted to DWP webpage.
4. Administrative Updates (55 minutes) - *We will not have a Showcase this month.*
 - a. Superintendent Update
 - i. Introduction of new Executive Director of La Crosse Public Education (LPEF) - Nell Saunders-Scott
 - ii. All Principals are working on backup plans to keep schools from going virtual during this rise in case counts whenever possible. No other feasible option for Logan Middle school so it was necessary for them to go virtual for a short time frame as they did not have enough staff available to safely supervise students.
 - iii. Per the CDC, we continue to require well-fitted masks. At this time we are not limiting this to only N95 or KN95. We will be diligent in making sure students wear a mask that fits and that they have it on properly.
 - iv. State Health Department has no consistent supply of rapid tests and that is who our testing vendor relies on to acquire rapid tests. They currently do not have another source to obtain enough supply for rapid testing to be available at Hogan for the foreseeable future.
 - b. Elementary Update
 - i. Shelley Shirel has been spending most of her time in buildings working on flexible plans for Covid absences. She has been impressed by both the staff and students to work hard to keep schools open in-person: Students are following social distancing, staff are helping fellow teachers with coverage, students are displaying proper mask wearing, we have seen good PBIS behaviors, staff are quick to act to keep disruptions and low staffing issues to a minimum.
 - ii. With warmer temps, we are hoping to utilize outdoor recess for extra mental health breaks and physical activity.
5. Sharing Concerns (15 minutes) - Items must be of District-wide concern. No individual staff, school or student will be discussed.

1. Parents would like to see better enforcement of masking by visitors to athletic/extra curricular events.
 2. Email communications are too long. District can try to bullet point main info and then follow up with details in email.
 3. Test & Stay program will utilize PCR results for now. This does mean it is a longer turnaround for results. District will continue to monitor best practice and testing availability on this program.
6. Joys & Shoutouts (10 minutes) - Fun things happening at a school or upcoming PTO fundraisers.
- a. Staff are doing so much and it is appreciated by parents.
 - b. Sledding Day @ State Road Elementary

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

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

Suggested topics:

- School Safety
- Guidance counselors & social workers
- Standards Based Grading
- ProjectAWARE
- Dangers of energy drink consumption
- Hearing loss due to headphones/ear buds