SBLSD Parent Leadership Council

May 3, 2023 | 10 - 11: 30 am

Agenda

Schools in attendance:
Victor Falls, Emerald Hills, Donald Eismann, Daffodil Valley, Bonney Lake, Liberty Ridge

District staff: Laurie Dent, David Brower, Allison Hollingsworth, Elle Warmuth, Marilee Hill-Anderson, Thu Ament, Kyal Olson; Kevin Lewis (board member)

	NOTES
Topic Superintendent Comments --- **Speaker** Superintendent Dr. Laurie Dent laurie_dent@sumnersd.org (253) 891-6080	**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS** You're all doing fantastic things to support kids. Some examples: DVE book machine VFE band BLE growth parade and watch dogs Thanks for honoring and supporting staff with Staff Appreciation Week. District enrollment is stronger than ever -- it's because of the environment you create that brings families who want kids to come to school here. You play a huge part in this. Your work helps us attract families. Thirteen seniors got full time jobs with Boeing -- because we offer incredible programs. 1. Finished second meeting with new Capital Facilities Advisory Council: 35 people assess needs and future needs to maintain and grow our facilities, work for another year, bring a package to board. 2. Safety Task Force: About to wrap up and bring recommendation to board in July. Safety audit of all buildings is part of it. Did it because it was the right thing to do. 3. Budget is strong. Testament to your work and leadership in the district. CFO Bang Parkinson won a state level award. You're in good hands. Thanks for supporting staff and students. Future needs and safety of our building and continue to be fiscally strong.

Topic
Upcoming Tech Levy

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Resources

- View Presentation

Submit your ideas:

TECH LEVY: 2024

Help us plan – we want your ideas! How could we use technology to:

- Improve the ability of teachers to teach
- Improve the ability of students to learn
- Increase the overall safety of our Staff/Students

Infrastructure is in good shape; go into levy with nice devices.
A lot of what we spend money on is subscription-based. Big plans for access control as security is under technology. We have the highest-density security cameras.

Tech Levy will add a new phone system. Levy can't pay for maintenance of the old system, it only pays for new system replacement.

Intercoms IP-based will tie into new security software, can send automated notices. Classroom voice amplification -- have had for a long time, so it's time to unify the district and replace. AV upgrades, radio systems, access control, translation tech tools.

Q: How much do we have left to spend in the old levy?
A: We have a lot. We've spent money on Dream Box and Lexia that we weren't going to do before. Been able to do transportation upgrade. We're doing well. May be able to start doing ideas right away because we have money left.

Q: Is there some way to ask specialists if there's a way to help them. How do we make sure of the curriculum? Digital equity. We give them a device, but do they have internet, are they able to use software problems translated. We have money set aside for translation tools. PTA paid for the translation program.
Q: Would a levy help support curriculum programs -- EHE has been paying for math curriculum, but only for grades 2-4. Why is PTA paying for curriculum? VFE does that too.
A: Tech Levy can buy software if they're subscription-based only.

Q: Is Tech Levy money a use it or lose it?
A: No. We can use money right away without waiting for new levy funds and we can invest what we have.

Q: Do we reach out to teachers and paras to ask what they need? How often? And each of the schools' needs are different and might look different from a tech perspective.
A: Instructional Tech team goes into classrooms to help teachers. So they ask through them. They're having convos all the time.

	Comment: Chromebooks are very heavy. Anything would help. **Response:** We get the education version that has the always-on case for durability. They pass the drop test. Have gorilla glass. The newer versions will get lighter and lighter.
Topic New mass notification system coming soon **Speaker** Elle Warmuth, Communications Director elle_warmuth@sumnersd.org (253) 891-6083 **Resources** View Presentation Video overview	**ParentSquare** PS is a new mass notification tool that will be launching in August. Replacing School Messenger. Text messaging is going to be a game changer. There'll be 106 languages with real-time two-way translation. Families can choose their preferred format - text, email or phone. The timing can also be chosen: can choose the digest version at 6 p.m. If it's an urgent alert, you will get that right away (lockdown, school closure). **Questions/comments:** Q: Is Parentsquare replacing Remind and Sign up Genius? A: Remind, yes. Sign Up Genius is not used by the District. Q: Can PTO/PTA be a group in PS? YES. ○ PTAs said it would take care of Peachjar and take care of social media. (Note from Allison: This is not strictly true: not everyone can see the posts in ParentSquare, while social media is open to the public. Also, Peachjar would remain a tool for all nonprofits to use.) ● Andrea Henschell: BLHS robotics booster club ○ Spartan Boosters: High school clubs ○ Q: How does Final Forms fit in with Parentsquare? A: Final Forms remains for now ○ Andrea said there is a need for coaches/club leaders to communicate with parents/students. And not just through classroom lists. Q: Can we make a list of clubs? Action item: Elle & Allison looking into this along with PTO/PTA groups. ○ The community version of it might be really helpful for groups that support the schools. ○ As a whole, parent leaders advocating for the use of the community feature. Action item: Allison & Elle are researching this feature. ● Hands-on PS training sessions ● Handout, video, in-person training- all types ● The number one barrier to change is teachers and staff: the worker refuses to use it. Staff need to help bridge the gap. ● Having someone available on BTS nights. Doing a movie night/membership drive in August: BLE.

	• Family Center: Multilingual training sessions • Need a training team that can help • BTS nights are a great opportunity to hand out information • If people get something when they sign up right away. Free stuff • Will we send out a communication before end of school year that Remind is going away. • Most people skim it • Straight from the teacher • Is there a way to send out a link for Parentsquare through Remind: “Remind is ending, sign up for parentsquare.” If you’re using xxxx to communicate with your parents, use PS to now communicate.” YES, we can send the link for PS via Remind. • Multiple emails, social media, etc. Bombarding. • Transition grades: 5th and 8th grades. • Biggest thing that resonates: infographics, not a lot of words
Topic New website; **Speaker** Elle Warmuth, Communications Director elle_warmuth@sumnersd.org (253) 891-6083 **Resources** View Presentation Google survey: feedback on current website	**New website** Features: More robust translation system: Weglot Larger font size, color contrast, spacing More robust search function Future Plan implementation on the website Website question responses: Not launching until late fall • Likes tabs across the top • Gone to see the calendar multiple times, key dates • QR code, google survey • Outdated photos • Request staff photos • Hard to find emails, can’t find email address or principals • Be part of a usability test group: • Play with it beforehand • Include a spanish liaison • Action Item: Take this survey to provide feedback on the current website • Usability groups: ParentSquare and Website to come in the summer. We’d love your participation.

MISC OTHER ITEMS	**Popcorn** - Popcorn choking during recess: types of oil -Wearing gloves is required, no health permits -Principals make the decision -EHE delivers to classrooms at the beginning of the day. **Meetings next year** We'll have 4 PLC meetings next year.