



Walled Lake PTSA Council Meeting

Sep 26, 2023 7:00 PM

Dublin Elementary



Attendance:

Leigh Shemenski, Council	Dan Durkin, WLCSD	Dan Monkman, Council
Brandi Brendtke, Council, WLC	Danielle Bigi, Dublin	Stacy Brand, Dublin, Council
John Bernia, WLCSD	Hillary Glaser, Council, GMS, MHG	Stephanie Kaplin, BOE
Eric Turnquist, WLC	Jackie Gurwin, FFE, WLN	Stephanie, Commerce
Erica Brennan, HW	Alison Burke, Glengary	Alison Link, Keith
Kathren O'Brien, SBMS	Kayla Easterling, WLE	Mandy Pallozzi, SBMS
Meredith Nelson, LLE	Jessica Maurer, OPE	Sarah Mizen-Reese, MBE
Stevie Barry, Dublin	Monica Anglin, Dublin	Rachel Heater, Dublin
Jehann Zaid, PLE		

- I. Meeting Called to Order @ 7:04pm
- II. Welcome & Updates from Dublin Elementary
 - A. President: Rachel Heater - Shamrock Hunt event happened and Color Run is coming up on October 13th.
 - B. Principal: Ms. Danielle Bigi- Welcome to the new building! Dublin has been around since 1928! Staff and parents have a good relationship with PTA. Goal for the new space is to figure out what to do with those spaces that aren't being utilized.
- III. Reading of the Minutes: Motion to approve, Eric Turnquist. Second - Brandi Brendtke. All in favor. Motion passes.
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. President - Hillary Glaser and introduction of board members
 1. Kudos - Hillary Glaser giving Kudos to the Board for being patient with her and supporting her. Kudos to administrators, teachers, subs and everyone for the great beginning of the school year. It is always busy this time of year. Kudos to the Board of Education for all they do and what they have to handle.

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2. [Collaboration Folder](#) - Ideation folder where there is one for all PTAs to share amongst themselves. For example, flyers for fundraisers, color run information, legislative rep folder. This collaboration folder will help everyone. Dan asks for one favor, add one thing to the folder so everyone can benefit from this folder.
 3. [PTSA Calendar](#) - This is a link to the calendar.
 4. [PTA Directory](#) - Please send any changes to Hillary Glaser and she will add to the directory. Pam Cole sent it out.
 5. Scam Emails - There have been many scam emails going out. Hillary has gotten many of them and so has everyone else. Be mindful of the emails, check the email addresses. Hillary won't ask for a Venmo payment from you.
- B. Vice Presidents - Leigh Shemenski & Dan Monkman- Irene Daniels will be advertised soon and we will be working on advertising and getting the information out to the high schools. Due in March.
- C. Treasurer's Report - Brandi Brendtke- Budget. Motion to approve by Jackie Gurwin, Sarah Mizen-Reese seconded. . All in Favor. Motion passed. July and August were zero transactions. Overage on Awards and Installation. Motion to approve Alison Burke seconded Eric Turquist. All in Favor. Motion passes. Amendment to the passage of dues from \$2280 to \$2850. Total income is \$4850. Motion to amend budget approval to change overall budget income by Sarah Mizen-Reese. Jackie Gurwin seconded.. All in favor. Motion passes. Dues are \$150 and can be given to Brandi or mailed to her so see her if you need her address due by November 1st. Standards of Affiliations are due on December 1st. Hillary will send a list of them out to the Presidents and Brandi will send a welcome letter.
- V. Chairpeople Reports
- A. Legislative Report - Stacy Brand - BOE regular meeting is October 5 at 7:00pm. MI PTA: Volunteer at state level if you want to submit your application. Connect with Michigan PTA with Facebook pages. Voter action alerts to get notified of government and legislative updates. Anti-Vaping resolution. Advocacy is a vital part of MI PTA and contact

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MI PTA to present PTA advocacy to your members. Next year's Michigan PTA Advocacy Day is planned for Wednesday, March 20, 2024. National PTA; Take Action website to urge Congress to Support Legislation Addressing Childhood Trauma, urge Congress to End Gun Violence and Protect our Children, Urge Your representatives to Vote Against Proposed Cuts to Essential Education Programs for Students, urge your representatives to to Co-Sponsor the Bill of Rights for Students and Parents Resolution. New program funding opportunities for PTA - they give grants. School safety information available through SchoolSafety.gov. National PTA is seeking candidates for election at the National PTA Convention in June 2024. Join National PTA on their YouTube Channel from 7-8pm on October 5 for a webinar about keeping communities safe. September is Suicide Prevention Month. Biden-Harris administration and the DOE is working on accelerating learning. They are providing \$50 million in funding for states. Education Trust has a report about "The Search for More Complex Racial and Ethnic Representation in Grade School Books," examines racial and ethnic representation in books used throughout the U.S. curricula.

- B. Teacher's Report - Kathleen O'Brien, Everyone off to a great start this year. We are doing our best to take care of all the children. HS conferences all virtual MS is 50/50 and ES are all in person.
- C. Reflections Report - Torry Yu, Angel Wade, and Sarah Piggott - All are gone at a Pink Out meeting. Communication shared with all Reflections chairs and new Facebook group.. Any chair not able to attend the training should reach out to Torry. New website for reflections on the WLCSD website and thanks to Jason Lewis. Official launch is Monday, October 2nd!

VI. WLCSD Reports

- A. Superintendent Update - Dr. Bernia - wanted to say Hello. The Big Project is the Facilities Review Process. Last January, Plante Moran Kress did consulting for demographic studies. Analyze birth rate and crunch numbers and give reports on efficiency of our facilities. Reported to the Board in June. Meeting with staff, parents to talk

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about what is going on and what we need to do with our facilities in the future. We are in Phase 2 of this. Over the next several years, our MS and HS will be less efficient because of less students.

- B. District Report - Dan Durkin - Director of Community Relations. Dan's biggest goal is to be a resource and a megaphone for the PTAs. Send anything going on in your school to Dan to get the word out. Dan is very proud of the new website. Final Site is a partner that we worked with to launch the new website. It is so much better than the old website. If you can't find something on the website, please reach out to Dan so he can help you find something. Social media posts are back. Please Shout out to students (Student All Stars) and also to staff that are working above and beyond. It is in the district updates if you want to celebrate any staff member.
- C. Board of Education Report - BoE Representative - Stephanie Kaplan. Thanks everyone for stepping up and being on the PTA and volunteering. Facilities study coming up is very important to become involved and be on the committee. LAYA had a Taste of Lakes last week and went very well. Please come to board meetings to support the students and staff.
- D. Foundation for Excellence - Jackie Gurwin, Executive Director. We raise money and give it back to classrooms. Grow with me was a big hit with new kindergarteners and junior kindergarteners. Jackie is looking at doing a fundraiser at Urban Air so please let her know if you want to do one so she doesn't pick a date the same day you have a fundraiser there. They are looking for new board members on the younger side. If you know anyone that would be interested, please let Jackie know. Grant application cycle for teachers will open in November and closes in early January.
- E. Hospitality House asking for donations. 2023 Holiday Food Drive requests. Monthly food requests like Macaroni May. At the next meeting, talk about Hospitality House and maybe have a food drive for them. Halloween costumes are donated so if you have any kids in need of one contact Hillary.

VII. New Business

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- A. District Presidents' Updates - President's can give updates of the going on at their school so we don't just wait for when the Council is at their school. Hillary will be going to BOE meetings to update the community on what the PTAs are doing for our community. Hickory Woods started the snack shack for the staff. They send out a sign up genius to parents to donate. A fifth grader will check the area and take to the staff lounge and a PTA member will organize for the staff. Hillary said a parent at Geisler who suggested they do a Financial Literacy night at the MS. Contact the Walled Lake School Credit Union to see what they can do if you are interested.
 - B. Upcoming Events - Next meeting is October 23rd at 7pm
- VIII. Open Floor - none
 - IX. Adjournment at 8:41

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