

District Parent Council Minutes
March 18, 2024 12:00 – 2:30pm, Hiawatha School

Attendees: Karen Shapiro, John Hood, Joseph Carr, Mikayla Temple, Mary Ann Migaldi, Sarah Allen, Jessica Savage, Pamela Jones, Stacey Smith, Liz Luyendyk, Jane Manfredi, Tamara Marshall

Via Zoom: Sage Hales-Ho, Kristin Hundt, Leah Kwapis

Welcome and Introductions - *Karen Shapiro/Liz Luyendyk*

Superintendent's Report - *John Hood*

- New communications employee: website overhaul and new app that could have PDFs and newsletters, etc.
- Water testing continues throughout the district. All schools will be tested by the end of the month. At Chippewa, they found lead in the water by the auditorium because sitting water not in use - leached in.
- New Clean Water Act testing: Filtration faucets on faucets kids drink out of and annual testing. Work with Rep. Brixie. OPS environment material on website.

Stacey S. - suggests sending pictures/information out to parents regarding water fill stations.

Question - Liz L - Has any paint testing been done? Answer: Tested at Montessori. Found one patch with lead on a pole in the teachers' lounge, but painted over which solves issue

- Fine Arts Festival was amazing.
- Hiawatha traffic concerns:
 - Can't slow traffic off of Jolly
 - All other options denied by the Township/Ingham County
 - Fairhills would be the only option for change.
- Chippewa groundbreaking in June. There will be active construction for 6 years. 2 years for the new Chippewa.
- Question - Jane M. - Asked questions about cybersecurity progress. A: We do not collect social security numbers. "Arctic Wolf" (upped our security and firewall). Part of the ISD-wide group: we do phishing simulations; 2-factor authentication is difficult to do with children. Tom Isom leading the way.

Question - Liz L. - Passwords are still the same as in Kindergarten and asking to change that.

Principal's Report - Joseph Corr

- New Hiawatha principal, began October 2023
- Giving building awards for positive behavior. (Glow party - 20 mins in the gym)
- 3rd and 4th grades MSTEP coming
- Hiawatha next for secure vestibule and office renovation. Will be done by October. Staff will relocate within the building during construction. Parking will be a challenge during this time.
- Staffing: hoping to be consistent for next year.
- 2 2nd grade classes have 5 sections, all others have 4 sections except 3 in kindergarten.
- Will do summer enrollments this year.

Board of Education Report - No rep this month

Speaker - *Mikayla Temple, Digital Communications Specialist*

- Mikayla is our new Digital Communications Specialist and does the district's social media plan
- Shannon handles the written material.
- Came from TV news covered our mascot change, etc.
- Gave out magnets with QR code to share good news (pictures, videos, and can ask communication to come to event)
- Using new company for website
- Survey people regarding website
- Social media platforms - will probably be on a couple, but not all.

Action Items

Volunteer for secretary?

Next year reps and leaders

School Reports

OHS – Sarah Allen, Karen Shapiro, Liz Luyendyk

Chippewa –Tere Blanca, Carly Patel, Dawn Crandell

Kinawa – Liz Luyendyk, Leah Kwapis, Amanda Brush

Cornell – Corinne Dyksen

OPM – Sage Hales-Ho and Mike Callahan

Bennett Woods – Jane Manfredi, Tamara Marshall

Hiawatha–Jessica Savage, Stacey Smith

Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 15, 2024, 12-2:30pm, Kinawa 5-6 School

Building Reports

OHS:

- Test out registration deadline is May 1st. Testing out will occur the week after school ends this year.
- OHS State testing is in April. First time it's all online.
- PSAT for 9th and 10th grades, and ACT WorkKeys Test for 11th grade 4/11.
- 4/15 11th grade SAT.
- 4/17 11th grade MSTEP (Science and Social Studies)
- 4/11 will be the Senior Field Trip to the Zoo.

- The annual blood drive headed by Mrs. Fletcher and the NHS was successful last week.

- The Spaghetti Dinner hosted by Okemos Music Patrons was a success as well.

- OHS Parent Group meeting was held on 3/15/24. There was discussion of going through student 4-year goals with guidance counselors. Post-prom planning is in full swing and looking for volunteers and donations.

- Prom will go back to no dinner being provided. The past 2 years with dinner did not go well.

Chippewa 7-8

Kinawa 5-6

- Spring Conferences just finished, thinking the meeting will not be tomorrow or Thursday
- Science Night is April 5
- Eclipse Field Trip is April 8
- Spring is State required testing season - Students will take the NWEA test on Tuesday April 9 and Thursday April 11
- MStep testing starts Tuesday April 16
 - 5th grade takes 4 core subjects
 - 6th grade takes ELA/Math
- 4th grade Move up day is May 21

- Field Trips coming up
 - Eclipse Field Trip to Imagination station in Toledo on April 8
 - 5th Grade only:
 - Movie Field Trip to see Kung Fu Panda 4 – April 30th
 - Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum + Charter bus--May 31st

- 6th grade only:
 - Michigan Adventure on May 29th

Cornell Elementary

- Enjoying our March is reading month spirit days and whole school books. Author visit is today (Monday) . Had a visit from the Woof Pack to kick it all off.
- Science night, mileage club, family night upcoming
- Conference pot luck was a success.
- Whole school PBIS rewards to continue... this month is bingo!

Hiawatha Elementary

- STEAM night coming up on April 12
- Launch fundraiser was a huge success raising over \$600 . Also did Jersey Mikes, Buddy's, Buff City Soap, Henry's Place
- Bread bites fundraiser coming up on April 24
- Mileage club kicks off on April 15 with a family run night planned for April 24th
- Teachers enjoyed lunch from pancheros and Cancun on the half day for conferences

Bennett Woods Elementary

- Successful book BINGO (2 free books per kid, number BINGO cards),
- Just had conference week,
- Testing in late April and early May,
- Teachers can Guess the Lucky Charms to win a pie on Pi day,
- Grants given: headphones, virtual field trips and puzzles
- Filled the teachers fridge
- Special Projects: We are buying a popcorn machine, shade EZ UP canopies, eclipse glasses. We are discussing donations to the PBIS celebrations (is there any District Support available?), free library, and the Book Vending Machine (like in East Lansing).
- Exploring free library
- Upcoming Events:
 - Neon Glow Dance 4/12
 - Lunch on April 29th- PD day
 - Spring Clean Up 5/9
 - Bike N Roll 5/10
 - Block party 5/19
 - Field Day 5/31
 - Future meetings 4/18, 5/16 (Elections)