Parent Leadership Meeting: 11/13/24
Meeting Minutes

Attendees
Jenn Dery: EHE
Jenny Paredes: EHE
Lauren, art docent: EHE
Patricia: EHE and VP Sumner Theatre
Lauren, president SHS band
Janelle, MMS
Kyle, DEE secretary
Casey, MLE
Amanada VP DVE
Andy Mangan, Central Office
Jeremy Martin, Central Office
Marilee Hill-Anderson, Central Office
Laurie Dent, Central Office
Shelley Day: Panther Parent Pride president
Katie Weer, BLE
Ashli Austin, DVE

Laurie Dent, Superintendent
Thank you. We passed the bond. Now we're in full bond planning mode.
In process of hiring architects for first three projects: SHS, BLHS, new middle school
We're managing expectations
Making plans
We'll soon launch info for joining bond oversight committee
Thanks for everything you've done
Two levies and a bond in 9 months

Parent leaders - what we should be communicating:
Timeline
Certifies on the 26th
These are our first priority projects
Money is coming in over how long
The fact it's a historical bond
Knowing what we've done as a community

Bond oversight committee: it's valuable to know there's something/someone watching out for this. We don't want organizations wasting our money. There's an opp for whomever to know they have a chance to get involved. Nice thing to remind people that we have opp to make sure our money is used wisely. We'll start forming the committee around Jan or Feb with fully functional by the end of Feb or March.

Idea for STEM Fair - Have architects there for bond projects. Or maybe a table for bond questions.

Jeremy Martin, STEM Fair and Art Show
Amazing event focusing on STEM and CTE programs and artwork/art contest
Feb. 22 at BLHS (trying to get BL families there easier)
Activities with STEM subjects (drive virtual forklift)
Invite community members to judge
Working with culinary arts for food instead of food trucks
Invite local artists to lead workshops/demonstrations

Q: When will email go out to art docents? A: Another staff member will be contacting the art docents very soon.
Questions: jeremy_martin@sumnersd.org

Marilee Hill-Anderson, Director of Community Engagement

Community Cultural Celebration: April 26 at BLHS, 11-2 = Put on your calendar
Q: Jenny, EHE: If she was to have a show from a ballroom dancing company, would this fall under this event? A: It could be. If it celebrates a culture that the kids are involved with.

30th Annual CFF Community Summit possibly the second or fourth Thursday in March. Date TBD.

Local holiday support for families:
We have a system in place: Open Life, Sumner Police, East Pierce Fire & Rescue, YMCA, and school district = toys for kids, take kids wish list and fulfill. Wish lists come from school counselors.

Dec. 14, DVE -- same day as SHS Community Dinner.

Wish list has gone out to every school counselor who is reaching out to families - due Nov. 25. For only SBLSD.

Big Give: Saturday before Thanksgiving, still accepting applications from families due Nov. 15
Q: Do we still need drivers? A: Yes, go online for details.

Andy Mangan, Family Support and Homeless Outreach Coordinator

Mckinney vento/foster care: Helps kids stay in school. We've received 225 referrals this year of students experiencing homelessness. The biggest need is housing. Because under 18, can't refer them to housing agencies.
Q: What can we do? A: Check in with the school counselor to see if there's a gap in anything that isn't being done.

Questions: Call Andy at (253) 891-6135.

Elle Warmuth, Communications Director
Asked the group if they have any communications-related questions or needs.

Q: What happened to the teacher directory info on the website. A: Due to cybersecurity issues and precaution, we took down the teacher email address from the public website. We're working on communicating ways parents can access email addresses and communicate in other ways. Please stay tuned.

Q: Is the bus app tracking the bus route? A: No, it doesn't as of right now for safety reasons. Some drivers scan students when they get on and off the bus.

Around the room updates from parent groups

Katie: BLE
Busy trunk or treat, 7K candy, biggest community events in awhile
Getting ready to start book fair during conference week
General membership meeting tonight

Shelley Day, BLHS
PPP oversees and supports over 35 subgroups

Amanda, DVE
Had trunk or treat
Done with book fair - crushed our goal, was able to take cash option
Read a thon right now; first fundraiser doing 100% ourselves
Penguin Patch: kids can come in with dollar or two and wrap a gift for their family

Casey, MLE
First trunk or treat, successful, 20 parents show up + Molen
First fun run and close to meeting goal
Friday is BINGO night and food drive for Sumner food bank
Next month, first snow glow dance

Kyle, DEE
Installed sensory path
Fun run - did own fundraiser, a lot of work, but worth it, $23K
Fall festival: good weather, DJ outside
Book fair
Funderland - STEM activity stations

Janelle, MMS
Main money maker is spirit wear
Selling concessions
On 25th had a middle school dance - did well selling concessions
Started doing sports concessions and load up with Costco things - fun (planning to roll out during basketball games)
Needs are different at MS level, so don't have the budget as elementary
Spirit nights don't get the same response
We give back by providing snacks to counseling office for kids who need support
Give money back to help with attendance program and staff recognition
We're able to drum up parents to volunteer
We're having fun

Lauren, SHS band
Mini photoshoot at farm - super successful (might be third largest fundraiser of the year)
Playing around with a spring shoot
Sunset festival of bands - put on by third party and SHS supplies volunteers -- bigger, more successful than last year - weather was wonderful
Field show season ended with Auburn Veterans Day -- took home grand sweepstakes award third year in a row - threepeat
Next fundraiser is big band dance in March

Patricia Tamasea
SHS Theater: Alice in Wonderland starting this week
EHE: Working on book fair for next week and also do read-a-thon during conference week

Lauren, art docent, EHE
Kiddos enjoying it, art in hallways
Ocean and coral reef with fish

Jenn Dery, EHE
"Start a ripple and make a wave" theme
Super busy
Movie night in October with concessions
Wrapped up Day of the Dead celebration (second year)
Dine out nights: Red Robin and Menchies

Two weeks of APEX (fun run) met our goal
Staff dinner during conferences
Tomorrow 5th graders STEM trip to Edmonds
Book fair coming up
Winter Wonderland on the 13th 5:30-7:30 open to everyone
Custodian cut beard; did a video

Val:
Need for mongolian interpreter for conferences

Marilee Hill-Anderson

East Pierce County cards with QR codes: great resources for those in need

Meeting in March: Go to Pierce County Skills Center -yes, people want to meet there
January: Meet at CO

How can EHE get spiritwear for LMS = Jenny

Is there a possibility of a 5th grade band? It would be challenging to get them to and from the middle school as we're very short on bus drivers.
We're having the conversation about orchestra - it's on our radar.