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## School Improvement Council November 19, 2024 Minutes

<p>Ex-Officio Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mabra Wayman</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Lewis</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Lucas</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Zorn</li> </ul>	<p>Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aimee-Ann Benson</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Alaina Williams</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chelsea Beauchamp</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Morris</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Griffith</li> </ul>	<p>Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica McCreary</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Sloan</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenn Brown</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Owens</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Haynes</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoë Maurer</li> </ul> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristy McAlister - Intern</li> </ul>
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The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by L. Lucas. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that we introduce ourselves as we had some new members present.

### Old Business:

- Copies of the October 14th minutes were given to members for their review. Mrs. Lucas asked if there were any corrections, deletions, or additions to the minutes. Being none, the minutes were approved.

### New Business:

- **Administration Update**
  - Mr. Lewis
    - New PE. teacher will start after Thanksgiving. This will take Guidance out of the Related Arts rotation.
    - Will allow guidance counselors to do small group and individual counseling as well as classroom guidance once every two weeks.
    - Students will now have PE every 3 days.
    - New 4K Coordinator - Kim Coolidge - starting November 25th.
      - Currently have 4 Pre-K classes each with 20 students.

- The Social-Emotional Learning presentation is tentatively scheduled for January.
- **PTO update - N. Zorn & S. Morris**
  - This year, instead of 3-4 family nights, we are going to have 2 big events for families.
  - 1st event - Winter Festival will be December 13th, 5-8:00p.m.
  - Festival will have:
    - Craft Market - area between 1st grade hallway to cafeteria
    - Book Fair -library
    - Silent Auction - area between 1st grade hallway to cafeteria.
    - Food Trucks - Moe's, Hot Chocolate, Sweets,etc. These will be in the bus loop.
    - Chorus Concert - playground area - Will be the finale 7 or 7:30.
    - Inflatable games and Face Painting - playground area
  - In need of volunteers for the Book Fair.
  - Families ordering the Moe's fundraiser meal packages will be able to pick up meals starting at 5:30p.m.
  - Z Maurer - Winter Festival is incredible - wondering if there are any concerns about parking?
    - N. Zorn- we have spoken with an off-duty officer who is willing to help us. We can see if there is anyone else available.
    - Add in email about the Winter Festival to carpool to help with parking.
    - Z Maurer - need to include forms of payment that will be accepted.
  - N. Zorn reminded the committee that Boosterthon was our fundraiser. The Winter Festival is not a fundraiser - it's a free event for families.
    - Only money generated from festival will come from:
      - Vendor fee for Craft Market
      - Moe's Fundraiser
      - Silent Auction
  - Flyers - where will they be during the start of the festival?
    - Zorn - they usually hang out in the K or 1st grade hallway.

- Lewis - we are looking into it - may put them in the STEAM room at the end of the C hallway.

- **Title One Update - Mrs. Lucas**

- Festival is part of our Title One nights. We are targeted so we will have a parent session at 5:00 p.m. for identified students.
- We are targeted since our poverty level fell below 40 %
- In October, 4 staff members (Lucas, Gaither, Gossett, & Mantel) attended the State Title 1 Administrator's Conference to learn more about Title 1 and resources available.

- **Questions:**

- C. Beauchamp asked if childcare would be available for parents attending the meeting. Mrs. Lucas stated at this time plans had not included childcare. C. Beauchamp said it's easier for the parents to focus on the information when childcare is provided.
- N. Zorn reported we have Beta Club members from 3 High Schools signed up to help with the festival. They signed up to help with activities, concessions and the Book Fair. Maybe the ones signed up for concessions would be willing to help with childcare.

- **Parent Onboarding Presentation - Z Maurer**

- Communication can be a challenge especially for new students and families. So how can we work together to help with all the information? Here are ideas/topics to consider:

- Initial outreach to families
- Information Sharing
- Orientation Activities
- Family Engagement
- Ongoing Support

- LLucas shared that Mrs. Pattison (PowerSchool Clerk) provides parents with information when they register a child. Also, teachers have links under email signature for parents to report an absence or transportation change.
- Z Maurer - that's a lot of information at once. Maybe once a form is submitted, information could be sent in pieces. Send emails

maybe once a week giving the information in small pieces. This is not meant to replace what the school already has-just to support it.

- C. Beauchamp suggested putting more robust information on the website for parents.
- S. Sloan suggested something similar to staff Landing Page for parents. One place where they can find links to information. Also, teachers could include this information in their beginning of the year slides sent to parents.
- L Lucas suggested sharing slides again in January.
- Z Maurer - my thoughts were to focus on new students.

Suggested:

- sending out a list of events for the first ½ of the year.
- have someone at registration to show parents where to go to find important information.
- C. Beauchamp - suggested separating information into information that doesn't change and one with information that does change.
- Z Maurer - can this committee make suggestions as to what is included on the school website?
  - Mrs. Lucas shared that the District handles any change to information on the website to ensure that all schools are sharing/including the same information.
- B. Owens & Z Maurer - shared Boosterthon was more successful this year because projects were specific. Also, we need to share with families what we used the money for and why.
- L Lucas suggested posting information about how funds were used at the Winter Festival.

Mrs Lucas thanked Mrs. Maurer for sharing her presentation with the group.

Mr. Lewis asked if there were any other questions/concerns. There being none, he reminded everyone of our next meeting, Tuesday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m..