Parent Leadership Council
Meeting Minutes: 5/14/25

Attendees:
Marilee Hill-Anderson
Val Reich
Allison Hollingsworth
Elle Warmuth
Laurie Dent
Heather EHE, treasurer
Patricia, EHE, equity chair and SHS theater boosters
Lauren, EHE, art docent lead; next year VP temporary
Jenn, EHE, interim president, co-VP
Joanie, EHE, volunteer and yearbook chair; co-VP next year
Jenny EHE, co-VP; new president - interim over the summer
Lelani, LRE, current comms chair; new PTO president
Amanda, DVE, current VP
Audrey, DEE president
Kyle DEE, last year as secretary; might be treasurer next year
Lindsay, president THE
Janelle, president MMS
Kelly, MMS staff appreciation committee chair
Tamara, CWE, VP
Stephanie, co prez at CWE next year
Carmel, CWE, next year co-treasurer
Gina, LMS, helping with social media
Charlotte Marrison, Child Nutrition Director
Katie, president BLE
Kristin, next year prez, BLE

Superintendent's message
Thank all of you sincerely for everything you're doing. Tough time for teachers/students with testing. You're doing great with staff appreciation. Jenn and Leilani helped with safety supplies. BLE growth parade filled my bucket for a week. DVE just got a new playground. LMS: Had a Maker's Market and bought three beanies. Nice atmosphere. You're all doing incredible things that build a culture of grace and compassion.

Thank you Tamara and Jenn for serving on the Bond Oversight Committee. And Leilani for serving on the new middle school Ed Spec committee.

We appreciate you more than you know!

Janelle: Had Laurie and crew give update on the bond and timelines at a previous PTO meeting.

Child Nutrition Services
Charlotte Marrison, Director

Summer feeding program: June 23-Aug. 14 at DVE, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Mon-Thurs, children under 18
Have to eat on site
Sumner Library will come four times to set up a mobile station.
Each Thursday we're hoping to partner with Sumner Food Bank for meal backpacks for kids since no service on Fridays.

Why only DVE and not on the hill? DVE is the only school with 50% or higher free-reduced population, so the only school that qualifies with the state. DVE is part of the Community Eligibility Program -- can serve free meals for 4 years.

HB 1238 -- can offer free meals at other schools: BLE, CWE, ELC, MLE, LRE -- free for all on state version. We're adding VFE. Can feed kids for free at 7 of 10 elementary schools. Requires 30% of kids qualify. Each year needs to qualify schools, except for DVE.

Aug. 1 -- we start processing free reduced meal apps.

Jenny: Is there a paper application? Not everyone checks their email or is online.
No, we don't currently mail out paper copies. Buildings may print them out.
DEE: Distributes those forms in the back to school night.

Leilani: Teachers encourage parents to fill out the applications.. Schools don't know who qualifies, so they just encourage everyone because of that.

Paper applications: Can turn them into CN, the school or mail. Scan and email.

Paper copies go to school offices, then they can make copies and give to families in various ways.

Willing to put paper app in backpacks at backpack events.

Tamara: Do secondary students get free meals?
Yes, they can fill out the applications. We get a lot of people applying because they get waived or reduced fees for sports/extracurricular activities. We'd love to have more applicants at this level. Families have to give us consent to share this info with the bookkeepers. It's all done through Skyward for the fee waiver. We'd like more middle/high families to fill out applications.

30% only applies to elementary.

Janelle: Q -- based on annual income. Does this get verified?
The largest population comes from the state, so we know they're verified. Others, we do a random sampling where they submit their paystub. Part of federal program rules. We don't verify every single application.

Lelani: statement -- Think about kids that get left in the margins. Like 27% is close to 30%. Unfortunate. Important conversation to have. Maybe be a paper pusher to get closer to the application requirement.

Amanda: Once you're qualified, it's for the whole school year.

Communications Department

Elle Warmuth, Comms Director

Survey – Marilee's email has a survey for parent leadership soliciting feedback for potential changes to the meetings. How can we improve these meetings? For example, should we have an evening meeting?

Incoming email: Document that you can fill in with information for next school year. Please put names, titles, emails.

Calendar mailing: Please give your feedback on this calendar. How do you use this calendar? Some people were shaking their heads when Elle was talking about having

Jenny: QR code for Ukrainian and Russian translation on the calendar
Leilani: Can't have it open full on the fridge – the key dates in a list were helpful. Didn't get a lot of feedback
Audrey – Please add bell times, including half days and late start days
Gina: Use key dates more than the physical calendar. It's a bit hard to fold.
Jenn: Back to School Nights on calendar (Click here for more information)
Leilani: Please leave school contact info - it no longer exists. We don't always find it on the websites. If they don't have access to that information online.
Heather: Back to School Nights – Not on the same day please! Families with more than one student at different schools can't make it to all of them.

Action: Go back to leaders of schools to figure what back to school nights look like across the district to see if there is overlap of events.

Jenny: Will people who do not have people in the district be notified about these construction updates? Elle: Yes, through Scoop 320.

Amanda: Lack of communication at Sumner High School to first time high school families (incoming 9th graders). Missed volleyball tryouts, etc. How can we make first time high school parents better notified of back to school events. Before school gets out – start notifying.

Received shoe donation for Back-to-School Backpack events
Free open to everyone; SBLSD children in need
Aug. 14 -- DVE, 11 -1, drive thru
Aug. 19 -- LRE, 12-2, drive thru
Backpacks/supplies/ community resources

Return of indoor event SMS
4-6 pm in commons
Aug. 21
Working to find people to cut hair, shoes, socks

1,867 served students last year
Perspective -- we have 3,000 students on free/reduced price lunch

Q: Would you or other parents be available to help pack backpacks (kids ok)?
A lot of hands went up.
Also need help giving out backpacks at events, too (no kids)

Jenn: How many haircuts do we need?
Gave 87 four years ago with four people cutting hair.

Parent in need: Family Center is working with a parent who has cancer and on her own with an elementary child. No paper towels, no toilet paper; looking for home cleaning supplies if anyone is interested in donating. If you have resources or would like to help. We're running out of resources, including rent. Today: we need cleaning supplies. Both food banks are serving her. Let Marilee know if you can help.

Around the table

BLE

Came together as a PTA and gained more volunteers. We're in a building year. Worked out well. Tried hard to focus on working with Title and LAP team to make all events bigger/better. We partnered with Growth Parade. Coming up on carnival. Got done with staff appreciation. Had a taco theme for the whole week. Costco in Fife had the best new items. So fun. Did a fun game with a lollipop with different levels of prizes. Got the yearbook submitted. Fun things coming up. This year we made a stronger PTA with new members.

SHS Theater Boosters
Offered two scholarships -- awarded this year for theater students
Hopefully we will continue next year. May also offer some enrichment. Been a lot of work. Excited about that. Started small, but have grown so much.

EHE
March - lucky duck night
Reading night with Smith Bros; paired with book fair
Purchased book vending machine
Spring event -- bingo and dancing
Spring fundraiser successful -- game truck as an incentive during lunch
“Friends” themed staff appreciation
Election night PTA -- did great trying to fill spots with new officers
Rainiers night
Laker garden party on June 5 -- local vendors and get a free slice of pizza
Last push for yearbook to get rest sold
Walk to school from Allan Yorke Park
Career Day
5th grade party coming up -- $3,600 to spend
Proud to be part of this with these women - Jenn

DVE
BOGO book fair -- fun for the kids, but don’t earn anything
Art night tonight
5th grade tat the teacher - fake tattoos
Color Run on June 6
Ice truck
Just had spring book fair

LRE
WSU master garden program club with rotary club -- transformed garden
Next year will have entire board of executive members; voted in new bylaws
Completed spring fundraiser -- made a 120% of our goal -- get to slime certain people in our building
Next year -- PTO on Monday to vote in new board with eager parents

DEE
April -- hosted Pacific Science Center on wheels assembly for two days -- each class got an assembly based on their grade level.
Storytellers parade event -- community members came in to read to classes, included Dr. Dent. Range of professions, so read books based on their profession and kids asked questions.
Art Walk two weeks ago. This is how we fund our art docent program. Kyle took the lead on the silent auction which was a success. Auction site is amazing -- Give Backs platform.
Interactive art in the gym and art displayed throughout the gym. Fun night.
Teacher appreciation week was throwback to the 90s

THE
Learning how to have 150 kinders from DEE. We didn't know what to expect this year. Our budget is reflected. We're having to cut a lot of things and readjust.
Staff appreciation went well
Last event had 600 plus families with food trucks and raze craze legacy gifts
Made just under $40K
Next year, board is looking pretty small

MMS
Great staff appreciation last week -- over 90 staff at MMS
Gearing up for New Wolf Nights from 4 diff elementary schools, so have done a restock in spiritwear in SM-MED
Spirit wear is number 1 fundraiser for the year
Final touches on order for T shirts for 8th graders for whichever high school they're going to -- 310 outgoing 8th graders

CWE
Biggest accomplishment there was only 4 executive board and now have expanded our board and helped out. Brought in some new people.
Staff appreciation week went well
Spring fundraiser
Yo-Yo
Combined end of the school and field day bash, so it's an all-day event; usually have done it as an after school activity
Donating benches with friendship quotes to playground
5th grade graduation -- A Good Book coupon and Ben Franklin espresso free drink. $1,500 with 60 kids.

LMS
First annual Makers Market; money went to ASB; kids got to keep money from whatever they sold