Parent Leadership Council | Meeting Minutes: 1/21/26

Attendees
Marilee Hill-Anderson, Central Office
Carrie Walzak, Sumner-Bonney Lake Ed Foundation, president
Kayla Lindblad, LRE treasurer
Leilani Howland, LRE president
Audrey Welch, DEE president
Kyle Dillon, DEE treasurer
Janina Haraguchi, DVE
Janet Oliver LMS, vice president
Lauren Beach, EHE president
Heather Forbis EHE, co-vice president
Jenn Dery, LMS, auction co-chair
Carmel Lampson, CWE, co-secretary
Laurie Dent, Central Office
David Brower, Central Office
Bogdan, Central Office
Carter, Central Office
Val Reich, Central Office
Dave Coutts, Maintenance & Operations

Carrie Walzak, President, Sumner-Bonney Lake Education Foundation

- Working on being known in the district and that the ed foundation exists. Find us at SBLEF.org and Facebook. Awarded over $1 million to seniors in the district.
- Going to start funding innovation classroom grants -- trying to fund more for current students.
- Ask: What are the group's ideas for how to expand SBLEF's reach and impact with stakeholders in the district?
- Need board members and volunteers. Anyone you can think of to be on the board or learn the scholarship program.
- Share messages on Facebook and throughout PTA groups.
- Scholarship apps open now -- not seeing as many from BLHS.
- We need help reading scholarships. We usually have openings to read in March. Great way to get your foot in the door in the ed foundation.
- Email president@SBLEF.org with interest/questions.

Laurie Dent, Superintendent Comments

Thank you

- A lot of cool things are happening and it's because of you. Kindness is catching fire throughout the district. Thank you for what you're doing. Shout out to LMS, EHE, DVE, DEE, LRE, CWE. Kindness truly does matter. Keep doing it, thank you!

Water testing program

- The state requires water testing in schools. We have good schools that are well maintained. Schools everywhere are being tested. Once we test a school's water, we communicate the results with you. Results take up to two months to get. It's random when we get the results. Testing program only for schools built before 2016. Parts per billion is equal to one drop of water in an olympic-size pool. The state has implemented standards that are tight to make sure drinking water is safe. After results, we communicate and sometimes we have to take action. Based on the first draw.
- What happens if it fails? We do a second testing. Some areas we tag as handwash only and shut off some water outlets. Could include replacing water fixtures or piping. It depends.
- What can we do to help our families have more info? Talk to your principal first. We're happy to come out and talk as well.

Upcoming Events

- Building Bridges: 1/29, 5:30 pm, SMS
- STEM Fair and Art Show: 2/21, SHS
- Community Cultural Celebration: 3/28, SHS
- Community Summit, probably mid-April

Sumner-Bonney Lake Community Toybox

- Community Toy Box: 555 students from 238 families
- People felt good about what they received
- Appreciate all who contributed
- $8,700 gift cards from Trilogy Serves
- Effort going forward with key partners - year round. Will always be collecting donations.
- We have two storage units full of toys

Programs at Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Resource Center

- Tacoma Pro Bono to talk about a legal issue of any kind. Screen a situation to see if it qualifies for free help.
- Great sewing group.
- Tacoma Area Literacy Council teaches English classes. TALC looking for tutors.

Around the Table

LRE

- Gingerbread hunt - a lot more community responses than thought we would get. Made new partnerships in the community and might do it again.
- Penguin Patch holiday online store brought in $1,200. LRE will fund its own holiday shop next year.
- Chalet Theater, a thank you event, charged $5 a person.
- Move away from PTO meetings in December, adopt a June meeting instead.
- Exciting things are coming up.

DEE

- Had a night at Chalet Theater, small fundraiser - movie, $8 tickets. Can rent theater and resell tickets - fun, great spot. You can pick whatever movie you want - students voted, picked Utopia.
- Doing Thunderbirds hockey night in early February - popular.
- In process of elections for next year, doing earlier for job shadowing
- Munch Madness, supportive role - cereal drive, dominoes
- Provided world coloring supply that classrooms can check out. Broader range of skin tones.
- Planning art walk, happening in April, supports art docent and showcases student art plus silent auction.

DVE

- Had trunk or treat
- Read a Thon in November - successful. Had hot cocoa party or Chick-fil-A party for reading minutes.
- Had volunteers join board as fundraiser liaisons to set up dine out nights - MOD, etc,
- Treasurer and art docent chair - hoping to have others carry on after she leaves
- Good things happening, hope to keep momentum going

LMS

- Seeing a lot of support from community for auction
- Did DQ / Red Robin dine-out fundraisers
- Money used for 8th grade graduation and teacher appreciation
- WATCH Dogs
- Good PTO meeting where lots of parents came
- Support teachers and fund certain projects they're doing

EHE

- Canceled Winter Wonderland due to weather, so it will now be this Friday - choir, art, BINGO
- February: Sprinker ice skating event - mild fundraiser
- Working on Raise Craze for second fundraiser of the year
- Looking for more assemblies -- trickier to find, trying for kindness
- Idea project scheduled in March
- Share the love/kindness week - kids get different color each day
- Book fair coming up

CWE

- Winter event - great feedback from families, who set up different booths (hair tinsel, face sponge, etc) well attended
- Penny drive in a couple of weeks - Mario themed
- Book fair - do three a year
- Inspired to piggyback on school kindness focus
- Went to PTA legislative day on Monday - a lot of good, state-level work happening

Marilee

Youth forums at both high schools next week. We invite community members to come in and ask questions for kids. We have a couple of openings at these events. It’s to try and see through a teenager's

eyes their thoughts on their community. Both cities have grabbed on to these forums - they care about what our students are saying. We’re out there trying to listen to our kids for an authentic voice.