Parent Leadership Council
Meeting Minutes: 3/18/26

Attendees
Lauren Beach, Emerald Hills, president
Vanya Quiles, Lakeridge, secretary
Kyle Dillon, Donald Eismann, treasurer
Audrey Welch, Donald Eismann, president
Shawn Wallen, Bonney Lake HS, PPP and PBA (band)
Laurie Dent, Superintendent
David Brower, Assistant Superintendent
Jenn Hamann, Maintenance & Operations
Robin Becker, Athletics
Val Reich, Central Office
Thu Ament, Deputy Superintendent
Bogdan Gavrilyuk, Technology
Elle Warmuth, Communications
Allison Hollingsworth, Communications
Jenn Dery (online), Lakeridge, Ed Foundation, Bond Oversight Committee
Andrea Gardner (online), Donald Eismann
Kandice Eberlein, BLHS boys baseball and band

Superintendent Dent
Celebration: Districted received award from OSPI - we are top 25 in state!

Discussion Question: How are you as parent groups contributing to engage families in supporting their child's education that's not connected to money? Purpose: We want to capture what we're doing right and do more of it.

- *Shawn, BLHS band:*
    - Looking for kids who are moving on and trying to promote their next step -- trade or college. We have scholarships set up -- band gave away two scholarships. Part of this is discussion with kids about opportunities and promoting applying. Career fairs help.
    - Spend a lot of money on kids and promote team building and working together. And do concerts, trying to get the community involved so younger kids can see what's coming.
    - PPP supports athletics to tie in a lot of people.
    - Musicians typically do better in school. Prepares students. Teaches lessons (music and sports)
    - Try and promote every opp for enrichment for the kids.

    - Visit a partner high school in California and visit a university. Costs a lot of money. Engage in opportunities and see other kids.
    - Advertising what we're doing to get to the parents. Can't rely on students to get info to parents. Trying through social media.

- *Audrey, DEE:*
    - Robust art docent program for parents and grandparents.
    - Celebration night and evening art walk coming up.
    - Room parent program partners caregivers with teachers (help put up sign ups, help plan class parties, tie dye events, door decorating, photo copying, etc.)
    - As a board, made decision to pull back on some events and put more money into grants to teachers and specialists to supplement what they are getting from the district -- library getting bins.
    - Put money directly into classroom experiences instead of evening events/activities.
    - Support field trips. Having Pacific Science Center come out. In-class lessons, hands-on, and assembly.

- *Lauren, EHE:*
    - Robust art docent program.
    - IDEA project - teaches kids about disabilities and empathy and kindness, helpful for kids. Difficult to get volunteers during school hours.
    - Through book fairs, fund a book binder for librarian.
    - Help with extra money for field trips (HiCap went to the capitol to talk to governor)
    - Sticking point -- we need volunteers. Then we could do more. Difficult to communicate.
    - Trying to get different assemblies. Working with admin to get things that work. Try and have assemblies be educational and also fun. Hard to find both.
    - Caregivers could use help with technology. ParentSquare, etc. They can't figure it out, such as paying for things online. Not sure how to copy QR code.

- *Vanya, LMS:*
    - Has sign up sheet and send emails to volunteers for student stores during lunches volunteers can help sell
    - Think we're doing Watch DOGS
    - Agree communication is difficult

District updates

Facility Use / FMX Accounts (presentation slides)
Jenn Hamann and Robin Becker

- Will update accounts to be the organization name instead of person name, so it follows the group
- Have QR code to scan to update info on google doc
- This makes passing off from year to year easier
- PPP - sub groups have own accounts with PPP emails. All you have to do is update phone number, person in charge and passwords. We'll work with Shelly on this.
- Trying not to use personal emails
- New FMX fields: food trucks, inflatables, after-hours custodian. Custodian not mandatory (just if large event that you need help with -- large event or weekends/school breaks). There's an option to mark they want a custodian - with a charge.
- This helps with safety and compliance, and operational efficiency
- Trying to support food trucks -- there's a lot in the back end after an event. A lot of garbage for example. Helps us be prepared.
- We're here to support!

Facility scheduling contacts:

- Jennifer Hamann at jennifer_hamann@sumnersd.org for:
  - **PTOs/PTAs**
  - Outside paying groups (churches, HOA, etc.)
  - Non-paying groups- i.e. Boy/Girl Scouts
  - Groups that need custodial coverage and are not "athletic" related

- Robin Becker at robin_becker@sumnersd.org for:
  - **Booster Groups**
  - Athletic Fields (Grass and Turf)
  - Gyms
  - Athletic focused group reservations (i.e. football groups, soccer groups)
  - Pool Reservations

Communications Office update

Special Education Parent Survey -- going on now until May 1.
Statewide survey coordinated by OSPI. Every other year.
About 1,500 students
Communication directly to families via District > Schools > Teachers. Families preferred language.
Purpose: Learn how we can improve services, communication, engagement

Center for Educational Effectiveness Survey
Students and staff only
Every other year we include families
Week after spring break: April 14-22

Topics: support, safety, trust, environment and equity

Lahar Drill
Thursday, April 23
Valley schools - evacuation
Hill schools - shelter in place
Including mention of reunification - we have a plan, drills, etc.

Marilee updates

New shared drive for PLC (link in meeting notice) has fliers in folder:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1x-9vg3tArPuhfX68DylCZrY9Ug-DE1yF
Fliers include:

- Community Unsung Hero award nominations - helps people who don't often get credit. Announce awards on April 28 at the Community Summit. Nominate by March 27.
- Went through various other fliers that are in the folder:
    - Housing help pop-ups
    - Pierce County Library
    - Love and Logic -- greatly condensed from precious offerings
    - Community Cultural Celebration event - please help the word
- New Family Resource Center coordinator in April. She will attend the May meeting.

Around the table

DEE

- Next week, bookfair, dine for dollars (for library, Round Table next Wed) - can have dinner with librarian.
- Munch Madness week - schoolwide 5,000 boxes cereal, Wednesday morning tip off happens. 3rd grade service project, help load containers.
- Art Walk April 17 from 6-8 pm, open to families, student indigenous group at 7, food trucks and silent auction
- June 3 have a family fitness night, partnering with PE teacher to do stations to learn what students are doing during PE, opportunity for pacer test - way to celebrate movement. Have tracker sheet and compete with family and friends. Want to see if we can get a speed test done.

BLHS

- Egg My Yard event. Kids making up baskets and will be “egging” yards -- eggs with candy. Hung posters up at DEE, THE and Kiddie Academy. Kids appropriately lay out eggs in people’s yards who sign up. They approve who they go to.
- Red Robin on Sunday - Band
- Last concert May 27, will be doing a 50-50 raffle

LMS

- This week on Friday/Saturday, drama doing Mary Poppins, PTO is selling concessions and money goes to drama dept
- Next week DQ fundraiser to help fund teacher appreciation put on by ASB and Leadership
- End of month - after school spring fling social, concessions go toward 8th grade celebration

EHE

- Idea project all week
- Next two weeks - Raise Craze for the first time, focusing kindness and kids doing kind acts
- Helping out school garden party
- Rainiers Night tickets
- Planning for next year’s PTA and budget

Jenn Dery

- Ed Foundation looking for help reading scholarships. Will have table at the Community Cultural Celebration. Bond Oversight Committee meeting next week with annual report coming soon.

Marilee:

- Community Summit on April 28
- Shoe drive -- new shoes needed, all sizes. Drive happening through April 28.