



December 2017 Meeting Minutes

Educational Services Center, Bloomington Public School District
Bloomington, Minnesota
December 6, 2017*****11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Roberto Cantu (Principal PB), RicK Kaufman (Community Relations), Becky Lechner (OLE), Molly Lueck (PTSA Council President), Beth Maiwurm (JHS), Kate Martin (Community Relations), Les Fujitake (Superintendent), Jason Thiel (WW), Sheri Brezinka (PTSA Council Treasurer), Kristi Wesolowski (PTSA Council Secretary), JC St. Onge-Holm (NH), Sue Bizal (Hillcrest), Joan Maland (Principal, IM), Jill Oldenburg (OLM), Wendy Marczak (BPS), Stacy Robjent (OGMS), Christina Price (VVMS), Jen Rasmussen (OGE), Dick Bergstrom (Schoolboard)

Welcomed by Molly Lueck.

Introductions of those around the table

“Feedback Loop” for December included a presentation by Maureen Bartolotta, BPS Schoolboard, and Marcie Coval, Curriculum and Instruction Specialist with BPS. Teachers have been requesting an increasing amount of hats/mittens/gloves and also have a need for warmer items such as jackets and snowpants. The combined school/church coat drive for Closet of Hope went extremely well with more items than projected collected but the need was higher than anticipated. Over 700 families were serviced through the Closet of Hope.

While there is a need there was not a plan presented for collection. Schools have very limited space for storage and distribution. To the best of our knowledge, Closet of Hope continues to collect and distribute. Marcie will get information back to PTSA council about what is needed and a collection plan that can be distributed to schools. Everyone agreed it is a good thing to share.

For now, it is recommended that each PTA work with their own schools to determine if there is a need and a way that PTA can help fill the need.

Les Fujitake, Superintendents Report

1. Beth Beebe is a new board member, Ric Oliva will be leaving the board. Three new city council members also elected. Targeting February for a joint meeting between the two boards.
2. Right now there is not a cause for alarm but there is a potential for a budget shortfall that will cause some budget adjustments on the state budget.
3. My Stop continues to be tested at schools. Testing right now at Olson Elementary and Oak Grove Elementary. An email went out inviting families at this school to register for the testing. There is still some concern about how the system will respond when there is an event and everyone tries to log in at the same time. Testing of a load plan is being done. Looking to expand the test group and may do that through the PTSA.

Rick Kaufman Community Relations Update

1. Strong Schools, Strong Community Referendum
 - a. HUGE SUCCESS - all 32 precincts were carried, Parallel Info Campaign was the key to success
 - b. Voting Data
 - i. 14% voted absentee, highly contested school board and city council races may have kept people away until election day as they had not made decisions.
 - ii. Do not have parent polling data yet
 - c. Social media, strong parent volunteers, information from principals to parents, all led to a successful campaign.

Roberto Cantu, Principals Report

1. Thursday, 11/30 was a Professional Day in all buildings.

2. Kennedy has their Holiday Concerts scheduled for Dec. 7, 8 and 9.
3. Jefferson will have band, choir and orchestra concerts next week as well.
4. Middle Schools are focusing on beginning the 8th grade transition to High School. tours will be scheduled for late January/early February.
5. Elementary Schools spent time focusing on Focused Learning during their development day.

Sheri Brezinka, Treasurer's Report

1. No new expenses to report.
2. Due letters were all sent out to schools and PTAs. So far \$1500 has been collected for dues and scholarships. Schools that HAVE submitted payments, as of December 6, include: HC, OGE, OGM, OLE, OLM, JHS
 - a. This is the only PTSA income for the year. \$50 is kept for expenses, speakers, etc. \$200 is given for scholarships for both Kennedy and Jefferson. \$250 total dues per PTA.
 - b. If any school has a concern about the dues, please contact Sheri or anyone on the PTSA board as soon as possible.
3. Sheri Brezinka motioned for an approval of the budget. Jill Oldenburg seconded. November budget approved.

Molly Lueck, President's Report

1. No new items to report.
2. Molly did thank Becky, Jason, Principals, Rick and Kate for all of their work on the referendum.
3. Secretary Minutes approval - October meeting notes motion to approve by Jill Oldenburg, seconded by Becky Lechner. November meeting notes motion to approve by Sue Bizal with a second by Jill Oldenburg. Both months were approved.

Charlotte Westby, Vice President's Report

1. Charlotte was not able to be present at the meeting, no report.

Pathways to Graduation, Dr. Heistad reporting

BPS efforts to produce the Worlds Best Workforce established. Full report will be given at the next BPS Schoolboard meeting.

Goal 1 - BPS aims to ensure that all students are ready for school.

Literacy proficiency has declined slightly among our soon to be Kinder and Kinders. Bouncing back and forth between proficient and partially proficient. Numerical proficiency has had a slight increase.

Goal 2 - BPS aims for all third graders to read at grade level

1. 50% or higher on the standardized MAP test indicates that a student is reaching this goal.
2. 2016-2017 saw a slight decrease in the proficiency.
3. Using the MAP tests to chart progress shows that overall reading has increased while numerical has been up and down.
4. Each school looks at data on their own students and then adapts accordingly to hit goals within their own schools.

GOAL - BPS aims for all students to graduate from High School (6 years)

Grad rates are increasing, currently at a 2% drop out rate

Lots of interesting data, schools can request Dr. Heistad for presentations at their PTA meetings.

Schools are mandated to have standardized testing at their schools in the fall for Grades 1 & 2 and in the spring for Grades 1-9. Each school, however, has the right to add testing to their schedules and most BPS schools have expanded standardized testing programs in the fall.

The data that is collected is not deterministic, it does not mean that your child may or may not attend college for be ready for a four year college. Instead it is meant to provide information to know where your child is trending and use that information. Thank you Dr. Heistad!

The meeting was adjourned.

The January Meeting will be held:

Wednesday, January 3 from 11:30 - 1:00, Location: Educational Services Center, BPSTopic: High School Options

Submitted by: Kristi Wesolowski, PTSA Council Secretary