



February 2017 Meeting Minutes

Educational Services Center, Bloomington Public School District
Bloomington, Minnesota
February 1, 2017
11:30 a.m.

Attendees: Jaysen Anderson (Principal JHS), Mauricio Barrientos (KHS), Andy Beaton (Principal KHS), Sue Bizal (HC), Sheri Brezinka (PTSA Council Treasurer), Les Fujitake (Superintendent), Rick Kaufman (Community Relations), Gary Kressin (BCCA), Becky Lechner (OE), Molly Lueck (PTSA Council Secretary), Beth Maiwurm (JHS), Wendy Marczak (BFT), Kate Martin (Community Relations), Carissa Meierdierks Wall (NH), Jill Oldenburg (OM), Jennifer Oliva (RV), Tiffany Shermak (PTSA Council President), Jim Sorum (School Board), Heather Starks (PTSA Council VP), Jodi Syrjamaki (WB), Jason Thiel (WW), Charlotte Westby (IM).

Welcomed by Tiffany Shermak and introductions were made around the room.

A motion to approve the January 2017 minutes was made by Jill Oldenburg, seconded by Carissa Meierdierks Wall. Minutes approved.

Tiffany Shermak, facilitated the feedback loop:

1. Student Screen Time – no discussion.
2. Question brought up about translating school flyers into Spanish and Somali. The district has no current resources. Schools doing it individually with parent help, if they are doing it. Most flyers are for yearly events and would just need date changes year to year.

Les Fujitake, presented the Superintendent's report:

1. Betsy DeVos has been nominated to serve as the United States Secretary of Education. Approval voting will take place on February 7th. Governor Dayton has proposed a 2% increase per year for education reform. The House and Senate will designate budget targets. The state budget will be coming out the first week of March.
2. Bloomington has formed an Advocacy Council to develop and execute legislative action for education. Heather Starks has agreed to serve on the Council.
3. Health Associates are the last labor group left to negotiate their contract.
4. On March 1st, it will be announced if the \$800K voluntary pre-K grant reapplication was approved.
5. The Somali Parent Network and the Latino Parent Association are helping to support these communities, share information, solve problems and improve communication.

Rick Kaufman, presented the community relations update:

1. The Board has adopted the 2017-18 calendar. The calendar committee is meeting February 2nd to work on the 2018-19 calendar. The goal is to have the 2018-19 calendar finalized and adopted by the end of the 2016-17 school year.
2. The Bloomington Public School's Centennial is on May 19th at the Bloomington Doubletree Hotel. Early bird pricing is \$50/person and ends February 28, 2017. Pricing for the event will then be set at \$75/person or \$130/couple. A table (seats 10) can be sponsored for \$1,000. Various sponsorship levels exist. The schedule for the evening is as follows: 6PM social hour, 7PM dinner, 8PM live entertainment featuring The Classics Big Band and Nostalgics Vocal Quartet. Event proceeds benefit the Education Foundation of Bloomington. The event space can hold a maximum of 600 guests.

Sheri Brezinka, presented the PTSA Council Treasurer's report:

1. Still waiting to hear from two schools concerning council dues. Expenses still outstanding for the last Parent Speaker Series.

Tiffany Shermak, presented the PTSA Council President's report:

1. Carissa is stepping down as the carnival games checkout volunteer. Job requirements include email communication and coordinating with Ridgeview custodial staff to open storage space for volunteers picking up their borrowed items. Jodi Syrjamaki volunteered to take over this position. Thank you Jodi!

2. Sue Bizal moved to approve the updated PTSA Council bylaws, Charlotte Westby seconded. Bylaws approved. Tiffany will submit our updated bylaws to the state.

Heather Starks, presented the PTSA Council VP's report:

1. Parent Speaker Series recap – turnout was 71 people, 12 of those attending received CEU credits. Peachjar was an effective way to advertise the event. Heather is looking for input about ideas for next year's speakers.
2. League of Women Voters will have a program from 9:30-11AM at Richfield City Hall on March 11th concerning public funding for pre-K.
3. The next Parent Speaker Series "Adolescent Mental Health" will take place 7PM, April 3rd at OGM. CEUs will be available.

Rick Kaufman, presented the District-wide Food Drive update:

1. The 2017 Food Drive will take place April 24-28. Schools will receive display posters and flyers. Cash and food donations will be accepted. Please notify Rick if you need a business partner or are changing business partners this year. Carissa Meierdierks Wall moved to approve a 2017 goal of collecting 70K pounds of food, Wendy Marczak seconded. 2017 goal approved.

Jaysen Anderson, Andy Beaton and Gary Kressin, presented the High School Options update:

1. The vision of Bloomington Public Schools is to create Pathways to Graduation for all learners to prepare them for the next level of study, to graduate and to enter college or a career with the necessary skills to be successful. Each learner will have a Personal Growth Plan (PGP) that prepares them to meet pre-K through senior year academic milestones and have a post high school plan. Bloomington has created exposure opportunities to post-secondary for students to experience.
2. Advanced Placement (AP) program – JHS and KHS have college level courses taught by HS staff that are academically rigorous and follow nationally recognized standards. These courses help students develop the intellectual skills and self-discipline they need to do well in college. Students take an AP exam at the conclusion of the class. If they pass the exam, they are awarded college credit for taking the class which can be financially helpful and a time saver for students when they enter college.
3. Concurrent Enrollment is a partnership with Normandale Community College (NCC) which earns students dual high school and transcripted college credits from NCC. These credits may also be transferred to any MNSCU institution. Classes are taught at the HS by a credentialed HS teacher. There is no cost for qualified students to participate.
4. Dimensions Academy High School is a partnership between BPS and NCC to provide an early college experience to gifted and eager students to do college work prior to their eligibility to complete post-secondary enrollment options (PSEO) in grades 11-12. Classes focus on the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. This program allows students to attend two course hours per day at NCC. Transportation to and from the campus is provided, a BPS staff member serves as escort and classes are held in a private wing, independent from the rest of the college and its students.
5. Post-secondary enrollment options (PSEO) at NCC and the U of MN-Twin Cities are available for 11-12 graders and are administered through the MN Department of Education. Students may take full or part-time courses to earn high school and college credit. Tuition, fees and textbooks are at no cost to students. Admission is determined by the individual college and consists of various criteria. Transfer of credits depends on the rules of the specific college.
6. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a HS core curriculum focusing on STEM classes in the Technology Education Department designed to address the nation's shortage of engineers and technologies. All PLTW teachers are trained and certified which allows students who pass a PLTW test to receive college credit for the program.
7. Senior Capstone Project is available at KHS. Seniors take on a project working with faculty and a community advisor.
8. Intern/Mentorship Class is an elective option partnership with the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce which allows a student to investigate a career for 3 hours/week.
9. Bloomington College and Career Academy (BCCA) gives students in grades 10-12 the opportunity to explore or begin a career path while in high school. Students learn from college instructors, earn college and HS STEM credits or elective credits/certifications. Classes are held at the BCCA campus and transportation is provided. Students will graduate ready to continue their education and training or begin a career. Eight career pathways are currently offered at BCCA and enrollment is at 422 students in its second year in existence.
10. Transition to College (T2C) is a program designed to support eligible senior students with barriers to make a successful transition to college. Selected students can take college-level courses at NCC through HS diploma deferment. Students will choose a specific degree path for a career field and will begin to complete the requirements for credential/certification, associate degree or transfer to a four-year university.
11. BEACON Alternative Learning Program is an education alternative that provides a variety of ways for students to earn credits toward a high school diploma. The program is designed to increase student learning by offering a smaller classroom setting and a wide variety of academic support. Classes are offered during the day, after school and during the summer.

Next meeting topic: Summer Fun for Kids, March 1st @ 11:30AM
Respectfully submitted by Molly Lueck, PTSA Council Secretary

Next meeting location: ESC Room 610A