

## DPC meeting 3/20/23

### Attendance:

**In Person:** Katie Cavanagh, Tom Isom, Joy Magyar, John Hood, Kelly Sundeen, Corrine Dykson, Liz Luyendyk, Sarah Allen

**Zoom:** Rita Sharma, Jane Manfredi, Stacey Smith, Pamela Jones, Jane Manfredi, Karen Shapiro, Leah Kwapis (second half), Pamela Jones (second half)

**Welcome and Introductions:** Karen Shapiro, DPC President

### Principal's Report: *Kelly Sundeen, OPM Central Elementary*

- First ever fine arts night held. Theme "Meet me in Michigan." They sang songs (performance, and informance, intern walked them through how they learn a song), different art mediums presented (black light and fluorescent art), music (digital art, green screen). Miss Katie and Ms. Garcia organized it. In the past, Grandparents Tea and end of year performance, this was different from grandparents, opened up to others who don't have nearby grandparents or don't have grandparents. At night it was open to all. The music teacher promoted this and teamed up with the art teacher. Occurred March 8<sup>th</sup>. The event was recorded, so it's on the Okemos channel.
- Lottery: full classes for next year. One open spot in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The only school of choice accepted were siblings.
- Kindergarten: 30 Okemos students on waitlist, 1<sup>st</sup> grade high list, 2 students for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for school of choice.
- Impression 5 evening event: rented out the building, PTO sponsored to connect families. Pizza delivered, parent volunteers.
- Upcoming: market day (3/4<sup>th</sup> learn about economics and government, will create a business-product or service to sell, set up in gym, other classes can shop, parents can shop, see what sells and what doesn't, occurs all across 4<sup>th</sup> grade in the district), talent show, field day.

### Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hood

- Board of Ed votes tonight on settlement (\$73,000) with litigation re Juul vaping company. Vote on whether to take settlement.
- OPS lost one administrator centrally - Director of HR position open, immediately want to fill this (early April).
- Start times presentation in April - will review research and survey data.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> OEF Golf fundraiser at College Fields, sponsorships \$250-5000, \$100 each for group of 4, OEFgolffundrasier.com, Info sent to all principals and distributed in school newsletters.
- April 11<sup>th</sup>- community forum about hiring a school resource officer (grant).
- Student Representatives talked to the board about the district providing feminine hygiene products at school. Discussed issues and solutions. Pilot at Chippewa. Single product dispensers, tampons and pads. Public service campaign. Will move to HS, then maybe Kinawa.
  - Elementary Schools? No, some discussion about 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Maybe just one bathroom.
- Starting teacher negotiations.
- Great spaghetti dinner and Collage concert.

- Snow days? Short by 1 day, applied for a state waiver but expect to be rejected. April 21 there is scheduled to be no school, but if the waiver is rejected, John expects we will have to make up the day on April 21.
  - Issues because some parents will have made plans and students won't be in school, and some will be happy to gain instructional time.
  - Have speakers for Thursday (professional day) so can't switch to Friday.
  - Why can't you make up the time? Religious holiday, things planned, counselors weren't a day off, therapy dogs went to MSU, staff and resources for support worked those days
  - Contact info? Letters to write in case it is rejected, he will send it to us if needed.
  - Need 75% of attendance to count it as a day, or else the district loses money.
  - Cornell and BW (power outage) adding 1-2 minutes a day.

#### Questions for Mr Hood

- Hiawatha- can they restart a recycling program, including Food?
  - In the past student or parent driven. Looking for a district answer. Looking at better food trays. Also used to be able to give/grab extra food not eaten, allowed to return to that.
  - (Hiawatha) Hawk vs. Wolf- would both be allowable for clothing? Dr Beard was going to help have a shared identity of wolves. Will leave up hawk stained glass etc.
  - April 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am Zoom, Sarah to share a recycling group plan that is sustainable.
- Officer LeRoy- school liaison, Individual PTO's can recognize him
- Calling Mark Fargo's assistant may be best, he will text him.
- Mileage Club: Will Mr. Hood run the last lap? We can email his assistant regarding running at mileage club on April 14, 21, 28. Has some family issues which might make it less dependable.  
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#### **Board of Trustees Report: Katie Cavanaugh**

- SRO discussions to be held
- Start times discussion to be held
- Snow days- section on website for the committee work and contacting your officials.
- Will be updating policies
- DEI perspective on the NWEA scores, and then a working group to be held
- Timeline tool on website for new buildings. Chippewa planning and design phase has started- heard from students, have visited schools, starting plans.

#### **Invited Speaker: Tom Isom - Technology**

- 2019 Tech Bond: Interactive monitors, tonight last 11 going in, new audio in all classrooms,
- New PA system going in over Spring Break - integrated with the audio, call button down to each office, all schools, can reuse materials going to Cornell.
- Report cards can be sent out electronically via PowerSchool
- Snow day, some contacts not called - issue identified and fixed.
- Working on the cameras (new systems) and working with vestibule set-up from the new bond.
- Cybersecurity- LCC just shut down for days due to ransomware attack. Number one priority for his security person. Working with multiple agencies (a company that works with Homeland security, the federal government is assisting them). Nightly anti-virus etc. increase in bandwidth, etc.
- Phishing tests on teachers, watching students on their computers (through Global Connect, our VPN)
- 1000 times a day someone tries to hack into/test our system. We block a lot!

- Question- Social engineering? Password stealing, data breaches? How to set up 2 factor authentication?
  - VPN access, MFA (multi factor authentication) on the list for next year
  - One password program (parent identified), checks lists for passwords on the lists
    - A really big job, we should do this, but not currently done
    - When we create password, we make students change their password except K-4 because they are only used at school and they can't remember them, K-4 stay the same every year
- Question: Can someone talk to them about their responsibility at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Used to be a process pre-COVID. Session learn how to protect themselves, how to get around a windows machine vs google chrome,
  - New instructional technology coach, could work in classrooms this fall
  - Next summer - new devices if we can buy 4000 devices due to chip issues.
- Question: do you do phishing tests with students?
  - No relying on teacher educating students, could start this with Susie (100% tech ed coach)
- Question: students don't have to change the passwords, can't secure google classroom, but parents have to access google classroom for homework. Some access with personal devices (so less secure).
- Question: Work with Mr. Hood to have students change passwords every year, verify this happens in 5-12, consider K-4?
  - Parent groups can help?
- First time he is hearing that some kids are using their grade school password in high school, and that K-4 need to access google classroom from home.
- Question: What is our planning for online school software?
  - Teachers used personal zooms to get better bandwidth. Some wanted to use teams. At the end, it was the students bandwidth at home that was the issue. MS Teams is free, yet zoom is also free for students, we bought 1000 licenses.
  - Zoom has personal direct messaging, students set up own rooms (issues)
    - this was blocked for zoom and google meet
    - Volunteer committee? Parent group with expertise to help out? Email him
- Question: AI ChatGPT, how do you ID plagiarized work?
  - In the teacher's hands to use programs to ID this. Concern most recent one can't be detected.
  - You can block this
  - Tech coordinators have informed the teachers- he will follow up with Bill and Susie to make sure this is happening.
    - Plagiarized work caught sometimes as this doesn't sound like the student.

## District Parent Council Building Reports

March 20, 2023

### Building updates

#### OHS – Niki Robinson and Sarah Allen

- [The Parent Group needs a new 2023-2024 Executive Board!](#) Positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in a position, please let us know before our next meeting on April 14th when we will announce our list of nominees. Voting for new board members will take place at our last meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Our next general assembly meeting is Fri., April 14, 2023, at 9am in the Counseling office classroom. We need at least 3 non-board members to meet quorum. Please join us. ***Voting to approve the bylaw amendments will take place at our April 14th meeting.***
- Prom and Post Prom are two separate events taking place on the same night for the Senior and Junior classes. Prom is a formal dance, sanctioned and coordinated by the school. However, **Post Prom is Parent Group's largest event.** Post Prom is a casual event that takes place right after Prom on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 11pm – 2am, at the high school. Post Prom, just like Prom, is open to Seniors and Juniors and their guests. Tickets will be available for purchase online only at the same time as Prom ticket sales (sale dates to be determined). You must purchase tickets online when the sale is open – no exceptions. Post Prom tickets are \$25/person. Attendance at Prom is not required to attend Post Prom – separate events. More information on what to expect at Post Prom will be posted in the next newsletter so stay tuned.
- Orchestra trip to NYC Wed-Sunday
- Parent Group events coming up: Post Prom, Lanzetta Scholarship, and Spring Staff Luncheon. If you'd like to make a monetary donation to help fund these events, you can write a check to OHS Parent Group and drop it off to our mailbox in the main office or you can make an online donation through the school's payment system [HS Parent Group | Okemos Public Schools \(revtrak.net\)](#) Use this link and donate through the school's online payment processing system. **Any amount is appreciated and will go directly to supporting and recognizing students and staff.**
- You can email us at [OHSParentGroupInfo@gmail.com](mailto:OHSParentGroupInfo@gmail.com) or join us on Facebook "Okemos High School Parent Group".
- **TOUCH OF CLASS 2023** - On March 16, Class of 2023, with the help of Mrs. Allison Cironi was successful. Senior ladies and men dressed in their formal wear and served others during lunch time.
- **STATE TESTING FOR OHS** - The week of April 10, 2023, will be devoted to state testing.
- **COMMUNITY NEWS** - June 3 OEF Golf Outing, \$125/person; \$400/team. Deadline to register May 15. Register at [OEFGOLFFUNDERAISER.COM](http://OEFGOLFFUNDERAISER.COM)
- **NHS NEWS** - On March 1st, NHS held its first annual Blood Drive since 2020. The Red Cross was able to collect 51 units of blood. One single donation can help save more than one life.

- **April 12th**- Senior Recognition Ceremony - Mandatory Event - Medals for Graduation Received - 6 pm, OHS Auditorium, Light Refreshments served after in Commons.
- **April 19th**- New Member Induction / Junior Recognition Ceremony - Mandatory Event - 6 pm, OHS Auditorium, Light Refreshments served after in Common.
- **June 7th**- Mandatory Active Member Meeting in OHS Auditorium @7:15am - 36 hours due for those who have been an active member all school year. Those inducted on April 26th must also attend.
- **Important Counseling Information** - Scheduling for the 2023-2024 School Year has begun for students.
- The U of M Society of Women Engineers GREAT Day 2023 will be held on March 19, 2023. More information can be found [here](#). If registering, please fill out [this form](#).

### **Chippewa – Karen Shapiro and Tere Blanca**

- CPG catered a teacher appreciation luncheon during conference week from Chapelure. Parents donated desserts and drinks.
- Report cards sent out 3/22 or 3/23 for 2nd Trimester
- 4/15 Student meetings for those going into new schools (incoming 7th and outgoing 8th graders)
- Pin dodge tournament March 22nd before break.
- Thinking of you cards sent to injured MSU student from Okemos, health care workers and officers.
- School resource officer survey went to high school and Chippewa students
- Corey Akers, 9th grade counselor visiting Chippewa to help 8th graders going to OHS next year.
- Our middle school track season will begin after spring break! Informational Zoom Meeting for athletes: Tuesday, March 14 @ 1:00 (Link in Google Classroom).
  - Practices before Spring Break: Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 22 from 3:05-4:00
  - Practices after Spring Break: Monday- Thursday from 3:05-4:30.
- On March 13 OPS will be enabling Securly Filter for Chippewa students. Securly Filter is a content filtering software that ensures students are only accessing websites that are school appropriate. It is a more robust system than our current content filtering solution.
- The next CPG meeting will be on April 4, 1:30 pm.

### **Kinawa – Sunny Han and Leah Kwapis**

- Kinawa just finished up Parent Teacher Conferences-this past week. We had over 85% participation from families
- Science Night will be April 7th from 6-8pm
- Kinawa Students will begin M-Step Testing the week of April 11
- We are currently working on scheduling students for the 23-24 school year, Our music teachers will be going to the elementary buildings soon to talk about Music options to our 4th grade students
- We will have all 4th grade students visit Kinawa on May 23rd to ensure they have had the opportunity to see a 5th grade classroom, tour the building, and learn about the 5th grade experience
- On Wednesday, March 15th, we held a student forum to ask for input on what our students feel would be important things to incorporate into the "New Kinawa" we are designing
- Kinawa will have Entrepreneur Night on May 19th

- Our staff have worked through the following 3 professional development topics this school year (Differentiated Instruction, Standards Based Grading, and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy)
- The OEF Golf Outing is June 3

#### **Cornell – Liz Luyendyk and Corinne Dyksen**

- Luncheon for staff during conferences went great, lots of parent participation.
- Tonight, March 20th our Science Fair is happening concurrently with our Culvers Night (Marsh Rd) 5-9 PM.
- Global Cornell takes place on April 28th.
- Parents have received a testing calendar for MSTEP.
- District Admin has communicated to parents that Cornell's school day will have 2 mins added to the day for the rest of the year. This is because of our overage of snow days.

#### **OPM – Niki Robinson and Sage Hales-Ho**

- OPM PTO held a fundraising gathering at Impressions 5 for families that was well attended and enjoyed
- Fundraising eat out at Sindhu Indian Cuisine on Thursday, April 13 (5-8:45p)
- Fine Arts Festival at OPM on Wednesday, March 8 for Begindergarten through 4th graders to perform music and show their art in the halls for families to view.
- Volunteer guest readers are joining classrooms for March reading month this month
- Planning a teacher appreciation event in April

#### **Bennett Woods – Jane Manfredi and Jessica Gilliard**

- Science night -600 + attendees, 73 science projects, 20+ exhibitors including the MSU portable planetarium and prizes
- Multicultural night- 400+ attendees, singing, dancing, food and fun!
- We provided snacks for conferences.
- MSTEP in April
- Lots of field trips- recycling center, MI historical village, orchestra, Impression 5, the Capitol
- Two new hires- a tech coach and a shared resource room teacher
- Very excited about our Wolf pack dog!
- Mileage Club- sponsored by MSU Healthcare
- East scan technology QR code on coil bracelet starts April 10-May 19. Goal is to support ten schools. party at the end. Melissa Jegla is our contact. Reach out to her if you are interested. [Jeglamel@msu.edu](mailto:Jeglamel@msu.edu)
- Book fair may 1-4
- Teacher Grants- books, organizing drawers, resources for Speech
- Bike and Roll to school may 5 - police and siren escort for kids on the bikes.
- BW block party may 21
- Field day June 2
- Mileage club contact for all schools: Scott Sundberg [scott@fitnessfinders.net](mailto:scott@fitnessfinders.net) 866-928-8595. MSU Healthcare is sponsoring things, but Scott is the main organizer and contact.
- Some comments about Playmakers wanting to sponsor it in the future. MSU Healthcare is interested in sponsoring this long term.
- By-laws to be discussed at the April meeting

- Discussion to add a conversation with Mr. Hood regarding accessible playground activities next meeting
- Next meeting: april 13 or 27 TBD 6:30 pm library

**Hiawatha – Jessica Savage, Stacey Smith, Carly Patel and Joy Magyar**

- Science Night was a HUGE hit—special thanks to John Hood for allowing us to still have our event despite the snow day!
- Schulers Book Days was last week. Its being reported that it was one of their busiest school fundraisers yet.
- Upcoming PTO sponsored events and activities: Author Laurie Keller visits our library, 4th grade Lugnuts game outing, Movie Night (to increase foot traffic during the book fair), Mileage Club and Hiawatha Happening.
- Still looking for feedback on: training for edustaff/volunteers, the districts position on recycling and food "re-circulation" post covid, individual school mascots vs. wolves.

**OTHER DISCUSSION:**

- Discussion about adding an Action Item or Old Business area to our agenda to follow up on previous discussions.
- Wilson’s Talent Center- possible speaker in the future. Alternative track for high school.
  - Not just trade, can do course work in medicine, insurance etc.

April 17<sup>th</sup> at Hiawatha next meeting