

## **District Parent Council Agenda April 18, 2022**

**12:00 – 2:30pm – online Zoom**

### **In attendance:**

Kris Arnett, Jane Manfredi, Karen Shapiro, Liz Luyendyk, Sarah Allen, Andy Phelps, Katie Cavanaugh, John Hood, Steven Stierly, Corinne Dykson, Stephanie Gosha

### **Welcome and Introductions Liz Luyendyk**

### **Superintendent's Report John Hood**

Cornell principal interviews: involved students first time, parent, student teacher committee, candidate read a book to the class, down to two and checking references, hope to tell by Wednesday re-hire.

Gathering HS resumes for the principal.

Principals Hiring other positions for next year.

Review third party custodial contract- Peckham filling in January on. Contract bidding is out. Peckham will apply. They have done a good job. All more expensive

Food service- third party review of public school academies. Tough for Okemos and public school activities. Concerns: service okemos before service 3<sup>rd</sup> party school. We want to do more green initiatives and alternative foods, hard to do if Okemos isn't the focus. Now we have a new person, old person left to go to Howell where she loves the position there.

Mr Stierley- applied for a security grant.

New football Coach was introduced at the board meeting to great excitement.

Bond update next board meeting. Work session Tuesday.

Listening sessions with staff, Kinewa left and departments left.

Bond 2022- update to board, big items- new Cornell, and two new middle school buildings

After that, new Central OPM building (not on this bond proposal however).

COVID numbers ok, had to close a Cornell classroom last week.

Health Dept: schools don't have to contact trace. We are evaluating if we have to contact trace.

Capacity limits to be raised?

Science- curriculum, question as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher indicated there wasn't time for science as in the past due to other requirements. JMM to send Mr Hood more info.

### **OLD ISSUES**

COVID funds- they will make a webpage for transparency (June 13<sup>th</sup> will hear back)

Website UTD- was updated after the meeting

Zoom licenses on student devices? Not clear re next year

## **Board of Education Report Andy Phelps**

First DPC meeting for Mr Phelps, indicated that this is a busy time for the board.

Bond is the primary issue. End of May recommendations are due. Defined “rocks”: jar various size rocks analogy, \$270 million total dollars. Only a certain number of “big rocks” can fit, but also can fill in with medium and smaller rocks. Eg. Cornell, Kinewa, Chipeewa (\$210 million), secure vestibules (medium/small rocks). Dr. Slee equity update ongoing (end of June recommendation). Budget season (legislature hasn’t passed a budget yet, but prelim numbers announced last meeting).

District calendar: contract negotiation topic. Prelim Mr Hood- board adopted a draft calendar. Checking full hours and days. ISD common calendar (on the website) for breaks, Ingham winter and spring break. No flexibility all Ingham county schools have to be aligned. Start and end date and other vacations are up to BW.

Steve- spring break for Ingham has moved forward a week (earliest it has ever been) because of state testing. ISD moved it.

? Other than SAT’s testing, don’t want to test them 4 days in a row. Window hard to assess unless you start at the start of the window

MSU’s break is much earlier. So future alignment is unlikely.

## **Principal’s Report Steven Stierley**

Kinewa Principal- Thanks for your participation

Retirements: Sarah Hudler 5<sup>th</sup> grade (>40 years), Joan Ferguson (k-12 tech coordinator), Karen Carlson (Special Ed)

Planning for next year, hiring, state assessments, pride in meeting with all 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to get student info. Hand schedule all children to set up for success.

Testing currently 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade April 28 and May 5<sup>th</sup>.

FIELD TRIPS: with COVID numbers decreasing, field trips happening. 6<sup>th</sup> grade May 3<sup>rd</sup> Lugnuts game and May 31<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade students go, 5<sup>th</sup> graders also go to Greenfield village on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Safety Grant: District wide, ballards? At OHS, \$50 k grant, waiting to see. Also applying for a safer route to school grant (sidewalks, put in bike lanes?, Kinewa drive replace turn lanes with walk areas).

Walking audit April 26<sup>th</sup>, asking community members to help walk the route. 1.5 miles. Look for Chippewa and Kinewa safe areas.

Previous bond: interactive board for all teachers- getting this summer. Kinewa- bids out for new lockers.

Questions?

Safe to school routes: MI Fitness Foundation and MSU, statewide, Okemos resident heads it. CEO and IT are also Okemos families. Grants are up to 400K between the two buildings.

New bond: how do safe routes work with new buildings being put up? All will be coordinated.

6<sup>th</sup> graders have done very well. Students are vocal about feelings and have adjusted very well in the year past COVID.

His being out on the road after school is helping with carline. Saves about 15-20 min.

At Chippewa there were issues starting M Step because the icon was not working- is that district wide? Yes, we had to cancel Tuesday testing and it was ok by Thursday. That was the DRC website.

### **Presentation Stephanie Gosha School Nurse**

December-March: Faith Lutheran Church 7-9 am COVID screenings and then close contact tracing with two others

Other projects: update medical action plans, started with Chippewa (better way so all info goes into powerschool? On the computer vs paper file),

- Any child with asthma, diabetes, seizures, allergies, heart conditions, etc need a medical action plan signed by a physician and in Powerschool.
- Review info on medical teams and training- if a child needs an epi pen, make sure all are trained.

Future vaccination clinics are being evaluated.

Updating communicable disease policies.

Reporting to the state, COVID testing, positives, closed classrooms etc.

Attending school nurse trainings

Questions?

Medical plan linked to Powerschool (5<sup>th</sup> grade onwards parents can see this, see grades and attendance, lunch account money), it is in there as a scanned document. Required yearly. Must be updated by Oct 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents don't have access, teachers, principals, and nurses can access.

What if a child can't get to the doctor? Nut allergy will still treat a child if it is out of date. From Steve Stierly: if Medical needs meet with the family for a plan in place. Parents are the first call while the issue is occurring. Mr Hood indicated additional epi pens are at the schools if needed if no action plan is in place.

Systems: have you audited all the schools and access to sick rooms. She has not seen all of the sick rooms but she will do that. She has seen some epi pens have expired and has called parents.

If you weren't dealing with COVID what other projects would you be working on?

- She states she is new to school nursing. The state is giving her lists of to do items, updating the communicable disease policies next. Could include items in a newsletter. State and county updates the next action items for her.

Does the School nurse program coordinate with reproductive health program?

- Mr Hood states the school nurse has sat in on the committee, some years they are the same and some years they are different. Will coordinate in the future too.

**School Reports- see report unless additional items noted below**

OHS – Niki Robinson and Sarah Allen

Mr Hood: First time we have ever done dinner at the venue at Prom, in the past it has been underutilized, so more cost effective to spend time on dinner and dancing vs just a little time dancing. There is an entry time so families don't think kids are there and really not.

Chippewa – Karen Shapiro and Kristin Arnett Kinawa – Sarah Allen

Cornell – Liz Luyendyk and Corinne Dyksen

OPM – Katie Cavanaugh not there currently –will ask Amy Burton?

Bennett Woods – Jane Manfredi

Hiawatha – Carly Patel and Joy Magyar

New shirts being ordered for teachers. Question if elementary moving towards wolves. Mr Hood is having discussions.

Next year- ordered in bulk if all ordering t shirts, cornell 500, if you wait more will

**New Business / Follow up**

Andy Phelps, BW already ordering from Fabricated Customs (\$5/shirt) Cornell was \$2.50 last year.

Parent groups would order t-shirts every year for their kids- maybe leaders of parent groups get the best deal.

No issues with adding the school name below the okemos wolves.

Parent background checks are processed as they came in

Discussion re format of this meeting in future, zoom or in person, rotate schools- debate about start time being pushed back to 12:15 or zoom vs not. To be discussed.

Adjourn Next Meeting: May 16th Administration (Zoom, Karen)

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# District Parent Council Building Reports

April 18, 2022

OHS-Niki Robinson and Sarah Allen

- Upcoming Parent Group Meeting  
Wednesday, April 20 at 8:45am via Zoom  
<https://aamco.zoom.us/j/88325713352?pwd=MjJyQldvemZPT09HYjdOUTk4bEd3dz09>  
Meeting ID: 883 2571 3352  
Passcode: 376916  
Wednesday, May 11 at 8:45am
- Important Post Prom Information: Parent Group has started planning post prom for the Senior and Junior classes. Post Prom is May 14 from 11 pm- 2 pm and tickets are \$25 per person. Post prom is filled with activities, food and a great raffle. In order to make post prom a huge success, parent group will need the support from families.
- Okemos High School 2022 Senior & Junior Prom & Dinner  
Saturday May14th 6:00-10:30  
Location: The Radisson Lansing 111 N Grand Ave, Lansing, MI 48933  
Time: 6:00-10:30  
Entry: Must arrive between 5:40-6:15  
NO ENTRY AFTER 6:15pm  
Cost: \$70  
Payment Option **\*\*Online sale ONLY\*\***  
<https://okemosk12.retrak.net/hs/hs-prom/>
- Important OHS Dates  
May 10 Spring Choir Concert  
May11 Spring Orchestra Concert  
May 12 Spring Band Concert

Chippewa 7/8 - Karen Shapiro

- CPG held its last meeting on Friday, 4/8.
- Chippewa is getting a new social studies curriculum (TCI). The last time they adopted one was 2007. Mrs. Noble discussed getting a new science curriculum next year. A new ELA curriculum was adopted 2 years ago.
- 7th and 8th grade testing started last week, though there were some technical delays. (MSTEP icon not working on Wednesday for 7th grade)

- Next year class scheduling will take place in mid-May. Core teachers make class recommendations.
- 8th graders go to Cedar Point June 9th. The 7th grade field trip will be on that date as well.
- Currently planning a Chippewa Walk/Run as done in year's past.
- Chippewa currently has 5 staff retiring this year.
- CPG is in need of a President for next year.

#### Kinawa 5/6 - Sarah Allen

- Safer Biking and Walking To and From School: Okemos Safe Routes to School Grant
- Walking audits – Tuesday, April 26 3:15 PM Chippewa Middle School Senior Center Door; Tuesday, April 26, 4:00 PM Kinawa 5/6 School Door # 2
- 7thgrade elective selection is extended until April 20th.
- MSTEP testing is ongoing.

#### Bennett Woods - Jane Manfredi

- Mileage club has started.
- Science night with over 20 exhibitors and fun raffle prizes is on April 21st.
- The MSU interns' last day is on April 29th.

#### Cornell Elementary - Liz Luyendyk

- Mileage Club began last week, kids are having a great time!
- Scholastic Book fair Monday, May 9th - Friday, May 13th
- Family Fun Night is Friday, May 20th
- MSTEP begins this week for 3rd and 4th grade
- Field Day is June 3rd
- Next PTO meeting is May 19th, 9 am

#### OPM - Katie Cavanaugh

#### Hiawatha Elementary - Carley Patel

- Mileage Club began last week and we had most of the school participating. The students are loving it so far and we have been lucky to have a good number of volunteers.
- Scholastic Book fair May 2-6
- Hiawatha Happening is May 20, 5-8pm
- Still need lunch supervisors.
- MSTEP begins this week for 3rd and 4th grade
- Field Day is June 3rd, 9-11am
- Next PTO meeting is May 12th, 7pm

