

School Community Network Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2017

Stephanie Vandenberg who volunteered to act as Secretary will no longer be able to attend the meetings. A new Secretary is needed. Michelle Kennedy volunteered to take the minutes for the October meeting

Open Forum with Superintendent Dr. Lisa Remy

- Facilities – Go from brick and mortar to educational approach. Amu Uracho from Green spaces is conducting the study. If interested in being part of the focus group survey for parents and community November 14, 15 and 16, RSVP by Friday, Nov 3rd at the following link. <http://bit.ly/facilities-focus-groups> Winter feedback sessions will follow the survey prior to the resulting framework to be presented to the Board of Education in early January
- High school principal, Tim Miller will retire at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Post position end of October to the end of November. Survey about desired characteristics is available at the following link. <http://bit.ly/valley-principal-survey> Formal interview in January. Goal is to bring someone to board for approval at meeting on January 2nd. Time to collaborate with Mr. Miller and his team.
- Raptor. Discussion on Raptor being rolled out to all schools after break. Raptor is a system to help with security and who is in our building. Raptor will check against sex offender registry. A full background check is not run. Background check is run on individuals that are not school employees and have 1:1 contact with students.
 - Discussion about how to handle large events. Create a list beforehand and printout stickers to avoid delays.
 - Raptor is funded through the General/Supplies line
 - Goal of Raptor is the safety of our children. Raptor will also check service people.
 - According to a nationwide study, on average, there are 10 people a day that try to get into schools that are on a watch list. This is data only from schools where we have Raptor.
 - Approved to have secured entries. People will be routed through the office prior to entering the building.
 - Add Raptor as topic for next meeting and invite Carol.
- Chromebooks.
 - Concerns about the amount of screen time and possible damage to eyes due to extended daily usage.
 - Oct 9th – First teacher training on Canvas.
 - All Chromebooks have filters that are built in. Parents could add additional filters.
 - Any concerns on inappropriate usage needs to be sent to Brian along with examples. Unable to research issues without this information.

Brian Abeling, Directory of Technology presented a demonstration of Canvas

- The goal of Canvas is to standardize the websites for the students.

- Canvas will not replace Infinite Campus. Reporting features such as attendance and grades in Infinite Campus are required by the State.
- Benefit of Canvas over Infinite Campus is that Canvas tells you what is coming up and Infinite Campus tells you what happened.
- Canvas is a repository for teachers to provide documents to the students and students to submit items to the teachers.
- Canvas integrates with more systems than Google classrooms which only works with Google Docs.
- New Technology is in Echo not Canvas.
- With Canvas we are able to provide personalization.
 - Blended course – mix between class time and free time.
 - Online courses – no 100% online courses yet.

Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program presented by Natalie French and Rebecca

- In 2018, one kindergarten class at Western Hills will be Dual Language Spanish Immersion.
- Western Hills was selected due to no other specialize classes there such as New technology.
- Students will learn half of the day in Spanish and the other half in English.
- Class size of 26 is to be made up of ½ native Spanish speakers and ½ native English speakers. No more than 40/60 split.
- Priority for enrollment is Western Hills school zone. Transportation is not provided.
- Studies show that dual immersion programs improves the academic achievement in both English and Spanish.
- 22 English speakers have expressed interest. No Native Spanish speakers have expressed interest yet. Will reach out through various outlets to for Native Spanish speaking participants.
- Plans are in place to hire teachers with the ability to teach in the dual immersion program as new hires are needed.

Shared Ideas

- Crestview is doing a flu shot at their conferences.
- Valley had a great turnout at their football campout with pizza and smores.
- Clive held their one fundraiser Fun Run and surpassed their \$20K goal.
- Indian Hills had fundraiser but needs new ideas as goals were not met. Working with WDM Foundation representative at SCN meeting to discuss.
- The equity video that was shared with the teachers on October 9th is available on the District website. <http://www.wdmcs.org/blog/>
- Fairmeadows had a restaurant fundraiser at the Dairy Queen on Grand and raised \$275.
- Valley PTO membership is down. Will have tables at event to educate individuals about how PTO spends money.

- Walnut Creek is doing resiliency studies to see how well students adjust to change. Also doing learning readiness where they have gym either first thing in the morning or right after lunch to get the oxygen flowing.
- Fairmeadows will be moving their pancake dinner from conferences to Saturday. They plan to have a charity even along with it. Also doing a Halloween party- monster mash bash dance for ½ of the party and traditional party for the remaining time.
- Holiday Sugar Cookies that meet the nutrition guidelines are available through WDMSC Nutrition Services.
- Crossroads also held their one fundraiser RACE Day which surpassed their goal of \$20K.
- WDM Foundation has a new website being built. You can visit it at www.wdmcs.foundation.org They are working on a teacher grant program and a student support program.
- Preschool Palooza is Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 to noon at Hillside Elementary.
- Looking for Spanish/Burmese and Arabic translating service.
- National Principals month is this month. Make sure to Thank our principals.
- Jordan Creek is having a Tailgate party. They are using food trucks and having a free movie.
- West Ridge is starting an Archery Club and looking for ideas for Family fun nights.
- Indian Hills is having conferences 2 nights. One night is invited parents and other is open conference format.
- November 9th 6:30-7:30 at Learning Resource Center there is a Project Based Learning session that is open to all.
- Stillwell is doing a benefit for Band instructor, Joe Turner who has cancer. Jammin' for Joe will be held December 16th at 7:00 pm at Valley Performing Arts Center. They are doing a silent auction. If you are interested in donating, contact Erica Weeklund.