

WDMCS School Community Network (SCN)

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018

Next meeting: May 15, 2018 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. West Des Moines Public Library

I. Open Forum with Dr. Remy

Three representatives from Shive-Hattery provided an update on the Master Plan. Master plan must align with district goals. Facilities must be flexible for teaching process. Current focus is on preschool to 8th grade. 9-12 will follow.

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| Step 1 – Develop Facilities Framework | July 2017 – January 2018 |
| Step 2 – Benchmark and Fit Analysis | March – April 2018 |
| Step 3 – Finalize Master Plan | May – July 2018 |
| Step 4 – Implement Master Plan | September 2018 |

A Fit analysis has been completed for each school. This analysis identifies the space we need by taking the space we aim to have less the space we actually have.

There is a specific master plan website in the following location:

<https://masterplan.wdmcs.org>

A question was raised regarding the change to the Library Media Assistant position. Moving to a full time librarian/teacher at each school. Not all schools currently have a full time librarian/teacher. Concern that with the removal of the Library Media Assistants that students will lose the ability to freely visit library and check out books. Looking into options to allow students to utilize the library. Student helpers and new technology were some of the ideas. Concern that there will be a lack of relationships to help find new books. Also, concerned that the Library Media Assistant would not be able to handle Chromebook issues with added responsibilities.

II. Mayor's Bike Ride by Sally Ortgies, Director of West Des Moines Parks and Recreation

Mayor's 5th Annual Bike will be held at 9 a.m. on May 12th at the West Des Moines City Hall. \$10/rider or \$25/Family. The school with the most participants will be awarded \$200, 2nd place is \$150 and 3rd place is \$125. Most represented Business/Organization earns the Mayor's Bike Ride Cup. To register go to: wdm.iowa.gov/government/parks-recreation. If you can not afford the registration, contact the WDM Human Resources group. Questions? 515-222-3444.

III. Summer Camps & Activities by Laine Mendenhall-Buck for Zac Sinram

Tiger Tough Camp is a Junior High Strength and Conditioning camp for 7th and 8th grades students. Camp is held at Valley High School from June 11 – July 20. Program includes a dietitian. Register online under Valley High School camps. Registration deadline is April 27th.

Shahna Janssen, Director of Community Education talked about the Summer of Learning programs. There are also programs for preschool and kindergarten. Financial assistance is available by contacting the office.

IV. District Smartphone App by Laine Mendenhall-Buck

500 families responded to communication survey. Reminder will be sent out to complete the survey. Smartphone app was brought up as a way to get information. 70% still prefer information through email. Will be working on app this spring and summer. App should have components for grades, attendance, teacher contact, follow events such as athletics. Ability to push notifications based on user preferences. Goal is to be a one stop shop for communication regarding nutrition, transportation and the district. Looking into the possibility to communicate through app. Things like “there is a leak on the field” or an interaction that someone doesn’t like. Laine is looking for people interested in being on the committee to provide input.

June 1st is the last day of school. School will be let out 3 hours early. School will have lunch available.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Kennedy