

Wednesday, January 13th, 2016

Allen Parent Council Meeting

5:30 - Call to Order/Welcome/Approval of November Minutes/Introductions

- Attendees: Torey Madura, Caitlin Rowe, Roberta Cole, Ryan Soupal, Kevin Karr, Jaye Peterson, Kerry Beal, Laura Wolf, Kelly Faunce, Anatheia Collar, Lilia Cortina, Elizabeth Noll, Amy Rodriguez, Kim Mobley, Adrian Dantzer, Carrie Hamilton, Sara Maddock, Lisa Querijero, Noureen Vaid, Heidi Buchle, Mike Solomon, Elizabeth Peters, Michele Barkoot

5:40 - Principal's Report - Kerry Beal

- May see new faces / new students with new children enrolling after the new year
- 1/15/16: MLK Assembly at 9:15
- 1/18/16: No School for MLK, Jr. Day
- 2/1/16: No School for Professional Development Day
- Mid-winter break coming February 15th - 19th
- Had our first Eagle Extravaganza in Nov, plans underway for next two
- Adding to Title 1 program. 2 new tutors in addition to what we have.
- Weather: dress appropriately - send items for children to go outside (if it's too cold, children remain indoors)
- Pre-School open houses on Feb 11th from 5:00 - 6:00 PM, March 1st from 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- Kindergarten Round-up (for incoming Kindergarteners) on Feb 11th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- M Step reports went home today. There are 4 levels - Advanced, proficient, partially proficient, and basic. Keep in mind, it doesn't always match with how they do in school. This is the first time that we gave this particular test. Trend in the state is that if you took it online, those schools didn't fare as well as paper/pencil. It was supposed to be adaptive; but it wasn't. If they did well - good, if they didn't - don't worry. Not an indicator of the child's intelligence. Just one data point of many. If there are questions, please call the school.
- NWEA testing going on now. Kindergarten taking for the first time this year (they don't take the testing at the beginning of the year as they are new to school.)

- School of choice enrollment widow opens Monday.
- Winter Survival underway for 5th grade
- Barnes & Noble Book fair - Mrs. Beal had a great time. Thanks to Mrs. Mobley for the performance. We earned \$1031.08 on a gift card. Mrs. Rodriguez is purchasing books right now. Earned about \$400 more than last year.
- Mrs. Beal was on a panel at U of M. Got to discuss her experience as a teacher and principal.
- Elizabeth Riggs wrote a grant for a native plant / outdoor natural area, and was awarded \$2000. Caitlin Rowe wrote a grant to Lowe's and received \$5000 for an outdoor classroom!!

5:50 - Guest Presenter - Scarlett Middle School will talk about the new International Baccalaureate program

ib.a2schools.org

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- International Baccalaureate (Kevin Karr, Ryan Soupal, Jaye Peterson)
 - o Visit with the schools to share information about the program at Scarlett.
 - o Kevin Karr: IB District Facilitator
 - o Ryan Soupal: MYP Facilitator
 - o Jaye Peterson: Assistant principal at Scarlett
 - o Handouts for reference
 - o We know you have a lot of choices in AA. Mitchell and Scarlett work together as a K-8 campus. It's worth your time to go into the space and look at the school. Reputation of Allen is exceptional, and try to model Mitchell after it.
 - o Families ask - What's this all about? (Handout)

- Inquiry based environment. Engaging - kids ask questions and find answers.
 - Service and action - learning by doing, making a positive impact
 - Global Awareness - local, state, national, international. What's the bigger picture connected to my learning? Not just memorizing - it's meaningful, and it's a system.
 - World Languages
 - Access and equity - supports for kids to make sure all people are successful.
- o You have to show this is how you operate. 4000 schools globally are IB schools. 3 year process to become an IB school (Mitchell, Scarlett, and Huron are in the candidacy phase). 11th and 12th grade - most robust Diploma Program in the state of Michigan. Hoping to be the lighthouse school for IB in state and country. High functioning schooling, and engaging to wide variety of learners.
 - o Go to IB website to learn more (ib.a2schools.org).
 - o Allen school neighborhood has first dibs as we are partly in the Scarlett district.
 - o Parent / student night in late March. Jaye will visit with 5th grade classes with flyers including dates of events. Then, counselors will visit and follow up with course info (Need to know instruments played, languages learned). 5th grade visits the school in May.
 - o How do we engage our kids - what do we do first? (Handout - IB learner profile) Common language is used in all IB schools. Talk about children's strengths and needs.
 - o Q: How does transportation work if you're out of the area?
 - A: You'll get transportation if you would normally get transportation.
 - o There are 150 seats available, and room to grow. Probably won't be an issue of space.
 - o Q: Is 5th and 11th the only time to enter the program?
 - A: No, you can enter at any time. How do we transition appropriately? Creating transition plan for those that haven't been on the path.
 - o Q: Is there more of a benefit to start on an IB path?

- A: It's rare to have a K-12 full IB path. Kids that enter at 6th grade no matter what will be well prepared. Mitchell curriculum will be re-written in an IB approach.
- o Q: Are there adjustments that will be made at Allen?
 - A: Allen and Mitchell have a similar offering. There is talk of perhaps adding more feeder schools, but need to make sure it's successful to start.
- o World Languages is a core in the IB program. You can earn high school credits in middle school.
- o Q: How does that affect other electives?
 - A: Current electives are still required. Continue through high school.
- o Languages offered at Scarlett are Spanish, French, Arabic. At Huron, add Mandarin, Latin, and German in addition.
- o Core curriculum - classes that are taken every year. Project lead the way - STEM program in all the middle and high schools, and phasing into the grade schools. Robotics, hand on engineering.
- o Q: If you are a school of choice student into Allen, do you have preference?
 - A: Send an email to Kevin Karr for further information.
- o Q: Will there be building improvements, etc.?.
 - A: We know we need space to expand the program. There is space to grow at Scarlett and Huron.
- o Q: When will the schools be IB schools?
 - A: Fall of 2017
- o Q: Do you have to go through the IB program at those schools, or is it optional?
 - A: Grade and middle are all IB. High school Diploma Program = robust curriculum, can take a course, or full diploma. Graduate with both AAPS and IB diplomas. Middle years program 6th - 10th grade. Can graduate from Huron w/o going through IB program.
- o Q: How does AP work with IB?

- A: AP is separate from the Diploma Program. AP is learning. IB DP is learning and learning how to learn in context.
- Q: Is there any research that shows that certain kids would do better than others in the IB program?
 - A: Many kids do well in IB. Why isn't the most thoughtfully approached program best for all kids.

6:05 - Old Business

- Share in the Allen E-Blast how much money was raised from the CPK & Marcos fundraisers
- Spirit wear delivered unless payment hasn't been received

6:10 - New Business

- PTOC
 - AAPS said they will not allow weapons on campus. There is a small lawsuit. Washtenaw court ruled one way, another court ruled another. AA wants Parent Councils to support no guns in schools. PTOC has come up with statement that we will vote on at the February Parent Council meeting.
 - Special education millage coming soon. Regardless if we have money to spend, it is the only thing we are required to spend money on. \$1.5 mil millage which will cover all the deficits we incur as a district to pay for special education. This year, we pay 38% in the district to special education. We have 11% special needs students (of 17,000 kids). The millage would be 13% of our budget = 150 teachers for 10 years.
- Multi-cultural night fast approaching on March 23rd. Heidi Harris needs help with it.
 - Will sorority be helping again? Caitlin will inquire.
- Scholastic Book fair will be held March 21st - 24th. Torey Madura needs a co-chair.
- Science Olympiad will be held on May 14th 2016 at Pioneer High School. Need coaches, handout will get emailed out. Spread the word, 2nd - 5th get to participate.

6:15 - Brainstorming for the end of the year and beyond - Moved to February Agenda

- Term guidelines for officers
- Search committee for 2016-17 officers

- How can we engage the Allen community?
- Vote on No Weapons on Campus support by Allen Parent Council

6:30 - Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn - Heidi.

The next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday, February 10th from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Allen Media Center. All are welcome. FREE childcare for school-aged children is provided.

Remaining January Events at Allen:

- Jan 15th: MLK Assembly, 9:15 - 10:15 AM
- Jan 18th: No school - MLK Jr., Day
- Jan 27th: Staff Meeting, 4:15 - 5:15 PM
- <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4ca9a628a75-staff>
- Jan 27th: Title One Family Math Night, 5:45 - 7:00 PM

February Events at Allen:

- Feb 1st: No school - PDD
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- Feb 29th: Lockdown drill unstructured