



General Meeting

April 12, 2022

7 pm

## Minutes

### I. Meeting opened at 7:04.

### II. Acceptance of meeting minutes. Nicole Raisanen moved. Passed.

### III. Treasurer's Report

- *Melissa LeVesque.*
  - Bank balance \$51,633.71.
  - Still opportunity to request staff appreciation funds from Central PTSA – just submit a revised budget to Melissa.

**IV. IHS Student report.** Play last two weekends; musical. Spring comedy parts posted this week. Talent show. Spring sports beginning: track meets, other sports first games. Class of 25 working on fundraisers for Ukraine; class competition, selling sunflowers with positive messages displayed in the Commons. Jr prom is now Friday May 27, theme Hollywood.

### V. Administration/Principal/School Reports:

- District
  - *Michelle Cramer (Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources).* Students participated in Youth Voices Conference at SUNY Buffalo.
- Seneca
  - *Andrea Horton.* Open house ice cream social. Artistic showcase last Friday, held at the high school. Staff appreciation week coming up. Bookfair going on. Carnival at the end of May. Looking forward to K and 3 moving up.
- IHS
  - *Adrinne Raines.* Staff appreciation, Heart of the Eagle awards coming within the next couple of weeks. Participating in Ukraine relief, opening to all the schools – Jennie Fox coordinating to expand to other schools, trying to figure out how parents can buy sunflowers. Working on food trucks for vote day. Senior events.
- Principal Report
  - *Alecia Zipp-McLaughlin (IHS).* Briarwood successful bookfair and open house. Colebrook open house. Colebrook and Briarwood looking forward to K and 3 moving up, thanks to PTSA. Brookview – open house, bookfair, open house. Make your own Sunday and bookfair. Listwood – t-shirt drive. Southlawn dessert fundraiser. Iroquois – thanks to PTSA for organizing upcoming teacher appreciation. Rogers glow dance. Dake 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance June 10, incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent presentation April 27 at 6:30 at HIS. Self-guided building tour for parents at 5:30. Incoming Darke students have opportunity to see building during summer orientation. IHS – excited for decision day (May 2), senior events and celebrations, staff appreciation luncheon.

### VI. Other Reports



- Talking about different ways to gather electronic payment. PTSA doesn't have a Square device, we can take credit cards but not Venmo/CashApp.
- WITA
  - *Name*. Thank you to PTSA.
- Helmer
  - *Nicole Raisanen*. Spring field trips coming up. Hosting outdoor ed in June. Pancake pickup fundraiser went well, good turnout.
- Honorary Life
  - *Erica Kane*. Will be in June, will have more info coming out, including date (will be our last meeting, but date may be rescheduled depending on honoree's availability).

## VII. Superintendent Presentation

- **Update on fundraising conversations** – how, what, what tools. Making sure everyone is well-informed about our policies, including our DEI policy, and then groups will make their own decisions. The district will decide whether to publicize. More work to be done internally around tracking, approvals for district fundraising activities.
- **2022-23 WI Budget Proposal Draft (to be approved by the Board on Thursday 4/14)**
  - Tax levy +2.98%. Tax cap compliant, 2% increase = inflation
  - Total budget increase 6.39%
    - Budget increase less than inflation (8.5%)
  - Personnel
    - K-12 +1 FTE
    - SpEd +3 FTE
    - Operations/Security
      - Director of Safety and Security
      - Maintenance Mechanic, Grounds equipment, contingent security worker (based on forthcoming security assessment)
    - Helmer Nature Center
      - Returning naturalists expenses to the general fund
  - **Capital project**
    - **Security upgrade – teller-style window at Rogers/Southlawn entrance.** (Iroquois upgraded in emergency expenditures).
- **Board member elections**
- **Separate initiative - Capital Reserve**
  - 10-year, \$20 million authorization
  - \$20 million is typical for districts our size
  - Undergoing a building condition survey this summer; \$33 million of potential capital work identified
- **Pinegrove Acquisition**
  - Proposition to purchase Pinegrove from the town
  - Up to \$1.1 million



- Utilize space for enhanced Helmer instructional space, additional tutoring, flexible STEAM/Community Ed and future PreK classrooms

**VIII. Reminder about upcoming events.**

**IX. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00.**