



CDSP General Meeting

September 22, 2020 9:15 a.m.

Via Zoom

In attendance: Julie Best, Lori Olson, Ellen Abbot, Raquel Bird, Leila Buckjune, Lisa Cerussi, Libby Cook, Amy Daniels, Stefanie Desai, Brian Edgar, Belinda Fang, Kristen Fiordalis, Mary Elizabeth Garvey, Gina Gromelski, Alex Hall, Ashley Hinchman, Alyson Johnson, Joan Kanlian, Carol Kennedy, Lindsay Kollar, Kadi Lublin, Sarah Madson, Dennis Maroney, Jill McCammon, Mia Mihopoulos, Cristi Mohr, Beth Morgan, Jennifer Morici, Robin Nelson, Tiffany O'Connor, Sara Parent, Catherine Piorkowski, Byrne Pozzi, Jennifer Sherman, Yesim Cil Sukhrani, Meghan Thornton, Joanna Walsh, Tara Wurm, Jeff Zimmerman

Meeting called to order by Julie Best at 9:16 a.m.

Vote to approve the minutes of June 4th, 2020 by Julie Best. Passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Update:

- *DPS Chain of Communication:* Please direct parents to the correct resources for any questions. The Administration has agreed to a 48-hour response period for any direct inquiries.
- *CDSP Housekeeping:* All CDSP policies can be found on our website. School wires may only post items that meet with CDSP policies.
- *Approved PTO Donations:* Reminder to have PTO treasurers send out checks for approved donations.
- *Reopening:* With the support of the PTO's, the CDSP has received feedback from all schools. It is recognized that e-learning for K-5 needs further development. The CDSP encourages patience and will continue to advocate for solutions that help all our students. Please encourage parents to continue to share ideas and concerns. Class size discussions are on-going. With full time learning returning to buildings on the 29th we need better understanding of how lunch and snack time will be made safe for our children. The CDSP plans to connect all enrichment chairs across the elementary schools to aid development of in-school/virtual enrichment opportunities. Discussion from the floor included: Support of reopening hybrid model. It allowed the school system to test both e-learning and in school learning as we may need both as the year goes on and want the best e-learning education possible. Recognition that communication from the Administration could have been clearer as to why opening

hybrid was best practice. Requests for the Administration surveys taken prior to school opening to help dispel misinformation.

CDSP Communication Strategy:

- Jennifer Sherman presented the new CDSP Communication strategy. The purpose of which is to improve CDSP visibility and accessibility in order to make CDSP a resource for parents and allow for better support of our parent community. Outlets will include social media, the CDSP website, and quarterly newsletters. Amy Daniels will lead this project.

Officer Updates:

- Special Education: In order to improve communication with Special Education parents, PTO's should continue to work with Special Education Reps. Request to post a blurb in the school wires introducing the Special Education Reps.
- Treasury: All PTO's have been emailed the financial guidelines which can also be found on the CDSP website. It is time to pay Annual dues. Tax spreadsheets will be sent out to collect yearly tax information.
- Budget: The BOE and BOF have agreed to run the school budget with the dollars they have for as long as possible. There is a new RC to track Covid costs and as they become clearer the BOE will meet with BOF to ask for further appropriations. The Administration is also applying for grants to help offset costs.

School Updates:

- Hindley: Running a virtual book fair in October. Looking for ways to support the teachers and express gratitude for them.
- Holmes: Purchasing playground equipment for all classes. Running Walk-a-thon on October 19th. Holding a virtual coffee for parents with the Principal.
- Ox Ridge: Running a virtual book fair in October. Planning school wide trivia night. Purchased recess equipment for all classes. Holding room parent Meet & Greet zooms
- Royle: Looking into virtual meetings for coffees for new parents. Researching online enrichment programs.
- Tokeneke: Purchased playground equipment for all classes. Pumpkin Carnival has been cancelled, but will hold special in school events for a Pumpkin Carnival Week. The Media Specialist will hold a SeeSaw tutorial for parents. Hosting a Meet & Greet with the school psychologist.
- MMS: Recess is coming back. Renting Boy Scout tents for student learning and lunches. Virtual open houses will be pre-recorded. Socials by grade are currently on hold. Purchased adirondack chairs for outdoor teachers use.

- DHS: Streamlining communication with an online Parents Survival Guide. Hosting a virtual coffee for the new Special Education Department Chair. Gifting outdoor furniture in honor of the class of 2020.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn at 11:18. Stacey Tie, first; Julie Best, second.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Kennedy, Secretary.