Horizon Elementary – School Community Organization (SCO) Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

18 people in attendance

# Call to Order/Welcome: Karen Anderegg

### Boundary Task Force: Bryn Horton

• Bryn highlighted the website that lists all the maps, dashboards, and videos and minutes from task force meetings.

# https://www.sunprairieschools.org/district/ref2019/boundary-task-force

- Map D4a was the preferred map following the last task force meeting. In this map, all of Horizon will attend Prairie View Middle School and Sun Prairie West High School.
- Bell time recommendations will be made to the school board by June.
- Bryn will probably present at an April or May meeting to discuss bell time progress.

## Approval of December Minutes

• The previous month's minutes can be found on the Horizon website. Motion to approve minutes by Michele V, seconded by Kate L, all in favor.

# Financial Report: Leanne Wege

- The current budget can be found on the Horizon website.
- We received a box tops check for \$181, a Scrip check for \$50, and Burrachos and Monks shares night checks totalling \$146. \$300 has gone out for classroom funds.
- Motion to approve minutes by Jessi S, seconded by Tara D, all in favor.

#### Dine-In Nights: Keri Jo Brown

 There is a shares day with Liv's Drink Emporium, the new business in the old What's Brew'N location, on February 25th all day. They open at 6am, so please consider stopping by there to pick up your morning coffee or treat the kids after school for a special soda. Let's all try to support our new local business.

### Nominations and voting for board members (President and Secretary)

• We did not receive any nominations for board members. Reach out to Karen if you have any interest in being a part of the SCO board.

#### Principal Remarks: Michelle Kelly

- More students are back in the building now, it has been wonderful.
- Fire drills, severe weather drills and active threat drills will be going on during the rest of the school year. Teachers will work with their classrooms this week to discuss what to do during a severe weather drill. This year, the drill will be more of a talk-through. Fire drills will be alternating cohorts each month.
- The good news is that we are still having a yearbook. Mr. Schmidt will be putting the yearbook together through Lifetouch, which is the company we have used the last several years. Any parent who already paid for a yearbook through TreeRing should have been reimbursed.

To order a Lifetouch Horizon Yearbook 20-21: YBPay Link

Information on uploading pictures:
Use this form to upload pictures (both portraits and normal pictures):
<a href="https://forms.gle/4yEWUAr4fKAwZZvm8">https://forms.gle/4yEWUAr4fKAwZZvm8</a>

In the form it asks if you are uploading a portrait. If you click yes, it prompts you to fill out some more information.

- Big shout out to our wonderful parents for navigating our drop-off and pick-up. It is getting better every day.
- With this cold weather, students have been in their classroom all day. Teachers are encouraged to take the students for a walk inside or outside the building. As soon as it warms up with a windchill above 0, students will be outside for recess.
- February is Black History Month. Teachers have tons of resources and are embedding lessons in the classroom. 4th graders are starting a Civil Rights unit.
- Michelle would like to share some amazing read-alouds with families:
   https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1k-0TMUXmXI5Aiqpz8MIb4XZHHU6myZuLAwxGpY1pBgA/edit#slide=id.p

### School Board Remarks: Caren Diedrich

• There is an update to the middle school and up dress code to remove any victimizing language.

#### Open Discussion/Questions

- Keri Jo shared a link to the Goodwin Project which is being offered by Patrick Marsh. In honor of Black History Month, Patrick Marsh Community school will be showing a series of four short plays for multi-generational audiences, followed by an open discussion with the Moderator, director, actors, and education content creator from The Children's Theater of Madison. Two of these videos are recommended to only ages 14 and up, but one is for 6 and up, another is for 9 and up. If you are interested please sign up using the following link and you will receive an email in order to participate. <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSd3PtQY190WUAvlTapthITiPC-tzsjl62TmjsHCg8HLD">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSd3PtQY190WUAvlTapthITiPC-tzsjl62TmjsHCg8HLD</a> o uRQ/viewform
- Shout-out to the parents who are organizing the Valentine's treats for staff appreciation. Parents were happy to donate candy or money to do something nice for teachers.
- A teacher-parent suggested that another way to appreciate teachers is to send them a quick email letting them know that they are doing a good job. Teachers appreciate notes like that more than parents realize.
- Mandy suggested checking out Mrs. Gearing's art classroom because she has posted lots of fun art ideas that her kiddos have really enjoyed.
- Michele suggested coordinating some kind of student video about gratitude or learning to let students share what they've learned or loved about this year.
- Kate said her kids especially loved the teacher parade last spring, and suggested that we could possibly have a student parade through the school drive while teachers stand outside and wave. Or

suggest that parents have their students make a sign and all the signs could be posted in the cafeteria or the hallways for the teachers to see.

The next SCO meeting is Tuesday, March 9th at 6pm via zoom; Michelle will send the link in advance.

Meeting adjournment at 7:08pm- Motioned by Jessi S, seconded by Kate L, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Marcie Johnson, Horizon SCO Secretary

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