Walker School Executive Board Meeting

Friday, May 15th, 2015

***Attendees:***

Eric Chisausky - Principal

Co-President - Tracy Korbus

Co-President - Anne Deis

Secretary - Courtney Stach

Communications - Carolyn Mannarino

Student Leadership Team Chair - Tanya Andoniadis

1. **Call to Order 9:02am**

**II. Reading and Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2015**

**III. Principal’s Report**

-SLT (Student Leadership Team) was a huge success and a wonderful new focus of Walker School.

-**PARCC** make ups this week and end of next week.

-Few things out there:

\*Teacher Assignments have not been made yet.

\*Parents have reached out to by this time for best learning style/reading style.

\*Over the next couple years, we may have to look at things a little bit differently, as several teachers will be retiring over the next 5 years.

\*In the next few years, Walker School staff will be shifting around and transitioning to prepare for the future staffing needs of the school.

\*Class size issue, Monday’s Board Meeting reflected that as the largest of the concerns.

\*Lowering the class size guide lines may result in hiring additional staff.

\*Dr. White gave a deadline to the Board to make a decision on class size for this Monday.

\***24-27 kids per class room is being reviewed.**

\*3-sections of 2nd graders may go down to 2-sections of 24

\*BOE/Admin are trying to rule class sizes with consistency.

\*Enrollment Aide, could be a solution for the larger class sizes?

\*Eric anticipates 2-sections of 2nd grade.

\*There may ***very well be*** 3-sections of 1st grade again; watching changes in enrollment carefully for first grade next year.

\*Eric has a vision for the school and will be implementing some changes on the staffing and this will be a place where he needs help relaying the message.

\*27 in the classroom…call size guide lines could have an impact on the 3rd or 4th and 5th grade. Eric recommends to wait until Monday **5/18/15,** and that will determine the class size guide line.

\*Eric is processing the MAP data and making analyzing with staff through the school improvement process.

\*Fall to Winter can be 10-point jumps…Winter to Spring is good to analyze and think about -

\*Fall to Spring Growth Reports were received by parents last week **May 8th, 2015**.

\*Do the teachers provide input on class size issues? Teachers do like to work with smaller class sizes, of course.

\*Historically, report cards have been sent home students on the last day of school. Teachers come back **Monday, June 8th,** a grading day and files and records day. The teachers need more time, the report cards will be mailed home across the district **Tuesday, June 9th, 2015**.

\*Teachers have had ongoing communication with parents before the report cards go out . This will be a single letter envelope. There may be additional items that might come home at the end of the year.

\*New Math Program, Math In Focus Workbooks to do Practice over the summer

\*Teacher training has been very positive on In Focus Math Program.

\*This month the staff has gone on **1 of 3 different days,** to learn the concepts and design of the curriculum. Teachers will learn In Focus on Institute Days. Friday is a half-day of school, June 5th, and there is a 2-hour staff institute day. Monday is grading, Tuesday 6/9 is district-wide training day and Wednesday 6/10 is a half day institute at the schools.

\*Sum Dog is the new hot application. The kids love it!

**V. Treasurer’s Report**

A. Approval of the Budget - **Tabled to Monday, May 18th, 2015.**

**VI. Communications Report**

* **Erin’s Law is happening next week.**
* **Pizza Wars - Lisa Deering asked for this to be sent out today.**
* ***Kristin Armitage* has helped to plan International Day.**
  1. **International Day - Hillary Andrlik is transforming that ‘event hallway’ into a Brazilian Rain Forest.**
  2. **We have a committee representative of all the grade levels.**
  3. **Each classroom may have done an activity and explored something - and it always had been the Friday before Spring Break. PARCC also confused the calendar, so we backed it up to June to help the kids focus on the International Day.**
  4. **Tuesday, June 2, 2015 - Brazilian Dance Assembly at 9am.**

**VII. Presidents’ Report**

A. Two Tier Transportation System

* The district communications on the two tier transportation system.
* The Board encourages Parent’s that you know, to take the Survey.
* D181 Spring Survey - Carolyn will set that out.
* They were proposing the Middle School be 7:45am and elementary be 8:55am. They are considering flipping them

B. New Mobile Being Installed at HMS in the Fall

* There has been a decrease in students at HMS.

C. Math in Focus Training for the Staff

* Feedback has been positive overall.

D. Spring Survey

E. Director of Technology is being hired.

F. Positions posted for Director of Pupil Services & Director of Assessments and Effectiveness

**VIII. Committee Reports**

A. Student Leadership Team - Tanya Adoniadis reported on the Baskets of Basics

1. Baskets of Basics- 95% basket return rate, very successful!

2. Kids got so much out of it and families really didn’t have trouble!

3. Grouping the kids better next year

4. Tanya is the liaison for the high school and so she can help us get first dibs on supplying these families next year.

B. Spring Family Fun Night Cancelled

1. We are not rescheduling mainly due to calendar constraints.

2. It’s something that everybody wants and the kids really enjoy it but - no time.

3. We had everything set-up and we had to pay all of the vendors.

4. The money is likely there as it was roughly on $1,000 but too close to EOY.

5. Ice Cream Social - Monday, August 24th, 2015 - 4-7pm could be a good date

to do something special for the kids with jumpees, and dunk tanks etc.

**IX. New Business**

1. Live Wall - Grant is being discussed and reviewed.
2. MPR Quotes on the wall; Great Phrases on the walls; we will look at completing this initiative next year as we have too much going on this year, 2015-2016. It should be all school involvement: students and faculty.

C. June 2nd is the next All President’s Meeting for the D181 PTOs.

D. Voting in the ***New Board*** at the Meeting on Monday, May 18th, 2015.

E. Student Recognition is scheduled for Orange Ruler of what the Kids Pulled Together - FUNDS GATHERED and TECHNOLOGY PURCHASED.

F. Final Budget Meeting after the General Meeting on Monday, May 18th, 2015.

**X. Old Business**

1. Text Messages for Messaging from D181/or Walker specific. Infinite Campus and Messaging System are working together. It’s a setting that the district has to do. Text messaging to the Parents is something that Eric will ask and follow-up on!

**Meeting Adjourned 11:08am**