



DISTRICT PARENT COUNCIL MINUTES

February 1, 2017 10:00-11:30 am
Central Office Conference Room

Dan Schroer	Welcome
Neej Mescher	Meeting Facilitation/Minutes

DPC members present for our meeting included the following:
Parent Representatives for each school building
Principals
Board of Education Member

Meeting Topics:

NEW MEETING TIME

Going forward we will meet at 9:15 am, instead of 10:00 am. Upcoming meetings are on March 1, April 5, and May 3.

PTOS WERE ASKED TO PURCHASE 100 CHROMEBOOKS FOR TWO SCHOOLS (DENNIS AND FIVE POINTS) LAST YEAR.

The cost for 50 chromebooks is \$12,500.

The district's technology budget is \$1.3 million/year. This includes replacing chrome books every 3 years that the district has purchased. The current budget does not include replacing the chrome books that were bought by the PTO.

The District is ok if the PTO's cannot purchase these chrome books. The district will increase the technology budget by \$25,000/year or make decisions on transferring other technology costs. This will allow the PTO to focus their building support to other valuable areas.

IS THERE AN AREA IN THE BUILDING STUDENT HANDBOOKS THAT ADDRESSES NEEDS OF TRANSGENDER STUDENTS?

With respect to transgender students, Mr. Martin and Mr. Franks explained how needs are met in each of their buildings. Mr. Schroer explained the current federal law for public school districts. Providing more clarity on this topic was requested by parent council members; one way (which was requested) would be to add this information to the student handbooks for each building. Mr. Schroer will provide more information on this topic.

Here is the content for our 2017-2018 student handbooks per Mr. Schroer and the Springboro Schools BOE

The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of the Protected Classes of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and transgender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") in its educational programs or activities. For more information, please see Policy 2260 titled "Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Education Opportunity" and Policy 5517 titled "Anti-Harassment."

PURPOSE OF DPC

The purpose of the DPC was revisited. This is 2015-2016 information; the parent members on the council will be dedicated to opening lines of communication between parents and the administration at Springboro Community City Schools. The members of the DPC are Superintendent Dan Schroer, the district communication coordinator, the six building principals, and two parent representatives from each building.

The recommended 2016-2017 information is that the DPC is a group of parent volunteers who are invited by the building principals to meet regularly with the superintendent and school district administration to help raise awareness about topics and interests that best position our students and our schools for success.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR EPIC TEACHER AND PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

It was requested that both the EPIC Teacher (Springboro School District Award) and Project Excellence (Warren County Award) nomination seasons be promoted together to encourage more submissions. Promotion began at start of February and will continue through March 4. Recognitions for EPIC Teacher Awards will take place in late April.

HOW ARE PARENT REPS SELECTED FOR DPC?

Building Principals appoint two parents to the council annually. This process occurs over the summer months.

FUTURE MEETINGS – PRESENTATIONS/AGENDAS

It was requested that DPC meetings include a presentation that will help parent representatives broaden their understanding of district-wide initiatives. A meeting reminder will be sent out one week prior. Members will submit agenda items.

NO THREAT-SUBCONTRACTOR REMOVED FROM GROUNDS

On Thursday, January 19, 2017 after school hours a subcontractor was installing new lights at the district bus garage while carrying a firearm. He was very cooperative and immediately removed from school grounds. No students were present or affected. Appropriate action is being taken by the local prosecutor's office. A request was made for more communication following the full closure of this no threat incident.

NEW FAMILIES

We discussed ideas on how we can better serve new families to the district – utilizing our DPC parents, others, using communication tools, etc.

ELECTRONIC FLYERS AND PEACHJAR

PTO Fundraising has been challenged this year compared to year's past. The PTOs think many parents are still unfamiliar with PeachJar. What can be done about this? More education up front, at start of school year. What else? This will be a topic for the February Principal's meeting.

Here is the update since the Principal's Meeting:

For families who may not have access to online information, hard copy flyers will be available in the school buildings for fundraising efforts the principal deems important. The principals will also direct parents to their building PeachJar link to help raise awareness of our electronic flyer system. District Communication will highlight PeachJar through all available channels.

NEED TO UPGRADE SHS TRACK AT CAREFLIGHT FIELD

Mr. Martin explained that the district does not have the capital improvement dollars to address the track. The cost is \$750,000. Funding ideas were discussed.

NEXT DPC MEETING - MARCH 1, 2017 AT 9:15