

## NOTES FROM KIM QUINN-HAVER

### School Board – October 17, 2019

#### Special Study Session and Administrative Appointment

The board welcomed new assistant principal at Walnut Creek and approved the appointment of the interim assistant principal at Central.

Study Session focused on 4 items:

- a. Peggy Cassagrande attended the MASB law workshop. She discussed what she learned with the board. Some topics covered: title IX, student discipline, open meetings act, school board meeting protocol for addressing the chair, conflict of interest, posting policy to the web site, what to place in the employee handbook, system used for board policy, student code of conduct language usage,
- b. School Board Knowledge Management – Peggy Casagrande would like to see procedures and information to be written for future board members to have. Much talk about passing knowledge forward and the training involved in being a school board member. She shared a document she wrote about replacing a school board member who vacates a seat early.
- c. District finance – Teri Les did a very brief update of new information from the state about governor's budget and Ken Gutman added information about line item vetoes and how WL is affected. One loss is funding for I-Ready testing, which must still be done.
- d. Next steps – the board discussed having future study sessions. Most expressed they were in favor of the format.

The next meeting is Thursday, November 7 – The Crisis Team has asked all WLEA members to attend and wear read.

### Walled Lake PTSA – Monday, October 28, 2019

Dublin Elementary – 6:00 – 8:08 PM.

- Prior to the normal meeting the PTSA hosted an MASB Grassroots Advocacy Program workshop for parents, cabinet, and school board. De'Shondria Bedenfield lead the workshop. The purpose was to give an overview of the importance of advocacy and engagement on K-12 legislation and building relationships with legislators. The idea is to build grassroots coalitions.
- Jeff Drewno welcomed everyone to Dublin. They are focusing on restorative practices and social emotional learning this year.
- During the regular meeting, Joan Baert, Director of the Lakes Area Community Coalition talked about the work they do with district students. She is seeking parents with school aged children to volunteer. The group works as a nonprofit drug and alcohol prevention



organization. Her office is at Walnut Creek in room 107.

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- Nancy Van Leuwen talked about the partnership between the WLCSD Employee Credit Union and the four middle schools.
- Chris Titus the impressive audit rating the district received.
- Stephanie Kaplan talked about the parenting fair and the WLC band going to states.
- Judy Evola talked about the district wide open house and some parents offered feedback. She said the district is working on building awareness of the WL "brand." Mr. Gutman is holding community coffee events. Twelve parents attended the last one.
- Michelle Bianco talked about the advertising signs going out to some buildings. The FFE mini grant applications will be sent out soon.
- The Parenting Fair is Nov. 4.
- The next meeting is Monday, November 25, 2019 at Western High School. There will be a presentation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office about online safety.

#### School Board – November 7, 2019

Approximately 160 teachers attended at the request of the WLEA Crisis Committee. No teachers spoke.

Audience participation – one parent from WLE about the outcome of the jury trial related to the after school bathroom incident last year and another parent from WLC who is concerned about students receiving tickets for fighting because they would be on their record. She is concerned about racial profiling.

The president of the WL Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), Cory Hensley, did a recap of what the committee has accomplished over the last year. It was approximately a fifteen-minute presentation of accomplishments and goals.

C. Kochanski presented data from the M-STEP and PSAT/SAT. This was about twenty minutes. She used slides to show comparisons with like districts and the county and state. She also talked about MTSS being a focus in professional development this year.

Judy Evola presented the survey data for the 18-19 school year. She spoke to certain data points. About 600 people responded to the survey – staff and community.

The WLSSA ratified its contract. The board voted 7-0 to ratify: 2 furlough days, same insurance, half-step, top 1.5% off schedule and 0.5% on schedule.