

PGES Principal's Advisory Council Agenda

April 7, 2021

In Attendance via Zoom: Alisha Erickson, Karen Mennenga, Jessamyn Gray, Clare Ashford, Rochelle Wright, Heather Cooper, Mary Jo Dunne, Millard Smith, Allison Weir, Janet Hall, Louise Larkin, Cynthia Kent, Christy Pauley, Susan Phelps

Meeting called to order

Review of minutes: meeting minutes approved

School News:

- **K-** Full steam ahead, training the students to start thinking more like first graders to prepare for August, doing animal research using PebbleGo, following the steps and creating a nonfiction book
- **1st-** Learning about inventors and inventions, kids coming up with their own invention ideas, studying government
- **2nd-** Working hard in math- measurement, time, geometry, money, ELA- Moving from percentages to points in AR to be ready for 3rd grade, using a flower graph to measure progress and motivate the students
- **3rd-** Recently finished science units- objects and motion, energy and electric circuits. The students created their own roller coasters and circuits. TCAP practice writing assessment went well and increased student confidence.
- **4th-** Preparing for culminating activities like promotion and wax museum. Modified wax museum will be recorded on video to share with others. In science they are studying sound and made kazoos today.
- **Special Ed-** Best Buddies chapter met for the first time- first grade students met with typical peers. It was a success and they hope to expand the program next year.
- **Support-** ELL teachers are proud of our ELL students for completing the annual WIDA ACCESS assessment in the areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. Reading Buddies experience great success during the last nine weeks. 94% of 3rd graders with buddies met their AR goals. Mrs. Chambers-Woods shared SEL information with the staff about identifying emotions and affirming positive childhood experiences. She

and Mrs. Larkin will be presenting at conferences about PBIS. PBIS will expand to kindergarten next year. The goal is to foster parent partnerships along with encouraging home goals that are positive and measurable.

- **Related Arts-** Music- 4th graders are learning about transitioning to middle school. P.E. had a successful jump rope for heart campaign. Art and music clubs are wrapping up for the year.

Parent News:

- Question about end of year celebrations (answered in Principal's Update)
- Date of 4th grade promotion- May 21st at 8:00am (additional details in Principal's Update)
- Virtual school next year? The district is working to figure out the details. If at all possible, the district is committed to making this an option.

Principal's Update:

- Regarding school activities, including end of the year parties, the plan is to continue to keep students as a cohort and not mix with other classes.
- Kona Ice- we are pooling school funds to purchase a Kona Ice for each student. Each grade level will plan a rotation to give each class a turn as part of their end of year party.
- Registration- thank you for registering! PGES has always been the first school to have all families registered since we converted to online registration. Please help us meet this goal again this year.
- Shade structures- have successfully been installed
- Prometheans- we pooled our money to buy Prometheans for ELL, Lampley, and Marotta. Marotta's TV will go to the PE teachers.
- 4th grade promotion- audience will sit in family groups and there will be six feet between each group. Total attendees per child will not be limited. In order to create more space, third graders will not attend this year. Everyone will enter and exit the gym through the door that leads directly outside.

PTO Update: Susan Phelps

- We are excited to welcome new parents to leadership roles. Shay Hall and Kalie Printz are the new PGES PTO chairs for next year

- Staff appreciation is coming up! There will be a full week of activities.
- Mother/Son event will happen at the end of the year. It will be an outside event (possibly kickball).
- Used book sale raised almost \$2000! The funds will be shared between the elementary and middle school libraries.

New Business:

- Title I funds- will be about \$62,000
 - Personnel x 3/4 (12,000-15,000 each)
 - Prometheans- 12 need to be replaced, 5 could be funded with Title I
 - Instructional Programs
 - Brain Pop- \$2242
 - Starfall- \$300
 - Flocabulary- \$100
 - Reflex Math- paid for this coming year
 - Instructional materials
- Vote on how to prioritize Title I funds. Mennenga made a motion to prioritize as stated above, Hall seconded. **Motion approved.**
- Fundraising Ideas
 - Lion costume- \$500-\$1000
 - Promethean- \$3804 each
 - 12- home base needed
 - 4- SPED/Support needed
 - Hall made a motion to go forward with Fundraising priorities, as recommended above. Ashford seconded. **Motion approved.**
 - Future fundraising- LÜ technology- price? Would like to install it in the new gym in 2022 (This would be for the following year's budget.)
- Set Fundraising Goal- discussion: should the goal be \$15,000? \$20,000? Letsinger moves to make it **\$17,000**. **Motion approved.**
- Members Rolling Off...
 - Wright, Gray, Smith, Mennenga
 - Parents- Susan Phelps, Allison Weir
 - Christy Pauley, Cynthia Kent will stay on.
One of the new PTO chairs will join Advisory next year.

Meeting Adjourned