



MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 9th, 2024

Call to Order

- Call to Order by Megan Seliga at 8:45am.
- Motion to approve the minutes from December 5th. Motion Approved.

D90 Administration Report: Dr. Condon

- There's a lot going on in D90 and teachers are looking forward to a productive Institute Day. D90 is currently working on literacy curriculum, science curriculum at Roosevelt, advisory work, and standards based learning.
- E-Learning: Please email teacher or Ms Wood with questions about E-Learning. Stephanie Rath sent a email with info on D90 E-Learning.
- Absence Rates/ Illness: Nurses keeping an eye on our absence rates, including increases in RSV and Covid in Cook County. They'll share necessary levels with D90 if needed, but can't share specific classroom info due to Illinois Board of Education rules and privacy laws.
- Power Scholars Academy: We've seen great progress made around literacy and math.
- Roosevelt Principal Update: Roosevelt wrapped up with community interviews and team break-outs. We have a recommended finalist, which will be discussed in closed door session at the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Final choice will be finalized at the January Board Meeting. Finalists were all outstanding.
- Director of Curriculum has been posted until the end of January. We have time to look.
- Safety and Security: Will share info at January Board Meeting. D90 topics to improve were three categories: Procedures & Protocol, Health & Wellness, Facilities & Infrastructure.
- Physical Security Check: We contracted West 40 Service Center to do physical security checks at all three D90 schools. Feedback was that we have a strong foundation that needs supplemental fixes.

Principal's Report: Diane Wood

- Thanks for all the generosity before break, from holiday parties to gifts for Specials teachers. Everything you did meant a lot to the staff. The students loved their class parties. Thanks to all room parents.

- Safety Report: They looked at school incidents over time. We learned more about small adjustments and tweaks.
- E-Learning: Teachers are preparing kids, especially at younger grades, for possible E-Learning on iPads.
- Winter Gear: Kids LOVE to play in the snow, which they can only do with proper gear. We hold outdoor recess if it's 10° or warmer. Please remember boots AND shoes. Boots are not allowed in PE or Music. If your family has a second pair of shoes, you can leave a pair at school. We don't call home when kids forget their things. A nighttime routine is a good idea to remember everything. Please label gear with student's name.
- Kindergarten Info Night (2/8): Willard and Lincoln will hold this at the same day and time. It will showcase a day in the life of Kindergarten. This is an adult event, but kids will have a spring event.
- Absences: You can now login to Powerschool to report an absence and don't need to call the school. Please do let us know if your child will be absent.

Presidents Reports: Megan Seliga & Camille McLamb

- A lot of new people have volunteered. Thank you to all volunteers for Family Culture Fest and Science Fair.
- PTO 2024-2025: We'll start filling next year's PTO roles this February. We hope to do it in a more organized way. If you're giving up role, please let Camille and Megan know. They'll create a list of roles that need to be filled.

Treasurer Report: Megan Seliga for Emily Nash

- We're getting revenue coming in from Fun Lunch, 5K, and Après Ski fundraiser.

Communications Team

- Wizard Weekly Submissions: Hadley Lewno sent an email about how to submit to Wizard Weekly. Please send information to the Comms teams by Thursday and it will appear in the Sunday edition.

Volunteer Report: Rachel Dardis

- Winter Parties: A few of the room parents were very late for their classroom parties, as much as by 30 minutes. This disrupted students and teachers. Ms. Wood: These parties are often held before a Specials class, so they need to be timely. Rachel and Courtney drafting email to volunteers. Other than that, parties went mostly smoothly.
- Specials Teachers Gifts: There was a lot of confusion, as well as disparity for donations between the classes. We need a different approach for next year, probably through the PTO rather than Room Parents. One idea: Each grade could do one Specials teacher. We don't want to miss anyone. Note: Roosevelt just takes care of all teachers, not Admin staff.

School Board Liaison Erin Dowdall:

- Literacy Curriculum:
 - There was a table format in which members of community could discuss and respond to questions about the Literacy Curriculum. It included a recap of literacy instruction: what's considered effective, what's currently happening, and what they're looking for in a new curriculum.
 - Illinois Statewide Literacy Framework: Illinois just implemented a new framework, which will impact our instruction.
 - We have different programs to cover the various components of literacy, but not one that covers all of them.
 - One assessment structure might not capture everything, so we need a wide range to make sure we're catching all student needs.
 - We've narrowed down to 5 programs. There will be a pilot program before implementation.
 - It will be a transparent process with lots of communication with community.
- D90 calendar for 2024-2025:
 - The calendar for next year has been released.
 - Rosh Hashanah is now a day off.
 - School year will now start on a Wednesday instead of Thursday.
 - We still line up with D200 and D97

Chess: Camille McLamb for Clelita Mathole

- Registration will open Jan 17th and close on Jan 19th.
- It will be a 6-week session with Chess Wizards, with classes from 3:30pm-4:30pm. 12 students in each classroom.
- Cost is \$143 per student and will cover cost of one scholarship student.
- We're clarifying how it will be organized.

Family Care Committee: Ashley Graves

- Donated Book Fair: we're considering collecting donated books for a fundraiser.
- We had a loss in the community right before the holiday break. We could send a GrubHub gift card to the family.
- Valentines Day Cards: We'll make cards for kids in hospital.

Fundraising Committee: Megan Seliga for Meredith Maienza

- Après Ski Fundraiser (1/20): 40 tickets sold so far. Last year, we sold over 160 tickets for Spring Fling.
- Wolves Night Out information will be in the Wizard Weekly newsletter.

Fun Lunch: Melissa Hanes

- We extended the deadline until Monday January 8th.
- Fun Lunch will begin this week with Jim and Pete's.

O-BBQ Fundraiser: Camille McLamb

- Successful event: lots of people participated.
- PTO made \$323.56.

STEAM Night (1/25): Camille McLamb for Jacquelyn Jancius

- This year, STEAM night will be run by an outside vendor
- We need volunteers for various stations. Details to come.

Science Fair: Corina Davis

- Registration opens February 29th.
- Please get the word out and encourage people to sign up.
- A good event for Thursday Backpack Mail flyers.

Big Hearts Little Hands (5/3): Rachel Dardis

- A one-day tea party, in which Willard hosts senior citizens from the community. We've held it for 35 years. The 1st and 4th graders sing.
- We need a new chairperson for next year.
- It's a one-day event, but does require a lot of work for that one week. It also requires a lot of volunteers the day of the event.
- We arrange transportation and bus in the Senior guests.

Adjournment: 9:36