

Parent Network Minutes, January 10th, 2016
Central Administrative Offices, Room 133

In Attendance: Tammy Bartowitz, Kay Benning, Christine Birt, Tanya Fredrick, Mark Hansen, Katy Lo, Hashini Mitchell, Valle Moretti, Silvia Pasquini, Cheryl Peil, Jenni Swanson Rian, Rohini Wadhawan, Kristin Westrick, Kathryn Wilson

Call to order: 9:04am, introductions and overview of agenda.

Board Reports:

Treasurer - Tammy Bartowitz

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- Check book balance is \$5,950.91, all contributions from district PTO's have been collected for this year.
- Consider co-signatures on checks? Only a few per year, agree to continue as established.

Programming Director – Valle Morretti

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- No report

Program Evaluation:

Most Likely to Succeed - Tanya Fredrick reported for Dan Monogue

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- Terrific attendance, even with inclement weather, support from the district really makes a difference!
 - Evaluations from talk back outstanding: What to do with introverts?
 - Most felt grade school needs more structure than middle school and high school shown.
- Looking into additional showing at the Marcus Majestic theater. Possible charge of admission for donation?

Upcoming Programs: all facilities are now online with each school to request space for activities

Mindset Book Club - Tammy Bartowitz

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- Kick off presentation by Dr. Westfahl will take place January 17th from 6-8pm at Dixon Elementary.
 - The book study will begin 2 weeks later on January 31st with 3 additional studies to follow.
 - Advertising at Elmgrove and Brookfield public libraries.
 - Available on Overdrive and any available audio books.
 - Water available, no snacks. Childcare will be available for this event.

Movie Mondays:

Fed Up - Jenni Swanson Ryan

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- February 13, Brookfield Central High School Cafeteria, 7-9:00pm.
- Middle schoolers and above.
- Hope to motivate participants to facilitate change in eating habits.
- Would like to contact to invite: Coaches, PE and Science teachers.
- Register today: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-mondays-fed-up-before-you-take-another-bite-its-time-to-get-real-about-food-tickets-25919557093?aff=es2>

Simple Truths: A Simple, Natural Approach to Discussing Sex With Your Children

- March 13, Dixon Elementary School LGI, 7-8:30
- This program is designed for parents of young children (preschool - 5th grade).
- A DVD Presentation with Mary Flo Ridley
- After the DVD presentation there will be a guided discussion facilitated by a psychologist.
- Please visit www.maryflo.org for more information on the DVD and the author.
- Register today: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-mondays-simple-truths-tickets-25919563111?aff=es2>

FACEBrook, a Family Book Club – Kay Benning

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- March 2, Swanson Elementary LGI, 6-7:30pm. This remains a family program.
- Book: Esperanza Rising, by Pam Muñoz Ryan.
- Attempting to accomplish this prior to March 14th, so students in our District are able to participate in the Waukesha County Book Kid's Choice Award.

- Register today at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/facebrook-a-family-book-club-for-grades-3-tickets-31614677351?aff=es2>

Your Digital Tattoo 2.0 - Christine Birt

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- March 8, Brookfield Central High School Cafeteria 7-9:00pm.
- Middle School & High School age children are welcome to attend with parents.
- Multifaceted evening including:
 - Discussions about Social Media apps, from High School students.
 - Revelations from School councilors illuminating what our kids are actually doing on social media and the District consequences of poor decisions using social media.
 - Dr. Jenny Heckman will discuss brain developments at this age and its relation to screen time and the impacts of social media.
 - Guidance Counselors will discuss current job, career and college consequences when employers and college admissions officers discover poor social media decisions.
 - A representative from the Brookfield Police Department will discuss the legal ramifications of illegal activities including sexting and harassment.
- Questions and answers for 15 minutes between each segment.
- Register today at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/digital-tattoo-20-public-permanent-tickets-25919574144?aff=es2>

District & School Board Updates:

Superintendent - Mark Hansen

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- The bus company has been found in breach of contract with the District.
 - There are 9 pages of unresolved issues pending has lead to a proposal to be sent out this week for a competitive bid for this contract. (1st Student has been with the Elmbrook school system for the last 50 years)
 - Contact Chris Thompson, Chief Information Officer for any questions - thomsoc@elmbrookschoools.org

Director of Special Education - Tanya Fredrick:

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- 3/20, Sharon Lynn Wilson Center, 7:00 – 9:00pm The district will host nationally known speaker Kenneth Ginsburg, M.D., M.S. Ed. for several presentations to students and parents. There will be no book signing.
 - His multimedia toolkit: *Reaching Teens: Strength-Based Communication Strategies to Build Resilience and Support Healthy Adolescent Development* is promoted by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
 - Register at: resilience-community.eventbrite.com

School District Board President - Kathryn Wilson

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- Working on alignment of Science Curriculum for K-12.
- Deeper exploration into bullying to align the two middle schools curriculum.

Elmbrook Parent Leadership Council (EPLC) - Kristen Westrick

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- School Board Candidate form will be held February 15, at Central Administrative Offices before the primary election. Please submit questions for the panel to address to the applicants.
- March 3, Friday Leadership Council meeting to feature: LAUNCH and discussions regarding insurance for PTO/PTA's.

Announcements:QPR, Question, Persuade and Refer for Suicide Prevention

- The School District of Elmbrook, in collaboration with NAMI of Waukesha County and Waukesha County Health and Human Services, will provide trainings on the nationally recognized suicide prevention program Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR). QPR teaches three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives.
 - Thursday, February 23rd, 6-7:30pm. Excellence Center, Brookfield East High School
 - Thursday, February 23rd, 6-7:30pm. Teacher Collaboration Room, Brookfield Central High School
 - For more information: Pam Brees 262.785.3920 breesp@elmbrookschoools.org

Meeting adjourned 11:35am