

Lake Pleasant Elementary

Site Council Meeting
January 23, 2018

Members:

Admin: Jessica Bartels- in attendance
Admin: Dustin Hamman – in attendance
Minute Taker: Debbie Southards – in attendance
Teacher: Aaron Schooler – absent
Teacher: Megan Preston – in attendance
Teacher: Sarah Mendiola – in attendance
Classified Staff: Anita Mattia – in attendance
Parent: Melissa Briggs – in attendance
Parent: Susan Prestidge – in attendance
Parent: Morningstar Calhoun – absent
Community Member: Kathy McKinstry – in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 pm.

Topics of Discussion:

- **Safety**

Mr. Hamman reported that our fence project will begin next week. The swing gate back by the basketball courts will also be replaced with fencing and an entry gate. We are also investigating additional fencing in front of the Multi-Purpose Room. This will increase the safety of our students while on campus throughout the day.

- **Tax Credit Report**

Mrs. Southards reported that Lake Pleasant received over \$7,800 in tax credit donations in December with the addition of the article in the Vistancia Living Magazine and mass social media, website and SchoolMessenger emails going out throughout December. It was suggested we write personal thank you notes to all of the donors. Mrs. Southards will work with NJHS and Student Council.

- **Bond Information**

Mr. Hamman shared that the district has asked for input from each school as to their long-term Capital needs to review for the upcoming bond. Lake Pleasant submitted the following items to be considered:

- Replace sound system in MPR
- Furnish additional classrooms to support increase in student enrollment

- Purchase and replace technology items such as document cameras and laptops for all grade levels
- Add a shade structure to the breezeway so we can utilize that area during lunches.
- Remove large rock area behind the school, replace with grass and an additional playground area so that the area can be functional for recess and PE classes.

- **Staffing**

Mr. Hamman reported that our 3rd Preschool classroom has been filled with a teacher and aide. Classes started on January 9th. We still need to fill an additional .5 5th-8th grade Resource Teacher position and a Resource Aide. We also have an opening for a Boys Softball Coach.

Next year we anticipate increasing our 1st grade, 5th grade and 8th grade by 1 additional classroom each due to the roll up of current students. Our Art teacher position will also increase to full time next year.

Site Council members shared that last year's 8th grade promotion was really crowded and that some parents were not able to sit down. They encouraged the school to start looking at holding the 8th grade promotions at LHS with our increase in enrollment next year.

- **Gifted Program**

Mr. Hamman shared with Site Council the steps he and Mrs. Bartels have taken over the past several months regarding the implementation of a Gifted Program at Lake Pleasant. He shared that the district has made the decision not to move forward with a Gifted Program next year. The district is aware of issues with the current delivery of gifted programming and will work on these issues district wide. Our personalized learning focus at Lake Pleasant will continue for all students.

- **PTO**

Mr. Hamman shared with Site Council members that the PTO is holding their annual Golf tournament on April 21st and encouraged everyone to ask businesses to donate items for the raffle or participate as a sponsor. The PTO will also be holding a Fun Run this year instead of the Read-A-Thon. They hope to raise money to purchase additional laptops for classrooms.

- **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.