

Easton School District #28
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 11, 2021
Zoom and In-person

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by April Simonson at 5:30 PM.

Attendance: Jen Phillips, April Simonson, Chris Helgeson, Phillip Meehan, John Jensen

Staff: Dawn Bechtholdt, Jenny Jensen, Becky Houle, Gretchen Jenkins, Gary Wargo, Tracy VanLone

Guests: None

Approve Agenda: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the agenda. Phillip Meehan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Board Minutes: Chris Helgeson made a motion to approve the April 27, 2021 minutes. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Communication to the Board: None

Public Comment: None

Board Business:

Preschool Program:

Gary Wargo updated the board about the number of potential students for a preschool program next school year. The district will have 4 special education students in the 3-5 age group who will need preschool support. The district may have up to 6 other students in the program. Some parents may not wish to have their children attend preschool if masks are mandated, so for that reason the actual total number of students is not firm at this time. Age limits for preschool is typically 4 years, however, 3 year-olds may be permitted if potty-trained. The school board was asked if they wish to pursue a Pre-K program. The administration requested permission to post a preschool position plus a part time paraeducator to support the Pre-K position. Phil Meehan made a motion to move forward with the Pre-K program for next school year and to post the positions to staff the program. Jen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Seniors and Graduation

Principal Bechtholdt reported that all of our seniors are passing their classes and are on track to graduate. Teachers are communicating with seniors and parents weekly on how each senior is progressing in their courses. Dawn Bechtholdt mentioned that graduation will take place outside the front of the school between noon-1:00 PM as was done last year. Dawn will provide brief opening remarks and Lyn Cox was chosen by the seniors as the program speaker. Dawn also reported on progress being made on the state-required Recovery Plan that is due on June 1, 2021. This report is an extension of the plan submitted last year and it focuses on supports for students as we gear up for additional in-person learning during the upcoming 2021-22 school year. The final plan will be presented to the board at the May 25, 2012 school board meeting for approval.

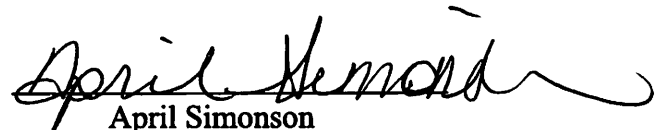
Open Positions

Gary reported on the number of applicants received to date for the 3 open teaching positions and also reported on the posting for the Superintendent/K-12 Principal position.

Update on Parent/Community School Support Group (PAC) – Phillip Meehan gave an update on the latest PAC zoom meeting that was held on May 5th. The PAC will have a table at the May 13th ASB school event as a way of introducing their organization and as an effort to attract more members. The next PAC meeting will be May 19th. There is one leadership position still open. If no one steps up to fill the chairperson position, Dana Meehan has volunteered to fill that role.

Meeting Adjourned: John Jensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen Phillips seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.


Patrick Dehuff
Superintendent


April Simonson
Board Chair

Easton School PAC meeting minutes:

Meeting date and time: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting location: ZOOM (virtual meeting)

Attendees: Dawn Bechtoldt, Anna Frost, Lyn Cox, Terri Campbell, Phillip Meehan, Jennifer Jensen

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*Because of issues with the ZOOM link provided there were very few that were able to attend this meeting. A secondary link was provided to the ones in attendance, however anyone who did not receive this link and wished to attend would not have been able to access our meeting.

Review: Easton school's ASB held a meet and greet and handed out ice cream, giving opportunity for PAC members to meet the parents. Dawn Bechtoldt states that 8 parents came with their kids. One was hoping to meet a PAC member. No PAC members were at the location at the time.

New business: Anna Frost contacted Jennifer Jensen to ask how PAC could work with the ASB and help their mission. PAC was welcomed and will be offering help in future events and school related activities.

PAC will start brainstorming ideas to come forward with.

Topics of discussion:

What are some positives within the school?

Support staff!! These people are fantastic and go the extra mile to provide a safe and welcoming environment for the students and their families.

School is OPEN!! Everyone is excited about this and all is going great!

The new reader board. A fantastic addition to help earn funds for the ASB.

There are new technology programs being introduced into the curriculum.

At the end of the year testing, most all students are at grade level. There are very few kids not making progress even with hybrid model.

Anna Frost asked Dawn Bechtoldt if there is any data showing student progress. Dawn states that there is no longitudinal data because different programs have been utilized in years past. This year the program is MOBY MAC. Each classroom would have to be analyzed individually.

It is asked if there is a concern with attendance. It is reported that the attendance is great. It is felt this is due to the great relationships between staff and students.

Terri Campbell asked Dawn Bechtoldt if it is the few kids still learning remote that are the ones falling behind. It is reported that the kids schooling remotely are doing very well.

School playground-needs improvement! Easton School has applied for grants in the past, but have not been selected. They believe it is because they did not hire a grant writer to word things properly and too many "other things" were being snuck into the grant request. PAC will see if there are any resources or someone professional who would donate their to write a grant on behalf of the school. A new playground starts at \$150,000. It also has to be coordinated through the health department when the time comes to upgrade the playground equipment.

Is there possibility of an open gym or library night for the students and community to have access to the school? This is something that will be reconsidered once COVID is no longer an issue.

Dawn Bechtoldt sent emails. Please review the data and respond with feedback as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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