

Meeting: Family Advisory Council

Date: March 3, 2020

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Administration Building, Room 137

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audrey Andrews	<input type="checkbox"/> Jana Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Bacon	<input type="checkbox"/> Brook Berg	<input type="checkbox"/> Rory Borsheim
<input type="checkbox"/> Christine Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooke Cairns	<input type="checkbox"/> Kristine Casto	<input type="checkbox"/> Erica Christensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Faude
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Samantha Forehand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traci France	<input type="checkbox"/> Rob Geske	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Giffey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Goings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Hanson Brenner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Hardebeck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Hartman	<input type="checkbox"/> Darren Hollenbeck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Holmen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holli Jacobson	<input type="checkbox"/> Julia Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Kainz	<input type="checkbox"/> Bev Karnitz	<input type="checkbox"/> Emily Kuhn
<input type="checkbox"/> Dana Lieble	<input type="checkbox"/> Heather Market-Sullivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucie McGee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Omar Parks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Peng	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shannyn Pinkert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Pladsen	<input type="checkbox"/> Joshua Pond	<input type="checkbox"/> Shana Schmidt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Schmitz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Sterling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Szymanski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Tvaruzka	<input type="checkbox"/> Emily Willems
<input type="checkbox"/> Lori Wright				

Guests: Ellen Terwilliger, Steve Terwilliger, Jill Elliot

Notes: Meta Miske

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.

1. Welcome and News from Schools – Jenna Murphy

- Spaghetti feed at Memorial
- Roosevelt LMS Aaron Athas won a fellowship award from Herb Kohl Foundation
- Virtual School expansion approved by school board, will add 4th and 5th grade plus seats 6-12
- Montessori principal interviews tomorrow
- Lakeshore had a read-and-feed fundraiser where students raised \$300 which was matched by the Lakeshore PTO and donated to Solar on Eau Claire Schools project

2. Ellen and Steve Terwilliger, Solar on Eau Claire Schools Project

- School Board approved project which will place solar panels on each high school and will save ECASD approximately \$20,000/year on utility expenses
- Will provide STEM curriculum opportunities which can be accessed District-wide
- 360 panels are being donated by Cal Coulliard, MHS Grade
 - If they raise \$250,00 for installation, maintenance, etc., an additional 360 panels will be donated by an anonymous donor
- They've received donations in a variety of amounts from \$10-\$10,0000 mainly through private donors
- Please visit Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation webpage to learn more, watch a YouTube video, donate
- Students are helping spread the word, the fundraising committee can speak to PTO's and is attending several community events to get the word out
- There will be internship opportunities through CVTC with the solar panels
- May 1 is the goal to raise all funds – they've raised over 25% and are hoping for bigger grants but need many more donations to achieve the goal by May 1

3. Jill Elliot, Family/Community Partnership Coordinator at Prairie Ridge

- Prairie Ridge is leading the District on working with families and staff to incorporate Social Emotional Learning and family friendly environment in the schools
 - Jill Elliot has been with ECASD for 15 years and has been in her position since the first year of 4K
 - Jill reviewed the history of Early Learning; ECASD has had Head Start since 1970; Head Start focuses on academics, health and wellbeing, and family
 - 2005-2006 was the first year of 4K in Eau Claire and to receive full funding we must provide 87.5 hours of family learning opportunities
 - The challenge has been combining 4K and Head Start requirements
 - Diverse team working with families
 - Conscious Discipline several years in now which focuses on teaching missing skills or answering a call for help rather than a behavior problem
 - Conscious Discipline is at Prairie Ridge and all 20 Community sites – the goal is to spread it into Kindergarten next
 - Touch, presence and eye contact can be carried forward at all ages to create love rituals for older children, adults, etc.
 - Staff go through training and then eventually become trainers and create model classrooms
 - Prairie Ridge also is working to fight hunger and support impoverished families in other ways
 - See slideshow for additional information about the work at Prairie Ridge
- 4. Dr. Hardebeck, Referendum Planning Feedback**
- The Board would like feedback from families on how to address southside expansion and what families would like to see as part of a referendum
 - A referendum will include updates at Roosevelt and South. Staff have requested more operational types of funding in terms of technology and staffing, compensation and benefits.
 - The Board will begin surveying the community for feedback and listening sessions will be scheduled in the future.
 - Half-sheets were handed out for feedback
- 5. Superintendent's Update**
- School Board is conducting phone interviews this week and are hoping to identify finalists to bring in at the end of March or early April
 - School Board has set a date for possible referendum

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, May 5, 2020**, 7:00pm, Administration Building