



**District-Wide PAC Meeting  
Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 15, 2022; 12:00 p.m.  
Professional Learning Lab**

Committee members present were Superintendent Dr. Marcus Lewton, Mrs. Nicole Wald (representing Berg Elementary PAC), Mrs. Jessica Sherman (representing Heart River Elementary PAC), Mrs. Barb Shockey (representing Prairie Rose Elementary PAC), Mrs. Stephanie Rogers (representing Roosevelt Elementary PAC), Mrs. Melissa Wells (representing Jefferson Elementary PAC), and Mrs. Laura Fetting (representing Lincoln Elementary PAC).

**Call to Order** –Superintendent Dr. Lewton called the meeting to order at noon.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda Items** – There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Approval of the October 10, 2022, Meeting Minutes** – Mrs. Jessica Sherman moved to approve the October 10, 2022, meeting minutes. Mrs. Melissa Wells seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Business Topics**

**Presentation by DPS Foundation** – DPS Foundation Director of Marketing Marisa Riesinger provided a presentation to the committee members. She distributed a handout with a summary of the benefits of the DPS Foundation. There are several grant opportunities for schools through the DPS Foundation.

**November 14, 2022, School Board Meeting Agenda** –A copy of the agenda from the November 14, 2022, Board Meeting was distributed to the committee members. Superintendent Lewton highlighted topics from the agenda.

**Other** – Mrs. Wells thanked Dr. Lewton for the grace that the District provided to the families during the virtual online learning for the November 10, 2022, storm day.

Mrs. Wald inquired regarding the Voly program. She was interested in how the program works and if there were background checks. Mrs. Sherman responded the process was very quick for the volunteers. Dr. Lewton said he would need to contact Mrs. Trustem in communications regarding more information.

Mrs. Wells inquired regarding fundraising and how a fundraiser is created. Mrs. Sherman stated at Heart River Elementary, they try to space out the fundraisers throughout the school year taking the calendar into account so that parents do not feel they are being asked to donate continuously. Mrs. Wells asked if it would be appropriate to contact the DPS Foundation or another entity to co-sponsor the fundraisers to allow for larger donations. This would spread out the donations amongst the community and not only the parents/guardians. Dr. Lewton explained there is a policy that requires all fundraising requests to be submitted to the superintendent for review and approval. This allows him the opportunity to know what fundraisings are taking place and to provide insight if necessary. Mrs. Fetting gave some examples of how Lincoln Elementary does multiple fundraisers which sometimes includes the assistance of the Lincoln Student Council. Mrs. Wells asked if there was

potentially a district-wide fundraising calendar that the community could reference that could be linked directly to the schools and posted on the website. Dr. Lewton responded he would bring that idea back to the Cabinet and report back to this committee.

Mrs. Shockey inquired how other building PACs were engaging parents in their building. Committee members shared some ideas that consisted of flyers, shirts, etc. that are provided at school functions. Mrs. Sherman said at Heart River Elementary the Voly volunteer parents are given more information about PAC when they become volunteers. Mrs. Rogers noted at Roosevelt Elementary they attempt to get more parent involvement for the building PAC during the fall school open house. Mrs. Wells explained at Jefferson Elementary, the building PAC is called something different (the Jefferson Family Partnership Group). Other committee members shared their building PAC meetings may be held virtually to provide more of an opportunity for parents to be involved. Mrs. Wells suggested asking the teachers for names of potential parents that may be interested in being involved.

2023-2024 DPS School Calendar Committee – Mrs. Sherman volunteered to serve on the Calendar Committee and represent the District-Wide PAC.

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.