



## **District-Wide PAC Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024; 12:00 p.m.**

**Central Administration Offices**

Committee members present were Superintendent Dr. Marcus Lewton, Business Manager Stephanie Hunter, Stacy Kilwein (representing Partners in Parenting), Krissy Kilwein (representing Berg Elementary PAC), Laura Fetting (representing Lincoln Elementary PAC), Stephanie Rogers (representing Roosevelt Elementary PAC), and Maree Bowlsby (representing the Early Childhood Program).

**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 March 12, 2024, Minutes** – The March 12, 2024, meeting minutes had been emailed to the team and were available at the meeting. Mrs. Laura Fetting moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Krissy Kilwein seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Business Topics**

**April 15, 2024, School Board Meeting Agenda** – Superintendent Dr. Lewton reported there is an upcoming meal and program during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week which is recognized May 6-10. The Dickinson High School graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m. at the Biesiot Activities Center.

There are 265 kindergarteners pre-registered for next fall. These numbers are up by about 100 students compared to this same time last year. There has been more focus on marketing for parents to register their kindergarteners which may be a reflection of the higher numbers.

As of April 15, The District will not be placing kindergarteners at a school when they pre-register. The placements will be deferred until this summer. Some of the elementary buildings have full kindergarten classes. It is possible, some kindergarteners may not be placed in their attendance area school.

Dr. Lewton reported at last night's Board meeting there was a presentation by the DPS Foundation. The DPS Foundation has awarded over \$600,000 in grants since 1989.

The Regional After School Program (RASP) directors also presented at last night's Board meeting. They reported they will add a couple more classrooms at Hagen this summer. RASP is fully staffed for the next school year. Like most businesses, it has been difficult to fill positions in the last few years.

Last night, the Construction Manager at Risk provided an update on increasing the security at the elementary buildings. Bids are out for one elementary building and have been awarded for some of the other elementary buildings.

Dr. Lewton explained the Board received information on the Board Goal regarding reading. He noted there has been some growth across the District in most of the grade bands this year. The buildings are implementing the foundations of the Science of Reading. These foundations focus on fluency, phonics, and comprehension. The Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessment measures comprehension and not fluency.

The Board adopted a new reading curriculum to be implemented fall of 2024. The new curriculum incorporates science and social studies.

Dr. Lewton noted the Board approved a bid last night for increasing the security at Lincoln Elementary and also approved bids for three buses. He also noted the June Board Meeting was changed to June 24 to satisfy a requirement in the North Dakota Century Code regarding canvassing the results of the school board member election.

District-Wide PAC Gifts for DPS Employees – Each committee member was provided with a roster of the employees for the building they represent. Committee members also received thank you cards, envelopes, and gifts for the employees. Committee members designated Monday, May 6 as the date all gifts would be distributed at the buildings.

Presentation by Stacy Kilwein, Coordinator, Partners in Parenting and West Dakota Parent and Family Resource Center – Mrs. Stacy Kilwein, Coordinator for the Partners in Parenting and West Dakota Parent and Family Resource Center (WDPFRC) provided a PowerPoint presentation listing the many resources and services available to parents at the Parent Center.

The WDPFRC has been providing services to families for 30 years since 1994. Mrs. Kilwein is the family engagement coordinator, the Parent Center coordinator, the homeless liaison, and the foster care liaison.

The Goal of the Parent Center is to know the families, build relationships, and do this in a meaningful way.

This school year, the Parent Center has provided 87 parents with programs that are four weeks or less. It has provided 15 families with programs that are five or more weeks in length. Mrs. Kilwein has reached over 1,100 adults and met with 262 parents in person.

Next Meeting - The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at noon at the Professional Learning Lab. This will be the last meeting before fall.

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.