

**REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE
TITLE I DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)**

January 28, 2021

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**Meeting of the District Advisory Council
December 3, 2020**

Virtual Meeting

(The DAC does not meet during the summer)

Meeting of the Milwaukee Public School District Advisory Council Thursday, December 3, 2020
6:00pm – Virtual

I. WELCOME - TRACEY DENT

Chairperson Dent opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone and some housekeeping items related to virtual meeting etiquette.

II. CONSENT AGENDA - JENNIFER HOFSCHULTE

Current Slate of Executive Board Members:

Chairperson - Tracey Dent
Vice Chairperson - Valerie Lambrecht
Recording Sec. - Nonita Stiggers
Communications Sec. - Celeste Moore
Parliamentarian - Jennifer Hofschulte
Sergeant-at-Arms - Andy Kilimann
Member-at-Large - Carrie Bickerstaff
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Andy explained the shifting of committee members to other positions. No nominations were received and according to DAC By-Laws, everyone is allowed to move up to fill necessary positions and could be assigned by Chair to other positions.

Without objection to the Consent Agenda, which everyone should have received, we will continue with the agenda as printed.

Announcements:

- Office of Academics - Seeking Volunteers
- High School Seniors - Scholarship time: seniors should be applying, talking to counselors
- Winter Virtual Camps - happening now, check MPS website for more information. Your Consent Agenda packet should have included:
- November Meeting Minutes: Positive Notes from Chat, November Power Point November Meeting Follow-Up: 137 members attended, and follow-up questions from the presentation.
- If you are not receiving the emails from DAC, please send an email to dac@milwaukee.k12.wi.us so that we can get you added. Information about school delegate confirmation may not have yet been received at the district office which could be why some members are not receiving emails. Delegates could also reach out to Parent Coordinators at the schools for assistance.

III. POSITIVE NOTES - CELESTE MOORE

Delegates can share positive events or activities orally at this meeting or in Chat.

- Maya Reyes, IDEAL School: Everyone received a holiday bag with school supplies and winter goodies.
- Erica Prokop, Garland School has over 95% virtual learning attendance.
- Sarah Elger, Whittier Elementary showed school pride and raised money by facilitating a shirt wear fundraiser through a local company.
- Deona Williams, Bruce Elementary gave away over 30 turkeys.
- Amy Mehling, Bradley Tech is offering new winter clothing for students in need.
- Laura Garcia, Mitchell School was selected for Green Space Grant.
- Susan Brady, Clemens School is having Family Bingo Night on Friday.
- Rhonda Powell, IDEAL School has 92% attendance.
- Jenelle , Brown St. School is doing a drive-up holiday bag and book give away!
- Valerie Lambrecht, Parkside School's For-the-Arts passed out ingredients for families to make pies.
- Andrea Dougherty, WCLL has given out gift cards to students who were actively engaged for the month of November. Cooper's attendance rate is 97% for virtual learning.
- Kenyatta Greer, Samuel Clemons does Wake-Up Wednesday which is a way to get the students revamped for the remaining of the week. The student of the week is acknowledged and there are sometimes give-a-ways.
- M. Orta, Longfellow gave out 25 turkey vouchers, thanks to Aurora.
- Kelly Paek, Clement Avenue did a virtual Turkey Trot and had a great response! Wendy Whitley, Clark Street School did a pantry give-away.
- Judy Lange, Trowbridge has given away \$759 in Walmart gift cards to families. Liza Cohen, Burdick is sponsoring a drive-up Food Drive to benefit the Bayview Community Center this Saturday.
- Marshall Lee, Humboldt Park School did a virtual gathering before Thanksgiving for all their students.
- Tonya Bracey, Westside families received holiday bags as well as turkeys.
- Sally Campos, Victory K-8 School is delivering pizza tomorrow, for the second time, for perfect attendance winners.
- Synergy Remote sent a care package to some of their families dealing with COVID-19. Renee Hoover Hicks, Greentree Prep Academy had an awesome 8th Grade town hall meeting.
- Najmah Nation, Lowell International is having a Seven Days of Holiday event with family engagement activities included the last 7 days before break.
- Andy Kilimann, Honey Creek gave away \$775 in gift cards to families for Thanksgiving and plan to do more in December.
- Vicky C., Bay View HS received a \$1300 grant through the City of Milwaukee Sky Schools for Art Therapy and 200 kits containing sketch pads, color paints and books are now available.
- Winnifred Aitch, Holmes Elementary is a Verizon Innovative Learning School so every child in 6th-8th grade received a new Chromebook with 10 GB free WIFI monthly to support online learning.

IV. PRESENTATIONS –

Library Now, Ben Precourt, Petra Duecker, Victoria Sanchez

Children and teachers have 24/7 free virtual access to resources at the library including tutoring. Students can access Library Now through MPS Clever website.

Wendy Whitley, MPS Equity Access and Inclusion Specialist

MPS has recently created several teacher/staff trainings around culturally responsive practices using modules that align with the district's five priorities for success.

V. NEW BUSINESS - ANDY KILIMANN

Reviewed the Executive Committee positions, again. Almost everyone slid up a slot based on the by-laws to fill in the ranking order positions. The At-Large positions remain open. Any questions or concerns, please contact the Executive Board for clarification.

MPS has posted opportunities for parents to be involved in the Science textbook selection this spring. Please talk to your Parent Coordinator if interested. We hope to post a link soon on the DAC page with more information.

The Executive Committee would like to set up subcommittees tentatively starting in January, February and March. These subcommittees would focus on areas that our delegates have mentioned in past meetings. One particular subcommittee would review our present by-laws for possible changes. Another could be school safety. Still others might be Parent Teacher Conferences and district communication. DAC members would determine the focus of each subcommittee. The logistics would involve logging off from the general virtual meeting and logging in to a specific subcommittee. If interested, let us know in Chat.

Angela Rappl, parent, had a question about the content of some of the textbooks, especially, social studies. She voiced a concern about the lack of authenticity and diversity surrounding Thanksgiving curriculum content. Those areas, according to Andy, are usually dictated by the district but we can express our concern, especially with the current unrest and protests. Social Studies textbooks may not be up for replacement but there are other avenues to address curriculum issues. The world wide web offers many diverse resources to fill in the gaps left by the current textbooks. Wendy Whitley addressed this issue in her presentation and during this portion of the meeting by indicating that she hopes the trainings her department has developed will increase the cultural competence and practice of our educators.

Jenny Hofschulte wanted people to be aware of the MPS School Board elections in the spring. We should pay attention to who is running.

Everyone was asked to fill out their evaluations.

Subsequent questions about getting school lunches when one cannot get out. Does the district offer alternative ways to secure a lunch for your child? Suggestions: Contact school or parent coordinator. Some schools have delivered lunches.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Veronica Nolden and seconded by Nonita Stiggers to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm