

DEWBERRY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2024

Members in attendance: Tyler Comeau, Stacey Nelson, Jillian Nelson, August Bensmiller, Darlene Bensmiller, Darlene Goldsmith, Kristen Rewuski, Tatiana Lidstone and Tyson Lancaster.

Called to order at 6:38pm

Jillian Nelson gave her student report. December can be a crazy month but it went really well and students were still able to excel in school work and enjoy the month. Appreciated the staff and student council for the fun activities. Her favorite was caroling in the hall where all the students sat together and sang Christmas Carols for the first 10 minutes every day. Other activities that were enjoyed were the Christmas Formal dance, Grinch trivia, caroling in the gym with Jean Bowman on the piano, pancake breakfast, and Christmas concerts. First week back has gone well.

Tyler read the minutes from the last meeting. Tyler requested that “official” was removed from “official supervision in all our rooms and replaced with informal supervision”. Also that the spelling of Dennill was corrected. A motion was made to adopt the minute as revised. A consensus was reached and the minutes were adopted.

Tyler gave his principal report. He reviewed all the different events that have taken place over the last month including: Instructional leadership visit, facility use meeting for Mounted Archery (still waiting), basketball games (some wins and losses but all fun), continued facility use for Yoga & Kids Movement, Superintendent visit, School Dance- made about \$500 from door, \$300 from popcorn, and with concession and a donation only ended up about \$100 short which they will make up with spring popcorn sales. Didn't feel that the DJ was worth it and will look into a different one possibly next year. Other Christmas activities included door decorating, ugly sweater day, Christmas colors, formal day and concerts, Grinch day (with kids running through the halls trying to find Mr C with Grinch trivia), and PJ day. Will give Tyson more time to talk about concerts. Some things coming up are: Dental Hygienist & OT, Chris Koch (in Marwayne but probably canceled because of cold), Sr High & staff first aid, innovation coaches, exams, semester break (with teachers at BTPS learning day, school based PL, teacher day), Ryan Stashnitski at PV, ATA Convention, Kinsoo Ski trip will take us to the end of Feb.

Dewberry is still on the BTPS School Board watch list. (No BTPS school is on the review list). Reasons on the watch list is that enrollment is down (was 80-71 but now 74), [at time of report] receiving 6DL courses and sending 0, [currently: receiving 1 and sending 1], utilization consistent at 38%, PAT scores lower the prov average, high school completion high, drop out low. Not worried but just wanted us to be aware. Spoke about our Living Mission and Vision Statement- this is why we do it. A staff member is doing Leadership Academy. The 2024/25 school year draft has gone out to staff for feedback and then will be going out to families.

Opportunities for student council and community members to volunteer with hot lunches (picking up and helping with dishes) and helping with getting winter clothes on kids for recesses.

We are also in need of a new secretary as Laureena has stepped down. If anyone is interested, please contact Tyler or Lisa. Has to be a parent or guardian.

School clothing- possibility of Kelsie doing it along with the CTF classes. Better off to go with the person Laureena had suggested. Tyler's contact was more expensive. Look into getting together a price list and see how she would like to arrange it. Stacey will contact Laureena and get a list going and order forms out.

Also look at getting a school information sheet in the Dewberry Community Newsletter to allow the community to become more involved. Deadline is the 26th of each month.

Teachers report given by Tyson Lancaster.

- Senior High Staff are wrapping up the first semester.

- Students had a strong return to school after break.

IL-New Therapy Assistant: Kennedy Protsch - to work with students on the OT/SLP caseload.

Christmas Concert

- 2 performances allowed for students to work the bugs out before the evening show.
- Drama club holding the show together allowed students who wanted to act to join, and allowed more curricular elements to be displayed from the elementary music curriculum.
- Roughly 250 people (approx 50 in afternoon, 200 evening) saw the show and had the opportunity to see our school.
- Thank you:
 - KIDS - donation of treat bags for the Santa Visit, and Coffee/Snack for evening show
 - School Council for serving
 - Dewberry Ag Society for Sound Equipment
 - Dewberry Community Church for Sound Equipment
 - Twila McVeety - stage make-up

Caroling- Thank you to Jean Bowman for leading a whole school caroling event!

New Program: Private Piano Lessons, by Tanya Bowman - starting lessons soon

Stacey asked for volunteers for Hot Lunch for pick ups for Jan, Feb and March and sent around a sign up sheet. Also going to include a request in the Dewberry Community Newsletter.

Tatiana asked about before and after school care. No further updates and probably won't happen until the new school year.

Next meeting: March 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm