

JSSPVA Board Meeting Agenda March 5, 2019

- I. **Welcome:** 8:30 am Attendance: Nicole Borovicka, Nancy O'Donnell, Julie Ruck, Claudia Kocalis, Betsy Kilroy, Eleanor Husman, Dr. LeViis Haney, Antje Boeing, Mindy Kelly, Meredith Sullivan, Kristen Whisner, Rebecca Quigley, Tanya Brown, Heather Khalaf, Kristin Pilant
- II. **Approve Minutes:** Nancy O'Donnell motioned to approve the February minutes and Betsy Kilroy seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- III. **Principals Report:** Dr. LeViis Haney – The World Culture Fair was a huge success. He has spoken to 8th graders about diversity and also the lack of diversity at the school. The fair, however, showed how we do have a culture of diversity here at Sears. The heat in the Village House has been out again. Regarding pick up and drop-off is it getting any better? Nancy was asking that cars not to park in the back during drop-off. It was suggested we send out parking instructions in the upcoming year welcome e-mail. Lunch and recess update - they have been working on scheduling options with pieces around more time for recess. Option 1.) deduct minutes from core classes for Jr. High from 60 to 55 minutes. Option 2.) Extend JK to 5th grade only, maintain Jr. High current lunch schedule. Option 3.) add an additional recess for JK -3rd grade. Upcoming events include Planet Panther Movie Night on 3/7 which is a documentary on the planets overuse of straws. Over 500mm straws thrown out daily. On 3/6 is our 3rd second cup of coffee on homework. Dr. Leali will be giving the talk on how much homework is sufficient. On 3/6 we will be having the Robert Crown Parent Seminar.
- IV. **Treasurer's and Past Treasurer's Report:** We have good news that the \$1995 was recovered.
- V. **President and Past President's Report-** we have 2 votes today. Board Position organization and the gift to the Village House.
 - Diversity and Inclusion News: Rebecca started bringing up the subject of diversity and inclusion with the Administration as we no longer have programming around that. We used to have speakers on ability awareness. Rebecca believes ability awareness is one slice of the diversity and inclusion pie. She is interested in growing our awareness of diversity and inclusion at Sears. She spoke with Dr. Leali and the Administration has been working on this topic. They have decided to expand on what we already have going. For example, the World Culture Fair was incredibly well attended. Trish did an amazing job! Maybe we have an international week? The second piece is where do we stand with diversity and inclusion? What do we need to do in terms of curriculum? What do we need to do as parents on diversity and inclusion? Rebecca suggested we put together a council or a board with faculty and parents for the needs of students.
 - JSSPVA Focus Group: Julie Ruck spoke about the school paying for enrichment now. This was a byproduct of the focus group. How do we raise money and how do we spend it? Where should the bulk of our money go? We want this to feel inclusive. We need to prioritize where the money goes.
 - Vote on JSSPVA Board Position Organization (see changes in Feb notes) Meredith Sullivan motioned to approve the new organization, the board approved with a unanimous yes.

- Environmental Initiatives: Heather Khalaf and Trish Brown are heading the committee. Bike and Walk to school week will be the week of 4/15. They suggested using a raffle to motivate kids to bike or walk that week. The raffle will include prizes. Katie Nahrwold has a mockup of a tote and the Panther Club can sell them to raise money. They would like to have a set of earth week facts to be read over the morning announcement. Another idea is to have kids bring in plastics and in conjunction with the art dept put together an art installation. Also, maybe bring in some speakers on recycling and other earth initiatives.
 - Special Programming Budget Ideas
 - Gift to the Village House: we voted to use 225k to donate to Village House, and if it not used it comes back to us. We voted a unanimous yes to the donation.
- VI. **Vice President's Report of Sub-committees-** World Culture Fair, it was well attended, huge success thanks to Trish.
- VII. **Community Liaison Report:**

School Board Update – February

- Public Comment: Extension to lunch and recess posed again.
- Part two of the educational Audit will be presented at the Thursday March 7th Committee of the Whole meeting. Majority was discussed in closed session.
- Dr. Haney presented his Principal transition plan, which is linked on the School Board website. Top presented priorities are:
 1. Improve culture and climate at the building level
 2. Cohesion of instruction
 3. Improvement of building level systems and structures
 4. Community relations
- Dr. Leroy presented revised Draft 2019-2020 calendar which will be finalized at the March Board meeting. Considerable discussion around conference schedule and accommodating teacher contract and working parent needs (two half days of school). Remote learning feedback was gathered and was consistent with surrounding districts. Communications Plan was presented with many new ideas of ways to communicate with staff, parents and community. They focus on informing, showcasing and promoting things going on in the school.
- Annual School Climate survey was sent to faculty in February and results will be presented at March board meeting
- Village House benefit is scheduled for May 4th. Many had not received the packets from the Boy Scout delivery system.

Eighth Grade Update

Eighth Grade play Willy Wonka is scheduled for April 26 and 27th.

Graduation planning is already underway as well. Graduation is scheduled for June 6th, 2019.

Kenilworth Park District:

- Summer Camp applications are out for Little Springs (ages 3-First Grade) and Sports Plus (Second Grade – Sixth Grade). Check Park District website. Now Marla's is available and after Summer Camp options for a full day, everyday.
- Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt Saturday April 13th from 9:30-11am. Two Egg hunts – ages 3 and under and 4-9 years. Easter Bunny will make appearance, live petting zoo, crafts, etc. Townley Field, No registration required. FREE to all participants.

Village of Kenilworth:

- Food vendor for the train station has been selected. The successful applicant is Chick Evans who is the restaurateur who is opening a full service restaurant on Green Bay. He was chosen because he proposed the most varied menu as well as serving for more hours than the other applicants. Village staff has been directed to begin negotiating an agreement with Mr. Evans. Potential opening date will be communicated in the new future.
- The Village Board has begun more in-depth discussions about the future of the water plant. A Committee of the Whole meeting/workshop was held last week to review the parameters (what's preferred and what is unacceptable) for the site. There will be additional workshops in future months.
- A special use permit for a new personal training facility at the north end of Green Bay Road (just to the south of Marco Roma) has been approved. The two buildings currently on the site will be demolished and a new building will be constructed.

FAN

Jean Case "Be Fearless: 5 Principles for a Life of Breakthroughs and Purpose" March 11 7:00 PM, NT Northfield

Philanthropist, investor, and impact investing pioneer; CEO, Case Foundation; first female Chairman of the National Geographic Society; former senior executive at America Online, Inc.

Interviewer: Sally Blount, Ph.D. Former Dean of Kellogg from 2010-2018.

John Gottman, Ph.D. and Julie Schwartz Gottman, Ph.D. Eight Dates An Intimate Conversation with John and Julie Gottman March 13 7pm ETHS

Co-Founders, The Gottman Institute; co-authors of the brand-new *Eight Dates: Essential Conversations for a Lifetime of Love*.

John Gottman is Professor Emeritus of Psychology, University of Washington, and author or co-author of more than 40 books and over 200 published academic articles.

Julie Schwartz Gottman is a clinical psychologist in private practice, co-creator of "The Art and Science of Love" weekend workshops for couples, and co-designer of Gottman Couples Therapy.

Lori Gottlieb, MA Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, Her Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed Apr. 9, 2019, 7:00 PM NT Northfield

Psychotherapist and best-selling author of *Marry Him*, and the forthcoming *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*. "Dear Therapist" advice columnist for *The Atlantic*.

Nicholas Pearce, Ph.D. The Purpose Path: A Guide to Pursuing Your Authentic Life's Work – April 10 7pm
ETHS

Clinical Associate Professor of Management and Organization, Kellogg School of Management,
Northwestern University.

Founder and CEO, The Vocati Group.

Assistant Pastor, Apostolic Church of God, Chicago.

Author, *The Purpose Path: A Guide to Pursuing Your Authentic Life's Work*.

Lisa Damour, Ph.D. - Under Pressure: Confronting the Epidemic of Stress and Anxiety in Youth May 8th
7pm NT Winnetka

Psychologist, teacher, speaker, and consultant.

Writer of the monthly "Adolescence" column for the "Well Family" section of the New York Times, and
regular contributor at CBS News.

Bestselling author of *Untangled: Guiding Teenage Girls Through the Seven Transitions to Adulthood* and
the brand-new *Under Pressure: Confronting the Epidemic of Stress and Anxiety in Girls*.

Police Department

Lock your car doors!!! Don't leave keys in your cars!!!

SMART911 Roll Out

The Village of Kenilworth is now part of a growing effort to provide emergency responders with more
information in the event of an emergency. With Smart911, you can provide dispatchers and first
responders with critical information you want them to know in the event of an emergency. When you
call 911, a dispatcher will have the ability to view your Smart911 Safety Profile that contains your address,
important medical information, home information, description of pets and vehicles, and emergency
contacts.

Safety Profiles can also include:

- People living in your household
- Pets, service animals
- Medications and medical equipment
- Medical conditions and allergies
- Property details, layout, and utility information
- Vehicle descriptions
- Phone numbers associated with your family
- Emergency contacts

VIII. Exec Board Committee Reports

- Staff Appreciation: We have had alot going on recently. The Valentine's Day Coffee
Cart went great. The teachers and staff loved it although next time we need more
savory. On 3/1 Teachers were provided boxed lunches. **Teacher & Staff Appreciation
Week:** Monday March 11 we will be providing breakfast for teachers with food from
Once Upon a Bagel and Starbucks coffee. Tuesday 3/12 each teacher will receive a
Lawrence Dean cookie in their mailbox. March 13th is the Teachers Lunch from 11-2.
Thursday 3/14 is the Teachers Gift and Friday 3/15 they will be having Dessert Bar in
the Faculty Hall Link.

- **Communications**
- **Enrichment:** the school will be paying for the enrichment budget going forward
- **Nominating:** progress is being made
- **Volunteer Coordinator-** nothing new to report
- **Sears Café:** nothing new to report

IX. Village House Update

X. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by:

Rebecca Quigley, President

Nicole Borovicka, Secretary