OCASA Board Meeting

November 14, 2023

4:00pm, Lake Silver

Welcome Nate/Anna

Introductions Nate

FASA Legislative Platform Monica

Legislative Update

Senior Director, Government Relations Jason LaGosh

Dr. Gordon reviewed the FASA Legislation Platform indicating the overarching goals of recruitment/retention, funding for student learning, and safe environments for all. On Nov. 7th senators brought a proposal for three bills to deregulate key areas of education allowing autonomy for individual districts. These bills would go into effect July 2024. The discussions and workshops can be viewed live. Some of the topics these areas include are: State Test graduation requirement, 3rd grade retentions, certifications for teacher.

Jason LaGosh shared that there were links available on government websites to gather input from steakholders. The Senate has a more robust plan for deregulation than what the House.

Concerns that need attention: Funding models didn’t change the underlying spending rules so “new money” is not provided. Transportation funding is tied to students and isn’t enough to cover the cost. Voucher system is flawed in that students previously in private now draw money from the state to continue in private and the money doesn’t always follow the student resulting in a loss of funding. An important idea to consider is what can we keep in the code that will set public schools apart from private schools to compete.

Secretary Report: Approval of minutes Adriene

Treasurer Report: Financial Update James

The balance for checking is $2908.48 and savings is $9713.53.

Association Presidents Report HSP- Nikki

Concerned with Gaggle alerts in terms of the volume and number of “non incidents” that must be investigated.

The new Threat Assessment management process falls to an AP and seems to be a full time position all on it’s own.

Funding for busses – there are not enough allocations to accommodate high school extra curricular activities. Could there be a bus dedicated to the school? Dr. Diaz asked the members to find data on total amount spent and how much was covered out of general funds.

Transportation issues continued – student missing instructional minutes; an idea was shared to see if staffing solutions for transportation could be handled similar to how they have handled the shortages in ESE.

MSP- Amy

TDY coverage comes out of school budget with the exception of select district trainings. Schools need autonomy to have TDYs covered by the district for things like testing and school based professional development. Schools want to hold a contingency considering that they will need to fund certain positions once ESSER funding is over rather than spending on TDY’s that are necessary.

ESP- Kip

TCD- Alex H.

HSA- Alex J.

MSA- Hollie P.

Reminder that tech fees are set by the district and are not enough to cover the replacement costs for things like chargers. There is not enough funding to keep these stocked.

ESA - Danielle

Suggestion was made to have the fire extinguisher checks back to the sweep team rather than the assistant principal.

TCA - Teresa S.

Committee Reports

Membership Monica

311 admin are set up for payroll deduction; 6 others that have paid in full or are new brining membership to 317. The distribution list is at 344 so the list needs to be updated to reflect current members. We invite new Aps and cadre reps are asked to reach out for a personal touch. Dr. Gordon will send link to the shared drive again to share the distribution list.

Events Alex J.

See notes below fundraising as these areas were combined for the discussion.

Public Relations/Marketing Amy

Idea was shared to highlight a cadre leader weekly or biweekly

Legal and Advocacy Matt

Professional Development Kip

Special Recognitions Desiree

Fundraising Teresa K.

Both leads met together to fundraise at events. Survey indicated that 48% of people want to meet quarterly; 38% want to meet each semester; and 9% want to meet regularly for events. Idea is to have an end of the year awards luncheon that will double as a fundraiser. Suggested to have smaller Cadre meetings to meet after AP/Principal meetings. Need to plan a fundraiser – a raffle was suggested and James will be looking into how the money can go into a special account. Another idea shared was to have a breakfast during school hours on a workday with a key speaker and would be paid for from school budgets

Membership Monica/Tina

Old Business

Survey Results

Discussion based on survey results:

Compensation- 1) Administrators being paid an hourly wage for after school duties since in many cases they are unable to complete tasks until after late busses. 2) Administrative pay should be separate from instructional and not tied to or linked to these negotiations.

Curriculum – no reliable program data to progress monitor.

HR – 1) have custodians and TSRs return to centralized management

ESE – MRP process needs revision

New Business

District Study and Cost Differential

Develop OCASA’s Legislative Platform Rep. Board

Dr. Gordon motioned, a second was given by Doug Loftus, and the motion was passed to accept Christina Mrozek as membership chair.

OCASA Executive Board Meeting with Deputy Superintendent Agenda Items

December 14, 2023 in 5- TAB RBLC at 3:30PM

Next Meeting Date:

TBD