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Joe and Rosie Coffee and Tea

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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It was Mother's Day. Both my mom and I are two weeks past our second vaccine so we are fully vaccinated and safer to be out in the world. I have spent this entire pandemic avoiding being in public spaces. I have serious underlying health conditions and have not been willing to take chances with my health. It has been a long time to stay hunkered down at home. I decided as a way to celebrate Mother's Day and my full vaccination, I would sit down with my Mother in a restaurant. I've never been to Joe and Rosie's and my mom likes tea. So, I thought it was the perfect place to celebrate. A Mother's Day tea with my mom sounded like a big indulgence considering the last 15 months at home.

I walked into Joe and Rosie and found it empty, save the employee working behind the count-

er. I noticed the high ceilings and exposed brick wall dotted with framed art. Mother's Day was a little dark and rainy so I opted for a warm drink. The special board was lined with cold summer treats. All were tempting and I will make a special trip during warm weather to try, but I was cold and wanted the warmth. I selected a chai latte. I browsed the menu and noticed a sandwich with pesto. Mom's will understand, I love pesto but I have a child that even the thought of pesto makes him violently ill. It's something I never get to have. He wasn't there and it's Mother's Day so it's my time to enjoy what I want. I ordered it with a side of pickles and olives. My mom arrived and was not hungry so she ordered some green tea. The person behind the counter was very polite and patient with my mom. He was struggling to understand her and she

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Dexter City Council Meeting

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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On May 10, 2021, at 6pm Dexter City Council meeting started. The mayor started the meeting discussing the City Council vacancy. The mayor described his role in the process and how he came to make the decision. There is some concern this process is not legitimate. The mayor discussed the charter and the fact that this process has been used for the last seventeen years. Jamie Griffin explained her concern is not motivated by the nominee. Jamie was uncomfortable that appointing was done prior to non-

arranged public participation. Jamie wanted to be sure that this is a specific rule the council wants to follow. Jamie is not comfortable with the process and would like to update the process. Zach noted that there was just an election and it's hard for him to stray from the will of the voters. The mayor wants to know if we want to revamp this with only six on Council? We noted that the Council is pretty deep into the selection process and to start over now would be unfair to applicants. Donna feels that this has something to do with other issues. She wants to move ahead

and then discuss a process. Paul does not like the process at all. He thinks the candidates should apply and the Council should take a vote. Paul would like to delay a vote until Wednesday night. It was moved to Wednesday night.

The minutes were approved. Jamie noted that when Zach has a conflict of interest due to his employer, his employer should be identified.

Prearranged participation was Tom Colis of Miller Canfield who was available to answer questions on the bonding process. The resolution authorizes issuance of bonds to

acquire sites and facilities. The bonds would not exceed 2.5 million. But the number could be reduced if needed. It lays out the structure once principal and interest is paid. The city does not have the ability to leverage additional taxes. The bonds are tax exempt. A council member asked if the bond market is good now. According to Tom, it is. Zach wanted to be sure that it would be okay to rent out space to for-profit organizations. The resolution is specific to city offices but is not limited to this facility. Zach wanted to be certain that if the property

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Dexter Green Day

May 15

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Dexter's Summer Concert Series 2021

From Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce

Mark your calendars folks! Music will once again fill the air in downtown Dexter on Friday nights this summer. It is with great pleasure to announce that the Dexter City Council approved the request for our Summer Concert Series. The concerts will be held at the gazebo in Monument Park ev-

ery Friday night from June 18 to August 13. The Chamber Board noticed based on past years' attendance, we would only draw up to 100-150 guests. Which is a manageable plan for COVID safety guidelines and to keep our guests feeling safe. We will have numerous yard signs reminding folks of the six-foot rule and face mask requirement. The local Boy Scouts will be on-

site handing out free masks to anyone who needs one. Chamber representatives will also be present to help guide families in the proper safety guideline areas. We are trying to be conscious of the social districting measures and want the whole community to feel safe while in downtown. Stay tuned for an official band lineup coming soon!

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Dexter Print & Embroidery Opens New Location



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From Shop Dexter

Another new business has opened up in downtown Dexter. This time Neil O'Brien has moved Dexter Print & Embroidery where the Red Brick restaurant once was. They will provide a wide variety of apparel and gifts with either a Dexter logo or your own teams or company logo on them. Order items online and can have your or-

der shipped directly to you or pick your order up at the store. He's located right next to the Dexter Bakery. He also offers many different items with custom imprints and logos on them for your team, club, company, etc. Stop in and see what Neil can help you with or shop online here: <https://dreadstrong.com/> or at <https://dexterprint.com/>.

Joe and Rosie Coffee and Tea



continued from page 1 is hard of hearing so it was a challenge ordering with masks on. I appreciated how kind and patient he was with her. The service was excellent. When he realized they'd ran out of pickles, he was very apologetic. It was not a big deal to me. The sandwich was excellent, turkey, pesto, spinach, tomato, artichoke hearts, and havarti cheese perfectly toasted with a great crunch. My drink was delicious

as well. Business was steady but there was never a line. I remembered what it was like to eat in a restaurant and see other people. I really enjoyed being able to experience it again. It was so nice to be able to sit across from my mom and chat for an hour. I look forward to being out of the house more, people watching again and having a leisurely chat over delicious food. I look forward to allowing someone else to wash

my dishes and make certain all my needs are met. Joe and Rosie was the perfect way to enjoy Mother's Day for a mom who's been managing kindergarten, pets and work for the past 15 months from home. It was quiet, delicious and relaxing. Exactly what I needed. The service really made it great for an overworked mom and I cannot be

more appreciative. I look forward to visiting again and relaxing there in the future as I type articles and enjoy a coffee. If you're looking for a relaxing little treasure, right in town, Joe and Rosie Coffee and Tea is the perfect spot. For more information or to check out their menu visit: <http://www.joe-androsie.com/>.

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From: Bonnie Dockham

St. Joseph Mercy Health System, University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center and William Rob Juergens present: The Cancer Support Community's 13th Annual Amazing Race, to be held virtually on Saturday, June 5, 2020, at 4 pm.

In previous years The Amazing Race has been a road rally/scavenger hunt where teams of four solved clues, hunted for hidden locations around the city, completed silly activities while racing to be the first team to complete the course. In response to the continued high rates of COVID-19 our community, the CSC decided to adapt the event to a virtual platform that will encompass all the same fun as previous years while keeping ev-

eryone involved safe.

The event will require the same amount of brainpower, laughter and silliness as in past years. You will work together to solve puzzles and complete activities, all while competing with the other participants in real-time. Teams can be composed of people from various locations using up to four different devices. An Amazing Race ticket costs \$50 and covers the entry of up to four players on your team. Join us to test your wits and creativity from the comfort of your home, all while supporting The CSC.

The CSC provides free cancer support services to all people affected by cancer. These programs range from professionally facilitated support groups, exercise and

nutrition programs to children and family programming. CSC is the only organization in the community that focuses solely on improving the quality of life of people affected by cancer. All programs are provided free of charge. Since March of last year, the CSC continued to provide professional opportunities for connection via free online programs. One member expressed sincere gratitude following her first video group stating, "It is almost as if we are still in the same room together." CSC has only seen a 26% increase in service provision since moving to an online format.

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DEXTER ATHLETICS



DEXTER TRACK & FIELD

DEXTER @ TECUMSEH MAY 10TH, 2021

OVERCAST, WINDY, LOW 50S

Boys Score: Dexter 90 Tecumseh 46

Top Dexter Performers: BOYS:

100m. 1. Cole Cabana (11) 11.13
 3. Tyler Valle (10) 12.23
 200m. 1. Cole Cabana (11) 22.94
 400m. 1. Nathan Garipey (12) 51.82
 2. Jonny Adamczyk (11) 55.25
 800m. 2. Alex Hoffman (10) 2:20.47 (PR)
 1600m. 1. Conor Kolka (12) 4:39.05
 3. Josh Lamb (11) 4:53.15
 3200m. 1. Conor Kolka (12) 9:55.65
 3. Josh Lamb (11) 10:36.93
 300 Hurd. 1. Wilson Kasischke (12) 42.90
 4x400m 1. Dexter 3:31.12
 4x800m 1. Dexter

8:58.84
 Shot Put 1. James Livingston (11) 42-10 (PR)
 2. Danny Gilbert (11) 37-8 (PR)
 3. Andrew Zogaib (12) 36-11
 Discus 1. James Livingston (11) 107-3
 2. Danny Gilbert (11) 95-11 (PR)
 3. Collin Vanover (11) 86-9
 High Jump 1. Micah Davis (10) 5-11 (PR)
 3. Keaton Murphy-Walsted 5-4 (PR)
 Pole Vault 1. Clark Sheldon (9) 11-0
 2. Benjamin Sackman (9) 11-0
 3. Luke VanNoord (10) 10-0
 Long Jump 1. Andy Jordan (11) 16-10.25 (PR)
 2. Quentin Hurdle 16-3.5

Girls Score: Dexter 76 Tecumseh 61

Top Dexter Performers: GIRLS:

100m. 2. Maggie Jordan (12) 14.12
 3. Gracyn Beck (10) 14.74
 200m. 1. Gracie Burns (11) 27.67
 3. Gwen Tatara (12) 29.32
 400m. 2. Gracie Burns (11) 1:02.69
 3. Gwen Tatara (12) 1:03.53
 800m. 2. Ashley Mitchell (11) 2:27.51 (PR)
 3. Amanda McGill (11) 2:34.47 (PR)
 1600m. 1. Amanda McGill (11) 5:31.33 (PR)
 2. Hannah McComas (11) 5:39.75 (PR)
 3. Katie Varitek (9) 5:42.93
 3200m. 1. Abigail Fox (12) 12:30.63
 2. Megan O'Day (10) 12:37.98 (PR)
 300 Hurd. 2. Meghan McGill (11) 54.27
 4x400m. 1. Dexter 4:25.00
 Shot Put 1. Jamie Giese (11) 34-1.5 (PR)
 3. Maya Calloway (12) 27-2.5 (PR)
 Discus 1. Abby Marek (12) 98-10
 2. Katie Krueger (11) 91-10
 3. Jamie Giese (11) 79-10

High Jump 1. Haley Craig (12) 4-10
 2. Abigail VanNoord (12) 4-8
 Pole Vault 1. Josianne Mettes (12) 11-6
 2. Makenzie Stock (12) 10-6
 3. Abigail VanNoord (12) 10-0 (PR)
 Long Jump 3. Bethany Simons (10) 12-6.75 (PR)

Meet Recap:

Dexter traveled to Tecumseh on Monday for a rescheduled dual meet from last month. The boys dominated the meet with a score of 90-46, while the girls side was a bit closer, the ladies took the victory with a score of 76-

61. Some of the top performers for the Dexter boys were dual event winners Cole Cabana, in both the 100m and the 200m, Conor Kolka winning both the 1600m and the 3200m runs, and James Livingston winning both the Shot Put and the Discus. Nathan Garipey won the 400m, and Wilson Kasischke took the top spot in the 300m. Hurdles. Other field event winners were Micah Davis in the High Jump, Clark Sheldon in the Pole Vault, and Andy Jordan winning the Long Jump.

On the track for the girls side, Gracie Burns won the 200m, followed by teammates Amanda McGill winning the 1600m, and Abigail Fox won the 3200m. In the field events, Jamie Giese won the girls Shot Put, Abby Marek took the top spot in the Discus, High Jump was won by Haley Craig, and the girls Pole Vault was won by Josianne Mettes.

Both the Boys and Girls will travel to Ypsilanti Lincoln high school on Friday for the SEC White Conference Championships.

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Things will get better

By Dave Merchant
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It is hard to believe that last year at this time everything was up in the air and we were fighting Covid-19 with everything we had.

We made great strides and many things if not all have improved. There was nothing 100 percent for sure.

Sports and graduation were put on hold. This year has been much different. Players and students have been able to do much more. I hope things can only get better.

I know sports, athletes and the future of schools is moving forward.

Let things be much better this

spring and summer. I truly believe everything is on the mend and everything will be getting better.

I have lost a parent to this horrible virus and been in the hospital myself. Recently I just got out and I am looking to improve.

God will make things easier and sports will be stronger just like the schools.



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Chelsea State Bank Announces Kalusha, Turnbow Promotions



Dawn M. Kalusha



Heather Turnbow



From: Felicia Mann

The Board of Director of Chelsea State Bank recently announced the promotions of Dawn M. Kalusha to Vice President and Heather Turnbow to Officer of the Bank.

"I am pleased to announce the promotions of Dawn and Heather," said Chelsea State Bank President and CEO Joanne Rau. "Both Dawn and Heather have provided excellent customer service for our Bank over the

years. Our customers have come to rely on Dawn to help them obtain consumer loans, including personal and auto loans and home mortgages. And Heather has provided our staff and customers with the knowledge they need to learn about and secure our deposit products, including our Kasasa accounts." Dawn Kalusha is promoted to Vice President.

Kalusha has 27 years of community banking experience. She joined Chelsea State Bank in 2011 as a Consumer Loan Officer and was promoted to Assistant Vice President in 2012. Prior to joining

Chelsea State Bank, Kalusha was a Branch Manager and Loan Officer for another community bank.

Kalusha is a registered Mortgage Loan Officer (MLO), NMLS # 441382. She is a graduate of the Robert M. Perry School of Banking and holds a license in Title Insurance. She has also obtained her Branch Manager Certification from the Michigan Bankers Association. Kalusha is the treasurer of Stockbridge Community Outreach. She and her family reside in Stockbridge.

Heather Turnbow is promoted to Officer.

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Dexter Drama Club invites you on an outdoor expedition to the jungle to see our latest production Tarzan! In this jungle adventure you'll meet the character Tarzan, a man raised by apes, and his ape best bud, Terk. Everything starts changing for Tarzan once he meets Jane and her exhibition crew. He finds out there's so much about the world he doesn't know and tries to find where he belongs in these "Two Worlds". Enjoy the musical work of Phil Collins with songs such as "You'll Be in My Heart" and "Strangers Like Me."

The cast, tech crew and pit orchestra have all been working hard to put this show together. Senior and production stage manager Shyanne Manor, whom this will be their last show, describes this show in three words: "Heartwarming, Funny, and Adorable." Fellow senior, Kesley Walter, who plays Tarzan's ape mother Kala, says "Not only is it a classic Disney show, but it's an amazing example of working hard to be safe but do what we love during COVID." Everyone's efforts have paid off in order to create a safe, enjoyable show for the audience to experience.

Our show dates are May 13th, 14th, and 15th at 7:00pm and May 16th at 2:00pm at Dexter High School OUTSIDE along the treeline (park in the lower parking lot off Parker Rd. entrance for closest parking). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and students. You can buy tickets in person or buy live streaming tickets on our website. For more information about the tickets and the show, visit <https://www.dexterdrama.org/tarzan.html>.

We hope to see you there!

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her banking career 21 years ago when she joined Chelsea State Bank as a Teller in the Drive-Up Service Window at the Chelsea Main Plaza office in 2000. Over the years, Heather progressed to Lobby Teller and into her current position as New

Account Representative and Staff Trainer. Turnbow's desire to help people carries into her community service as well. She has produced and directed a Musical Benefit Dinner for the Chelsea Senior Center for two years, volunteers with Re-

formers Unanimous – a Faith Based Addictions program and has volunteered with Rock of Ages Prison Ministry and facilitated Women's Bible Studies in the Jackson Jail. Turnbow and her family reside in Chelsea.

Dexter Creamery Announces Treasure Hunt!



From Dexter Creamery

Dexter Creamery has an exciting announcement to make! Ever wanted to find an actual hidden treasure? Well get your treasure hunting boots ready we will be hiding over \$2000 in actual gold and silver in the Dexter area this summer! Here is how it works, each week we will hide a treasure chest somewhere on public property in the Dexter area. We will release a riddle pertaining to the location where it is hidden. Solve the riddle and search for the treasure! Each week

between June 17th and August 5th either a new treasure will be hidden or if the previous weeks treasure hasn't been located it will grow. The riddle and additional clues will be released first in store and then via social media. This is sure to be an exciting hunt designed to engage the entire family and help you to learn some of the amazing history right in our backyard. This is a free event for everyone, more details will be posted via social media and on our website as we get closer to the event so be sure to follow us on Facebook

and Instagram!

Fine print: The treasure will be on public property within a 5 mile radius of

Dexter Creamery and will not be buried. Please do not dig or destroy anything in your search. Clues will be released in store twice a week 24-48 hours before they are released on social media. The actual treasure will not be in the chest, you must bring the chest in to the Creamery to claim the prize. Each chest will be equipped with GPS tracking so we will know when it has been located.

Dexter City Council Meeting

► continued from page 1 being investigated does not work can the bonds be sold later? Tom stated the City controls the timeline but the resolution will trigger the sale of the bonds. Justin noted that for the broad property, if this timeline is not met it will cost the city more in earnest money.

The agenda was approved.

Non-arranged participation was next and Sanam Arab spoke. On the process for filling the vacancy for the city council. She mentioned a survey that Jamie put up on social media. Sanam stated that she applied knowing the process when they applied. Sanam was concerned with a specific question on the survey. She is concerned with the idea of the runner-up. Sanam stated the runner up does not get elected. It is clear that is not the will of the people.

Item H communications were next. Jamie noted that a zoning meeting was not listed.

Dan Schlaff gave his report. He discussed ongoing projects. The 2nd street watermain project. This week is a walkthrough of the Dexter Crossing resurfacing project. Sewer manhole inspections started this morning. Mill Creek school manhole was

noted with some flooding. The city was able to contact the school and prevent a back up.

Michelle Aniol was up next. There are not a lot of updates because she went on vacation but was open to answering questions. The Mayor asked if the outdoor seating was all set for those that need it.

The City Manager report came from Justin. He is still working on the budget and will try to have it out tonight or in the morning. The community garden got some bad news. All members of the DPW out here putting in water lines got poison ivy. Justin is trying to figure out a solution and is hoping the garden can open this year without all the gardeners getting poison ivy. It is not prepared for a Saturday opening. Paul asked for an estimate of when it can open. Dan and Justin are unsure. They need to discuss the options. It's pretty frustrating because they've been working very hard to get it ready in time. The waterline is in and everything is ready to go. The Farmers Market had opening day on Saturday and Tuesday. The new manager is doing a great job. Jamie brought up some things that came up in her training. She noted some acts 196 of 1973

317 of 1968 to help address the conflict of interest revisions.

The Mayor was up next. Confirming Wednesday workshop they will discuss the vacancy. He asked that Jamie is very clear regarding surveys she puts out that her survey is not on behalf of the council. The mayor discussed interviewing city manager candidates. The mayor has started reaching out to student rep candidates. He will bring recommendations back soon. Jamie would like to give preference to someone who lives in the city of Dexter. The mayor stated that as long as they are in the school district they are eligible. The mayor's goal is to not exclude if he can.

The consent agenda passed next.

Old business was next. K-1; Justin went over his activities with 3515. He's had a number of meetings. Survey and appraisal are substantially complete. Justin opened it up for questions. Jamie asked if the RFP would be in the paper. Zach confirmed that plans and probable cost were based on engineers. It was. A decision needs to be made at the next meeting in order to meet the original due diligence deadline. Justin has a meeting

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Come See Jeff Powell for Your Service or Repair Needs

tomorrow to discuss improvements to the building and next steps. Zach thinks there's so much still left to address and would like a little more time. The mayor asked if Zach is comfortable if Justin and the city attorney can interact with the owner on those items? Zach does feel comfortable with conversations continuing at the city manager level. Jamie agreed that she is comfortable too. Donna made a motion to allow Justin up to 10k for additional earnest money for an additional sixty days with the property owner if the items needed do not come in time. The motion passed.

L-1; The consideration of a proposal from OHM for Dexter crossing road work not to exceed 124,300. Patrick Droze discussed the work. Because of the issues of MDOT and the 3rd Street project this project was easy to get going because it's been on the radar for years. The motion passed.

L-2; Consideration for a settlement and mutual release agreement and allow the mayor to sign it on behalf of the city. Dan and everyone at the

wastewater treatment plant felt very comfortable signing it. It's over for now and hopefully the next 27 years are utilized to find a solution. The settlement was approved.

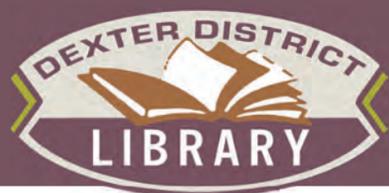
L-3; Consideration of the road closure permit for the Dexter Ann Arbor Run. The attention to detail and Covid plan was appreciated. Jamie noted some typos on the city packet. Doug Goodhue spoke on behalf of the Dexter Ann Arbor Run. It will be the 47th annual event with the starting lines being on Baker Road. The motion carried.

L-4; park use permit for yoga in the park. It is an annual request. They've provided additional information to ensure that proper spacing takes place. Zach wanted to be sure that there was nothing in the books that prevents allowing a group in litigation from being granted a permit. The motion carried.

Council comments were next. Jamie Griffin wanted to know if the water and budget reports would be in the packet for Wednesday. She noted that Ann Arbor had a good targeted message for the public.

She would like that included. She noted that she will be certain to include that her survey is not from council. It is clear she prioritizes public input and opinion. That was a part of her election platform. She will be certain to make it clear that the survey is not an official council survey.

Cole Miller spoke at non-arranged participation. Cole was unaware that there was an issue with the current process for filling the vacancy. Cole is the applicant that was the runner up in the election so he felt slightly uncomfortable speaking. He noted if the question seems to be if the current process for filling a vacancy works. Joe Semifero spoke next and noted how quickly old and new business was able to be addressed. He thought maybe rearranging the order might be nicer for those people waiting to speak on issue. He looks forward to how things turn out on Wednesday. Sanam spoke on the road project. She is on the HOA board and will be glad to communicate about the road project to the neighborhood. The meeting adjourned.



Dexter District Library 2021 Spring Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens



Upcoming Spring Events at Dexter District Library

Bi-weekly Thursdays at 11:00 am, March 11 to May 20

Preschool Super Stories

Kids ages five and younger are invited to join Ms. Krista on our DDL Facebook page every other Thursday at 11:00 am. Ms. Krista will read a longer picture book and share an activity related to the book. Everyone is welcome. Dates: March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 6, May 20

Tuesdays, March 23 to May 18 at 10:30 am

Virtual Spring Story Times

Spring Story Times for ages five and under will be offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on our DDL Facebook page from March 23 to May 18. Everyone is welcome to join Ms. Krista for a fun morning of picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading to your child. Registration is not required.

Saturday, May 15 2:00 pm

Alex Thomas – Virtual Caricature Drawing Workshop

Learn to draw fun caricatures of some of your favorite characters led by a puppet instructor! Whether you are just beginning or more advanced, this workshop will teach you the tips, tricks, and techniques of caricature drawing! Participants will be emailed a link prior to May 15. Registration is required on our DDL website, everyone is welcome.

Thursday, May 20 at 4:30 pm

All Star Readers

All Star Readers Book Club for grades 3 and 4 will meet again on Thursday, May 20 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, April 15. The book we will be discussing is Klawde by Johnny Marciano. Books will be available for pick up when you register. Join us for a fun, lively afternoon with Ms. Krista leading our discussion, everyone is welcome. A link to our Zoom meeting room and a password will be sent to you prior to May 20.

Friday, May 28 to Saturday, June 5

Teen Self-Care Kits

Need help getting through the school year? De-stress with one of our self-care kits which includes goodies, a mini Zen garden craft, calming exercises and more. Registration is required. Teens in grades 6 through 12 may register on our DDL website beginning May 1. Full details will be emailed to registered participants.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BULLETIN

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



The April 26th Board of Education meeting was held both in person in the Bates Boardroom and streamed online via Zoom to allow the opportunity for all community members to participate during the pandemic.

DCS Spark Program Pilot

The meeting began with a video presentation showcasing the recent DCS Spark program pilot. The video provided a program overview and post-pilot update, including photos and quotes from participating students. During the two-week program, 21 students in grades 3-6 participated in a flexible-schedule learning environment incorporating a collaborative Covid-19-focused unit, Genius Hour, JOLT (Joyful Open Learning Time) and Academic Skills Time.

The Research & Development team comprised of Melanie Dever, Deb Eber, Beau Kimmey, Mollie Sharrar, and David Teddy, presented lessons learned during the pilot, as well as plans moving forward. The vision is to create a Spark learning lab at Wylie Elementary in Fall 2021, as well as develop Spark-style experiences in Wylie classrooms, with the support of SEMIS (Southeast Michigan Stewardship Coalition). In years 2 & 3, additional classrooms around the District are envisioned, also supported by SEMIS. DCS staff received the same video presentation on April 26, and have been asked to indicate their interest in developing and deploying "Spark experiences" in their classes/teams next year. Relevant professional development for this new program is being planned and will be available for interested staff.

Since 2015, the District's strategic plan has included creating extended learning opportunities with the community; Spark will be a natural pathway to achieve this goal. Some examples of this learning style already implemented at DCS include the Frederick Pelham bridge project and the CommuniTree project. The Spark program will serve as an umbrella for this place-based education, with support and coaching for staff to implement it in their classrooms.

Next year's plans are for one Spark classroom at Wylie (3rd, 4th or combo), as well as a group of teach-

ers across the District (one for each grade level 1st-10th) to implement Spark-style units. Trustee Mara Greatorex shared her experience visiting the Spark classroom for a half-day: when asking a 6th grader about mentoring younger students, the student replied they were actually learning from the 3rd graders. The collaborative nature of the program encourages all students to be both learners and teachers.

[Note: In the Board meeting video, the audio is muted during this presentation because screen sharing with Zoom created a lot of feedback. The Spark presentation video with audio can be viewed here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12WLV0IvI3zDlpw6B3URWL33i-PI_UEAy8/view]

COVID-19 Data Update

Dr. Timmis presented the Covid-19 Data Review and DCS Dashboard update. He noted a total of 75 positive student cases and 19 positive staff cases year-to-date, with 95 students (mostly at Anchor and DHS) and 3 staff in quarantine for the week of April 19. This week's positive case numbers are trending down with only 5 new student cases, but 2 classes at Anchor Elementary are currently in quarantine. In Washtenaw County, the total number of cases are approximately 30 out of 100,000 (as of 4/26/21), with the infection rate dropping below 1%.

The county is still seeing an increase in positive cases for ages 0-17. According to MDHHS data, we are at 290 cases per 1,000,000 with a 4.1% positivity rate. DCS sports and clubs continue to administer required weekly testing in order to participate, and this week there were only a couple positive cases out of the hundreds of students tested.

Dread Strong Summer Program

There are currently about 500 K-8 students signed up for the Dread Strong Summer Program, which will run 8:00 am - 12:30 pm, June 21 through August 19. DCS is hiring teaching staff to facilitate the program, and also intends to hire high school or college students as assistants. Coordination with Camp Dexter will provide extended care for the remainder of each day (for a fee).

Information will

soon be shared about the high school summer program, which will include credit recovery for freshman Algebra, English, Biology, American History, World History and possibly Algebra II (based on needs). The program will also offer strength and conditioning through Iron Dread.

Reading Action Plan

DCS is creating a Reading Action Plan for our youngest students, including some summer components. The developmental reading work usually done by teachers is hard to do while distanced, because teachers need to sit right next to their students to be most effective. From March through June, the District will review Fountas & Pinnell (F&P) reading levels and NWEA data to determine what skills need to be addressed. Historically, younger students need help with key ideas and details in informational texts, so the plan will focus on these concepts while continuing classroom work on claims, evidence & reasoning.

A coaching model is in development for the fall, and the District has posted a K-4 Learning Coach position to perform intense learning coaching. This summer, DCS will review and update our multi-tier system of supports, as well as implement plans to put print media into kids' hands and partner with Dexter District Library for additional summer reading opportunities.

Schools of Choice (SOC) Application Window Open

DCS currently has more than 180 applications for SOC from out-of-district students (more than twice the usual amount), with the spring application window open through April 30th. Saline is experiencing a similar increase, and most likely many of the same families have applied to multiple districts. The capture rate is usually 60% out of the total applications, but with such large numbers and a significant loss of students this year, the District needs to determine how many can realistically be accepted. As required by law, a second SOC application window is scheduled for this summer (late July). Traditionally, the second window is an opportunity for families whose situations changed over the summer to be able to provide stability for their students. Dr. Timmis anticipates about half of the Dexter students lost in 2020-2021 will return. He shared that some families have found they like home

school or to travel with their kids, and may indicate a nationwide enrollment shift. Board members recommend

DCS be conservative this spring when accepting SOC applications knowing that new families may move into the district this summer.

MASB Board Member Awards

Dr. Timmis congratulated Board members Mara Greatorex and Julie Schumaker, as well as former Trustee Barbara Read, on their recent awards by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). Greatorex was awarded the Certified Board Member Award and the Award of Merit; Schumaker and Read earned the Master Board Member Award.

Board President Update

President Schumaker addressed the recent letter sent by Dr. Timmis to the community sharing his selection as one of five finalists for the Wayne RESA Superintendent position. She said, "We have been very fortunate to have Dr. Timmis here as our Superintendent for almost 8 years... We are hopeful that you'll remain at Dexter Community Schools to continue to guide and implement new educational programs and initiatives. We very much value your leadership in the District."

Student Representative Update

Aiden Naughton updated the Board that DHS students have been given the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, and a good number of students are scheduling appointments.

First Public Participation Opportunity

No community members elected to speak during the first opportunity for public participation.

Consent Items

The Board acknowledged the retirement of occupational therapist Melinda Hieber and received the March budget report.

DHS Course Proposals

DHS Assistant Principal Ken Koenig walked the Board through a number of proposed new elective classes for the 2021-2022 school year. When creating the classes, teachers considered three driving concepts: to cultivate student interest in areas of real-life application through electives; to not add to students' homework load now that the block schedule allows for more classes; and to help students develop and increase self-awareness of others and the

community. With these concepts in mind, the following elective classes have been proposed:

- Positive Psychology - one-semester class, open to 9th & 10th graders taught by Tracy Stahl in the Social Studies department. This is an introduction to psychology concepts including practical applications, giving students a toolbox to use during their high school career.

- Science and Practice of Strength and Conditioning - two-semester class for 9th-12th graders, taught by Coach Chris Whittaker in the PE department. Teaches what it takes to become a strength and conditioning coach. Students will rotate into Strength & Conditioning class to assist current Dexter athletes.

- Spanish Films and Literature - two-semester class for 11th & 12th graders in the World Languages department. Intended for students not interested in level 4 or IB language class, but who still want to utilize language and explore culture (will be offered in 2022-2023). Will be the first World Language elective offered at DHS.

- Bearing Witness - one-semester class for 9th-12th graders, taught by Ali Barthol in the English department. Students will evaluate information sources as they examine, discuss, and reflect on events and happenings around our community and the world.

- Foods & Nutrition Science 2 - one-semester class for 9th-12th graders, taught by Lauren Williams (prereq. Foods 1). With so much information presented in Foods 1, students' actual cooking experience is limited. This course will stretch the information into another semester and allow for more practical cooking applications.

- Makerspace - one-semester class for 11th & 12th graders. A hands-on, lab-based science elective utilizing computer labs, 3D printers, soldering, etc. Students will take an idea through the development process to final product.

- Musical Theater Workshop - one-semester class for 9th-12th graders, taught by Julie Bassett, DHS choir director. DHS puts on a spring musical each year, but there is currently no class to teach the concepts of musical theater. Course will provide introduction to musical theater, as well as techniques to prepare for the spring musical. Students are not required to take class to be in DHS spring production, or vice versa. NSBA

Advocacy Institute Dr. Schumaker informed Trustees about the National School Board Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute open to all board members. This event, usually held in Washington DC, allows school board members from around the country to learn how to advocate on behalf of their district students. This year's Institute will be via Zoom on June

8 & 9 at the cost of \$299/person (if registered by the end of April). The Board passed a motion to approve registration costs for any interested board members to attend in order to take advantage of the early registration discount.

Quarterly Financial Narrative

Dexter CFO Dr. Sharon Raschke gave an overview of Dexter's financial narrative for March 2021. As is typical, the budget revision to be presented in June will be impacted by many financial unknowns related to COVID-19, but the District expects to end up revenue over expenses by fiscal year-end.

Second Public Participation Opportunity

No one chose to speak during the second opportunity for public participation.

Committee Updates

Trustee Greatorex gave a recap of the MASB Behind the Scenes conference held Monday morning. Trustees Greatorex and Kangas, along with community members Melanie McIntyre, Heidi Patel and BJ Wallingford, attended the virtual conference, learning about upcoming education-related legislation and meeting in a breakout room with State Representative Donna Lasinski and State Senators Lana Theis and Dale Zorn.

Trustee Greatorex updated the Board on the Educational Foundation of Dexter's recent spring teacher grant cycle, which included approximately \$15,000 in funding for items such as a 3D printer for Mill Creek and books for all 2nd graders.

Closed Session Postponed

The scheduled closed session to perform the Superintendent's quarterly evaluation was postponed until the next Board meeting due to the length of the meeting.

The full meeting video can be viewed on the Board of Education website at

<https://www.dexterschools.org/district/board-of-education/meetings/videos>.