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Dexter City Council Meeting: A New Council Member was Appointed

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Approval of minutes from June 9th and June 14th with a minor adjustment from Jamie Griffin. The motion carried.

Approval of agenda; Two additional items were added to the agenda. Zach is abstaining

from the consent agenda because his employer is on it. The agenda motion carried.

Reports:
Dan Sclaff: June 17 Dexter Crossing Project meeting with 27 people in attendance. Bids are due July 1st and construction will start in mid August. We got

lucky with the rain only just over 2 inches and Dexter fared better than many Michigan communities. Water usage is doing well. Rain seems to be helping.

Michelle Aniol: The planters are doing really nicely thanks to the rain. The banners look really nice on the bar-

ricade thanks to Dexter Print and Embroidery. Resident fall tree planting applications are open until August. Trees are really limited this year so if there are more applications the resident will be put on the list for Spring. Millennial Place has submitted for final site plan review.

Justin Breyer: Wave contract will be on the next meeting agenda. Tags are being issued today for recycling. You can get two tags and the continued on page 7

Dexter Creamery Creates Summer Treasure Hunt



Story and another photo on page 2.
Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski

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Dexter Creamery Creates Summer Treasure Hunt



► continued from page 1
By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Upon driving into Dexter, I noticed a billboard that peaked my interest. It was something about a treasure hunt. I recalled scavenger hunts as a child and smiled. The billboard indicated something different, a real treasure. It sounded like a fun activity to do with my daughter so I headed to the Dexter Creamery as the billboard suggested to get more information. Sitting on the counter, close to the door was a small treasure chest.

An employee graciously explained the details of the game. Every Saturday morning, at noon a clue will be released on the screen of the TV in the creamery. The clue will be a riddle that, once solved, will provide the location of a small treasure chest. The chest will be hidden within five miles of the Creamery. It will

not require digging or destruction of property to find. It will be empty. Once returned to the Creamery the lucky person to claim it will receive a prize of gold and silver coins. A REAL Treasure! Unlike the scavenger hunts of childhood, your treasure will not be bobby pins, paper clips and a new birthday party yo yo. You will receive gold and silver coins. The clue will be released at noon on Saturday, in the store. If nobody finds the treasure it will be released in the store again over the next 48 hours. If it still goes un-found, the clue will be released over Facebook and Instagram. If nobody finds the treasure for the week, the gold and silver will be transferred to the following week's treasure. However, that does not appear to be a concern. The last treasure was located within 56 minutes of the Sat noon clue release. The hunt is free to

play, but rest assured, you will not walk into the creamery without buying something to fuel your hunt. And you won't regret the decision for a summertime treat.

A customer was on his way out as I was asking the employee questions. He told me he witnessed the first winner carrying the treasure chest out from its hiding place. He explained that this week he was in the right place but a fellow hunter explained the treasure had been found 15 min-

utes before he arrived. Sympathetically, I said, "Oh man! You were so close!" He smiled a huge smile and said he doesn't even care if he wins, it's just fun and he got to get one of these, as he hoisted what looked to be a shake up over his head. It's very rare that a close call with a treasure would leave a person joyful and smiling, but when the loser gets to enjoy a treat, loss isn't nearly as bitter. Plus, he's clearly having a great time trying to find the treasure. If you're looking for something fun to try, head over to the Dexter Creamery on Saturday for the noon clue release and see if you can win. The final clue will be released on Thursday August 5th. For updates on clues and how long it takes for the winners to find the chest, you can follow along on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/dextercreamery>.

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Seniors Tune In An Amazing Final Year With Dexter High School Orchestra



By Terry Jacoby

While it was a challenging year, the Dexter High School Orchestra was able to take the stage at DHS' Center for Performing Arts on Tuesday, May 18. The special event was a chance to give a proper send off to a special group of seniors.

Dexter graduated 17 seniors this year. Each senior received

a certificate and a personalized award/pennet. Additionally, they gave out three other awards.

"In my 21-year career I have never had a more challenging year," says DHS Orchestra Director Matt Deloria. "The amount of new technologies to be absorbed by both teachers and students is mind boggling. My typical

curriculum became almost useless while we were remote. Students quickly adapted to a new remote orchestra curriculum at the start of the year.

"In many ways, it was nothing like the orchestra class they knew and loved, yet they were engaged and achieved and learned new ways to be a musician. Likewise, I learned a great

deal as well. What a year!"

The MSBOA Scholar Instrumentalist Award winner was Emma Hodder.

The Orchestra Booster Award winner was Matthew Remington. The Amanda Jekabson Memorial Scholarship winner was Emma Hodder. Amanda, the concertmaster of the first DHS orches-

tra, died tragically in a car accident at the age of 19 and this scholarship was created in her name by the Jekabson family.

"We use the same scholarship form as the booster scholarship but this time a committee consisting of myself, Mrs. Jekabson and a high school administrator choose the winner," Deloria said. "This is a \$500 award. A plaque bearing the names of all the winners back to its inception in 2003 is displayed in the orchestra room."

Deloria had nothing but praise for his seniors who "tuned" in a brilliant final year at Dexter HS.

"The seniors this year were amazing," he said. "I admire their resilience. They had every right to be upset about their school year and all the challenges it brought. But despite that, they brought a positive attitude to class every day whether

in person or on zoom. They embraced the new elements of our Covid orchestra class and were understanding about the limitations and the losses. I can't tell them how much I appreciate them and how inspiring it is to see them behave the way they did under the circumstances we found ourselves in. Bravo!"

Here are the Dexter seniors:

- Allison Berkholz Violin
- Lily Campbell Viola
- Skylar Constantine Violin
- Abigail Fox Violin
- Hannah Grube Violin
- Jackson Helmholtz Bass
- Adam Hershner Viola
- Emma Hodder Cello
- Eleanor King Cello
- Jordan Kless Violin
- Joseph Kowalski Violin
- Lili Leier Violin
- Robert Lych Cello
- Alison Moore Violin
- Elizabeth Rathbun Viola
- Matthew Remington Violin
- Gabriel Rickard Violin



Matt Deloria presents Matthew Remington with the Orchestra Booster Award as assistant director Alison Campbell applauds.

IHA Begins Construction on New Medical Center in Chelsea



From: Tarah Lantz, Communications Manager, IHA

On Wednesday, June 16, IHA, the area's leading multispecialty medical group, celebrated the start of construction on the new IHA Chelsea Medical Center at a groundbreaking ceremony. IHA has been providing exceptional care to the Chelsea community for nearly 40 years. This new medical center will be designed to enrich the overall patient experience and provide coordinated care across multiple practices and throughout IHA's ex-

tensive delivery care network in Southeast Michigan.

"This building is the continuation of a critical development strategy for IHA. Over the past 15 years, we have actively consolidated practices to regional facilities where we can provide convenient, multi-specialty services to our patients," said Lowell Sprague, Director of Facilities and Real Estate Management. "This building, in particular, will allow IHA to bring together and expand the existing primary care services IHA provides

in Chelsea under one roof."

This new medical center is scheduled to open in July of 2022 and will bring together three established IHA practices including IHA Chelsea Primary Care, IHA Obstetrics & Gynecology Chelsea, and IHA Chelsea Pediatrics. When complete, the building will be over 18,000 square feet and will provide capacity for three practices, 14 providers and over 40 support staff.

The Chelsea Medical Center project has been a long time coming for IHA. Planning

for the medical center began in 2015 and more than 10 locations across the Chelsea area received consideration before this site was selected. The new building will be located on Old US 12 and was established in partnership with St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea and Silver Maples of Chelsea.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to open this new medical office building alongside our partners at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea to collectively provide affordable and high-quality health-

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care to Chelsea and the surrounding communities," said IHA CEO, Mark LePage, MD, who gave remarks at the groundbreaking event.

Chelsea Area Festivals & Events Launches SculptureWalk 2021!



SculptureWalk CHELSEA

From: D&B Strategic Marketing

If you haven't yet seen this year's Sculptures, you are going to be astounded! Chelsea Areas Festivals & Events (CAFE) proudly brings you SculptureWalk 2021. Sixteen original sculptures grace the courtyards and streets of Chelsea. The majority of the Artists hail from Michigan, seven of the Artists are returning from the previous year, plus nine artists new to SculptureWalk. The diversity and quality of this contemporary exhibit created by regional Artists enhance Chelsea's cultural community.

CAFE received a minigrant from Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, administered by Creative Washtenaw, to

help with the expanded program. The rotating exhibition provides access to art and is free and accessible to everyone. This new exhibition of sculptures is the largest show in the 12-year history of SculptureWalk Chelsea.

"Good art causes us to reflect and to engage in a dialogue about how it makes us feel, shared Crystal Scott, Visual Arts Coordinator.

"SculptureWalk Chelsea aims to inspire, delight, and encourage viewers to generously look, wonder, and contemplate," said Craig Common, CAFE board president. "We are also fortunate to have the support of generous sponsors and the City of Chelsea to create outdoor art of ambitious scale."

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This year's exhibit features an exciting variety of mediums used in innovative ways. The exhibition introduces several new processes like woodworking, local fabrication, blacksmithing, functional art, and light production. All of the sculptures are available for purchase; please contact Crystal Scott at visualarts@chelseafestivals.com.

Gary Munce, CAFE Board member, and

musician shared, "We wanted a show that is vibrant, interactive and easily accessible. We have an exciting exhibition to kick off summer with Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights".

Photos courtesy of Crystal Scott, Visual Arts Coordinator.

A display of incredible art that will

ignite the imagination! SculptureWalk is a welcoming space for families and friends to enjoy art together. Ad-

ditional Information about the artists and their sculptures can be found at the SculptureWalk website.

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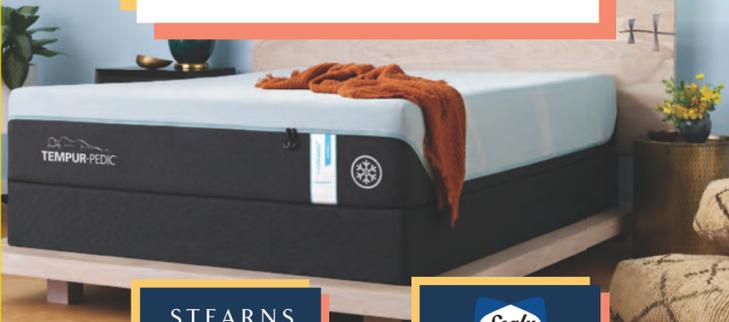
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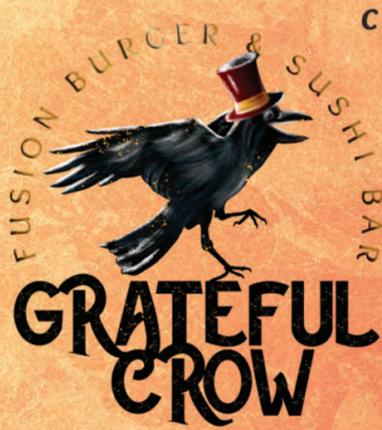
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BOARD OF EDUCATION BULLETIN

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



The Dexter Board of Education had two meetings June 14, 2021: a board workshop to review the district's strategic plan and discuss student achievement goals at 5:30, and a regular meeting at 7pm.

With the return to in-person meetings and the release of many MDHHS COVID-related restrictions on public gatherings, the Board is returning to the standard practice of requiring community members to be present in person to participate. Meetings will continue to be recorded via Zoom and interested community members may watch the Zoom in real time or watch the recordings later on the website.

School Presentations:
Dr. Timmis shared this year's Retirement & Recognition docu-

ment, which lists retirees and recognizes staff who have served the District for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 & 30 years. Of special note is the retirement of 5 long-time certified staff (Jeff Dagg, Melinda Hieber, Alice Hinterman, Kit Moran and Julie Snider) as well as 7 support staff (Randall Dennis, Sheila Durham, Karen Franson, Diana Gignac, Gerald Goebel, Joan Maloney and Vicki Sipple). Dr. Timmis thanked Dr. Snider (present at the meeting) for her service to the District, in particular her work with the Alternative Education program which has changed the lives of many students and their families. He expressed his thanks to all retirees and those who have served over 5 years for their contributions to Dexter Schools.

Budget Hearing:

Each year, state law requires that the District hold a public hearing and adopt a budget (available in the Board meeting packet) for the upcoming school year by June 30th. Dr. Schumaker opened the hearing for the Board to hear public comment relating to both the 2021-2022 budget and 2021 property tax millage rate (under action items). No members of the public offered comments on the proposed budget.

Superintendent Update:

The 2020-2021 school year wraps up this Thursday, June 17th. On Wednesday, June 16th, thanks to an anonymous donor, DCS staff will be treated to a food truck lunch event and prize raffle in thanks for an extraordinary year. The Dread Strong Summer program kicks off on Monday, June 21st; hundreds of DCS students are signed up for the program featuring engaging, mostly outdoor

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DEXTER ATHLETICS



CALEB DRENNER MAKING HIS DREAMS COME TRUE



Photos Courtesy of Caleb Drenner

By: Terry Jacoby

Caleb Drenner couldn't picture his senior year without rugby in the frame. So when Dexter had to shut down the program because of low numbers, Drenner took his passion for the sport on the road.

That commitment landed him a spot on the Birmingham High School rugby team and it all ended with a state championship. Going from not being able to play for the school you attend to holding a trophy with a new band of brothers was an amazing journey – one filled with lots of miles on the road between Dexter and Birmingham.

But before the perfect ending, let's start at the beginning.

"My dad played rugby in college and my brother played all through high school," says Caleb, explaining how he fell in love with rugby. "I started being

the ball boy for the team back around seventh or eighth grade. I've always been around the sport."

Drenner started playing his freshman year at Dexter and it just kind of took off from there.

"It always seemed like a good pairing while I was playing football, and I really just enjoyed playing," he says. "The reasons I enjoy rugby so much are because you're allowed to express yourself more through the way you play. It's a lot less controlled than football. Anyone can play the sport and there's positions for all shapes, sizes and ability levels. I think that's what makes it so special and unique."

Drenner also has played football since he was in sixth grade. He received All-Conference honors his junior year and was All-Conference and All-State as a senior.

"Up until my soph-

omore year I always considered football my main sport," he says. "Then I realized I'm actually pretty decent at rugby. So I devoted a lot of time and effort into practicing rugby, and learning the game, and it's taken me places I never thought I'd be."

And Birmingham is one of those places. "Dexter has had a team for a long time," Drenner says. "My brother played for them until he graduated in 2016, and I played for Dexter from my freshman to junior year. But COVID cut our season short my junior year, and this year we just weren't able to put a team together because the interest and numbers just weren't there."

So Drenner hopped a ride for Birmingham, a longtime powerhouse in high school rugby before going through some rough stretches more recently. And Birmingham and Dex-

ter actually had quite a rivalry going for many years prior to Drenner starting high school.

"I ended up playing for Birmingham this year," he says. "I followed them on Instagram, then asked if I was able to play for them and they said yes."

"I traveled to Birmingham two to three times a week to practice, which was about two hours round trip, and I didn't regret a second of it. I hope to keep in touch with the guys I met up there for a long time. We really created a brotherhood, and I think that's one of the big reasons why we ended up winning the 10's state championship this year."

Drenner, 18, had a difficult choice on June 4 – attend Dexter's high school graduation cere-

mony or play in a state championship rugby game. Well, it wasn't really that difficult of a decision.

He played in the championship game and helped lead Birmingham to a 33-5 victory over Detroit Catholic Central at the Hope Sports Complex in Lansing. Catholic Central defeated Birmingham earlier in the season. Birmingham advanced to the finals with a 38-0 win over Sparta.

"Winning the state championship was one of the most amazing things I've ever been a part of," he says. "I skipped graduation to help my team take home a trophy and that's exactly what we did. Our team was made up of a lot of really good athletes. We had kids that wrestled, played soccer,

ran track, played football, and kids that don't play any other sports. But I think the reason our team was so good is because we all came together and really created a group of people we could count on."

Drenner received a rugby scholarship and will be attending Lindenwood University to play Division 1 Rugby in the fall.

"I picked Lindenwood because the campus is amazing, I loved the city of St. Charles and how close it is to St. Louis," he said. "The business program at the school is top notch which is what I plan on studying. And also because Lindenwood is a powerhouse in collegiate rugby. This opportunity is once in a lifetime and I plan to make the best of it."

DEXTER WATER POLO ANNOUNCED - DEXTER PLACES TWO ON FIRST TEAM



by Terry Jacoby

The Michigan Water Polo Association (MWPA) recently announced the Boys All State Season Team Awards and the Boys All-State Tournament Team as voted upon at the State Tournament.

Boys All-State Season Team Awards

Coach of the Year

Don Packard, Pioneer First Team
Jack Shemke, Pioneer
Sam Sterlitz, Dexter
Tony Golin, Dexter (goaltender)

Second Team

Liam Herbert, Pioneer
Ben Deininger, Skyline

Honorable Mention

Leo Varitek, Dexter Boys All State Tournament Team Awards

First Team
Jack Shemke, Pioneer
Sam Sterlitz, Dexter
Leo Varitek, Dexter
Tony Golin, Dexter (goaltender)

Second Team
Liam Herbert, Pioneer
Gabe Sanchez-Burks, Pioneer

Honorable Mention

Ben Deininger, Skyline
Evan McKelvey, Skyline
Ian Root, Skyline

July Events

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Dexter City Council Meeting: A New Council Member was Appointed

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second tag will result in non-pickup. Parks and recs have created a survey on ping pong tables. Jamie offered some edits to the survey. The survey will go out shortly. ACHC is returning to in person meetings in September.

The mayor asked if the council would like to return in person in September as well. Justin will bring an item back for the next meeting. The Council has access to St. Andrews. Jamie wanted to know if there would be a Zoom for the public? The mayor wants to continue the Zoom. There is enough time to address that and get it handled.

The Mayor: Council workshop at 6 pm to the city council search. The council completed his recommendations for boards and commissions. The Mayor is on the host committee for the Huron River watershed council event. He's going to be encouraging people to buy tickets to the event. Concerns about the blue barricades were a safety hazard. No conclusions were made at the DDA meeting. No action items at the fire department meeting. Waiting for the opening of the Webster Fire Station. Zach submitted a written report but had no additional comments.

Wa discussed Dexter Pride, which she was able to attend and speak. Wa noted how much has changed in the past 20 years. It was heart-breaking to hear that the community is still experiencing mental health issues and bullying. Wa encouraged the council to step up as leaders of the community and put a stop to any bullying they see.

Consent agenda was approved.

Old Business City Council Vacancy; APPOINTMENT OF SANAM ARAB TO FILL SEAT VACATED BY JULIE KNIGHT (TERM ENDING NOVEMBER 2022) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR – A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS IS INCLUDED IN THE PACKET. The mayor allowed for questions and the vote was called. Motion passed. Dexter has a new City Council member! Paul noted that there is now a majority of women on the council.

New Business:

1. Consideration of:

General Appropriations Act to Adopt the FY 2021-2022 Budget. Justin thanks the council for working with staff through the process. The budget will eventually be posted on the website. The motion carried.

2. Setting a Public Hearing on July 26, 2021 for the Conflict of Interest Ordinance. Zach just wanted to know if amendments could be made. Justin stated that non-substantial amendments can be made but broad sweeping changes. A motion to postpone the item was made. The motion passed.

3. Setting a Public Hearing on July 26, 2021 to Consider an Amendment to the General Code of Ordinances for Small Cell Wireless Infrastructure Regulation. The motion carried.

4. Proposal from OHM Advisors for Retainer-Based As-Needed Staff Assistance for an Amount not to Exceed \$18,400. If things are shifted and this is not needed, it is possible to be flexible with the contract. The motion carried.

5. Seeking the Support of an External Facilitator. Jamie is trying to help wade through the fire station issue that has not been resolved and believes the council could benefit from an outside perspective. The MML offers council training and continuing education. MSU will help lead the conversation and help find a way forward. They offer a two hour visioning session. Jamie noted the city manager search has taken 8 months and the fire station issue has been around for years and years. The Mayor does not feel that the fire station issue has not turned personal. He would like to have this discussed on the next meeting's agenda. If after the next meeting there seems to be an issue moving forward he is happy to move forward with a facilitator. Zach is not optimistic that anything will be resolved. More than half of costs between now and 2016 will be escalation costs. Wa would like to have a discussion and try prior to bringing someone in. Donna Fisher agrees with Wa. Jamie is fine waiting until Sanam joins and noted that since the Mayor has been the Mayor the issue has not been resolved. There is

something that is not working. Paul stated that it would have only taken one motion to get this resolved. Paul noted that delaying has caused a huge escalation in cost. Webster and Dexter Township has nothing to do with an independent decision for the city. We have to do what's best for the city. We have not had an open meeting in the Fire Hall. The one vote we've never had was from the Mayor. Dexter is the main station in this unit. It is the center of the DAFD because of the population, the schools and the industry. After a power outage, the council opted to move forward without further discussion.

L-6 Justin discussed AST; wants a phase 2 prior to signing off on the property. The due diligence period will be extended to July 27th. Zach thinks it's really important to do this due to the potential liability. Will there be an additional cost to extending the purchase agreement? ASTI is confident that the results will be back. If there is no problem it could be a fast close. But if there are problems it would require going back to the seller and a potential extension. Trying to keep the transaction moving forward while protecting Dexter's interest. July 19th falls between council meetings. Will there be an additional council meeting to address? The motion passed.

Council Comments:

Jamie stated that she did not receive a unanimous vote, referring to her no vote on Sanam. There is no requirement that everyone receives 100% of the vote. She looks forward to working with whomever is on the council. She said welcome to Sanam.

Zach believes that staff needs more support than it is getting and that's why he voted against the OHM option.

Alex Stated that he is grateful to be coming back for another year and said welcome to council to Sanam Arab.

Bella was thanked for her contribution for the last two years. Bella said she had a great time sitting on council for the last two years.

The meeting went into a closed session to discuss pending litigation.

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Special Project: Mill Creek Geometry Class Students Turn Attention To A Real-World Problem

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By Terry Jacoby

An inspiring and innovative group of eighth-grade geometry students at Mill Creek created a “spark” this spring by tackling a real world problem – reducing the spread of illness in schools now and in the future.

The Dexter schools announced the creation of the “Spark” program, founded on the belief that “everyone has something valuable to contribute to society and our collective potential lies in nurturing our individuality.” The first phase of the Spark rollout was to pilot “Spark Experiences,” which gives participants the chance to experience teaching and learning in a learner-centered environment.

One such Spark Experience involved a group of middle school geometry students at Mill Creek who turned the opportunity into an applied math project.

“Instead of learning about 3-dimensional geometry through memorizing formulas and textbook problems, the students tackled the real world problem of how to best reduce the spread of

illness in schools now and in the future,” says Mill Creek geometry teacher Melanie Dever. “They started investigating some simulations of airflow in a classroom, and brainstormed a long list of questions they had around the topic. As a group, they selected a question to research. They wanted to determine how often the air in their classroom was refreshed, and how that impacted the relative safety of the space.”

The students who participated in the project were Audrey Benson, Andrew Boydston, Phin Moazami, Conner Master-son, Addy Robke, Sarah Sawin, Grace Koch, Nick Sherman, Edward Badel, Santiago Mendez, Crystan (Jinxuan) Duan, Mieke Harding, Chloe VanNoord, Scott Smith and Lauren Hart.

ON WHY THE PROJECT WAS IMPORTANT

“Especially with COVID-19 affecting all of our lives, we wanted to see if our classroom and school is safe or not for students, and if it isn’t, how we would be able to improve it.” – Lau-

ren Hart
“Even when COVID is over, studying the air flow in schools and adjusting it for the better would help prevent all illnesses as a whole. Even illnesses such as the flu or colds. Many students each year get sick from school so improving air flow could help with that tremendously.” – Sarah Sawin
As the students worked, Dever would guide them along by asking questions rather than giving answers. Questions such as, “If you want to know how often the air is exchanged, what do you need to know to figure that out?”

The students conducted research and had to make sense of it and apply what they had discovered.

THE PROS AND CONS OF DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLES

“It was a bit confusing at first because the project was very open ended, but in the end we got used to it. I liked it because it felt like the students were more in control of the project than the teacher, so even if it took us longer to figure things out, it was fine because

we were going at our own pace.” – Chloe VanNoord

“With this different learning style we had more room to be creative and come up with our own ideas.” – Grace Koch

“I really liked this form of learning because it felt like there was a purpose to our work instead of just memorizing stuff and writing it on a test. We used what we learned throughout the year to solve a real world problem, and a problem many other schools had to deal with during this pandemic.” – Andrew Boydston

“I liked this style of learning and problem solving because it made it feel more real to be solving an actual problem that has a purpose rather than just solving some theoretical problem for a score.” – Nick Sherman

“It was very interesting working in this type of learning style since it is very different from the traditional type. There seems to be no ‘right’ answer and the learning part happens in the different strategies and resources we used to come to our conclusions.” – Crystal Duan

In the end, the students determined that the air flow in the classrooms was much better than what is recommended.

Instead of simply stopping when they had an answer to their question, they had to figure out a way to communicate their findings to the community.

“This led to think-

ing about who would need to know the information they’d found, and how best to communicate it,” says Dever. “They decided to make a mini-documentary about what they’d learned. Although they were under a time pressure as the school year came to an end, they worked collaboratively together to tell their story.

“Some of the remote-learning students collaborated with their in-person peers to analyze the school’s air flow. Other remote-learning students investigated the airflow in their own homes.”

HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT DEALING WITH A REAL WORLD SITUATION AND HOW WERE YOU CREATIVE IN FINDING A SOLUTION?

“It simulated a work environment which is quite useful. Working together on the problem, having to work through our disagreements as well as taking into account realistic conditions rather than a fake word problem. This gave us a better chance to solve it like we would in a job since it wasn’t perfectly planned out. It didn’t have a set answer or a certain way to get there. Because we worked on a real problem in the world, now we know how to make other schools safer.” – Audrey Benson

“It was fun because it feels useful. Like in a normal math problem, it sort of feels like we’re solving other fictional people’s problems

without a point but with this, the solution could actually be used to improve the school.” – Chloe VanNoord

“Solving a problem about a real world situation gave purpose to the work we were doing, this made the work we were doing feel more beneficial.” – Grace Koch

“I thought it was a lot more fun and it actually felt useful. I felt like I was doing math for something that could actually be useful instead of just doing the math to get the math problem done.” – Sarah Sawin

“It felt more important than the other units we had done in the past, since the data and calculations we did were actually going to be impacting something, not just impacting our grade.” – Lauren Hart

“We found some measurements in ways that probably weren’t the expected way, such as opening the ceiling and measuring the circumference of the vents in order to find the surface area. We also used chairs and tables as standing locations.” – Nick Sherman

“For some of the online folks like me, who couldn’t come to school for the measurements, we used scale drawings to figure out the scale in pictures so we could find the estimated area & volume for things we never even saw in person! I think that is a pretty neat and creative way.” – Crystal Duan

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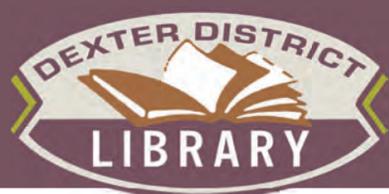
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Dexter District Library 2021 Summer Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens

2021 Summer Reading Program Events



Upcoming Summer Events at Dexter District Library

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off

Monday, June 21 at 11:00 am

The Summer Reading Program kicks off virtually with Cameron Zvara: Comedy Magician & Entertainer. This 45-minute show for all ages is full of magic, card tricks, comedy, and audience participation. Be sure to have your own deck of cards nearby during Cameron's interactive performance and prepare to be amazed.

Registration is required on our website. A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before Monday, June 21.

Everyone is invited to register for this year's Summer Reading Program "Tails and Tales." Readers of all ages will explore the animal kingdom this summer. Registration for the program may be done in person at the Library, or online through the Beanstack website (dexter.beanstack.org) or Beanstack app available in app stores for mobile devices.

Tails & Tales Photo Contest

Grades 5 through 12 only please.

Submit an original photo of an animal for a chance to win a gift card. Subjects can be a pet, on a farm, in the wild, or even stuffed. Just get creative and have fun! Submit up to one photo in three different categories: Tails & Tales; Champions; and Unique

Rules & Details:

Participants must be **entering grades 5 through 12** in the fall of 2021.

All entries must be participant's own, original photographs.

Photos may be manipulated for artistic purposes.

Entries will be judged in **three categories:** *Tails & Tales, Champions, Unique*

Participants may **submit up to one photo in each of the three categories.**

All categories are open for interpretation.

Composition, originality, and technique will be considered in judging.

Deadline for all entries is Monday, August 2, 2021.

Two winners will be chosen in each of the three categories.

Winners will be announced on Friday, August 6, 2021.

Winners must be available to pick up prizes at the Dexter District Library by Saturday, September 4.

Photo entries will be posted in the Library's Teen Zone and on the Library's website.

All entries must be emailed to the teen librarian at dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us and must include the following:

- 1. Participant's First and Last Name**
- 2. Grade Entering this Fall of 2021**
- 3. Category for Each Photo Submission**

Super Stories Book Club

For children of all ages

Thursdays at 11:00 am on Facebook Live

June 24 – August 5

Ms. Krista will read a book related to the Summer Reading Theme: Tails and Tales and then share an activity related to the book that you can try at home. Activities will include science experiments, crafts, games, and STEM challenges.

Page Turner's 6-week Adventure

Monday, June 28 – Friday August 6

Starting Monday, June 28 viewers will journey through the "Once Upon a Time Machine" on our website for virtual adventures based on themes such as farmyard friends, fish tales, pet pals, celebrity critters, safari stories, and creepy crawlies. There are five days of programming for each weekly theme which includes professionally produced shows, author interviews, virtual field trips, guest performers, crafts, recipes, contests, games, and much more. Registration is not required.

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Dexter Community Schools: Board of Education Members Stepping Down

I'm sad to share with you that two long-standing DCS Board of Education members are stepping down at the end of June. Board President Dr. Julie Schumaker was elected to the DCS Board of Education in 2003. Board Secretary and former Board Vice President Dr. Daryl Kipke began his service on the DCS

Board of Education in 2014. Their leadership and service to the students of Dexter and the Dexter community has been diligent, thoughtful, responsive, and will have lasting impact for past, current, and future students.

As a result of these resignations, DCS will be accepting applications for 2 open school board positions start-

ing on July 1st through July 16th. These appointees will be asked to serve through November, 2022. Both seats will be on the November 2022 election ballot for a 6-year term. By law, applicants must live in the Dexter Community School District and the board must appoint individuals to fill the open seats within 30 days of

the resignations.

Anyone who may be interested in applying for the open seats and who would like to learn more about board service are invited to meet with a limited number of current board members on either Monday, June 28th at 6:00pm in the Bates Boardroom or at an information session the week of July

12th (time and day to be announced TBD). The application process and information will be sent out on June 30th. Eligible applicants should plan for a board interview on either Wednesday, July 21st between 5pm - 8pm or Monday, July 26th between 3pm - 5:30pm

The Board will formally appoint two new

members at their special meeting on Monday, July 26th. The appointees will be sworn in and begin board service at the 7pm regular meeting that evening.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

Christopher Timmis, EdD
Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION BULLETIN

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learning activities meant to inspire students, allow them to connect with other students, and prepare for fall school success.

Dr. Timmis shared that the positive COVID case count has been 0 for both students and staff for two weeks, prompting a round of applause. In Washtenaw County, there have been only 77 new positive cases in the past two weeks.

Dr. Timmis also commented that he has been asked about the overall cost of COVID to the District, and shared the following figures: approximately \$157,000 has been spent on additional payroll, summer work, stipends, etc.; \$83,000 on tents; \$14,000 on technology and internet access; \$17,000 on additional software; \$175,000 on instructional materials; \$215,000 on cleaning supplies, masks, PPE, etc., and over \$800,000 in off-schedule salary payments for additional work time beyond contracts (overtime, etc). All these amounts are above and beyond what is usually spent in these categories in a normal year, totaling approximately \$1.6 million in COVID-related spending. The final vaccination clinic is scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, June 15.

Board President Update:

Dr. Schumaker addressed her upcoming resignation from the Board, effective as of June 30th. Having served on the Board for the past 18 years, Schumaker is selling her Dexter home and will no longer be a District resident, remarking that the time has come to move on to the next chapter of life. "It has been an honor to work with everyone in this District," Schumaker stated. "We have a fantastic administration and a very solid Board, and I

have every confidence that the District will continue on the same positive trajectory that we have been on."

Student Representative Update:

Aiden Naughton shared that this is the last week of school and DHS technology needs to be turned in by HomeRoom students on Thursday and by HomeBased students on Friday.

Public Participation:

Dexter parent Kim Phillips-Knope, Project Lead for Michigan Department of Education's LGBTQ Students Project, commended the District on upcoming language changes to several non-discrimination and anti-harassment policies.

CONSENT AGENDA:

With best wishes, the Board acknowledged the retirement of Dr. Julie Snider.

ACTION AGENDA:

2021 Board Calendar:

The Board approved their 2021-2022 meeting calendar with the organizational meeting to be held July 26, 2021.

Phonics Program

The Board unanimously approved the purchase of the Reading Horizons phonics program for grades Y5-4 for use starting fall 2021.

2021-2022 Tax Levies:

The Board authorized that 18,000 mills be levied on non-homestead property and that 8,500 mills be levied on debt on all property in December of 2021. Vice President Mara Greatorex thanked Dexter CFO Sharon Raschke for the comprehensive financial information included with the Board packet. Although there was not lengthy discussion on this item, approval of the millages is not just a "rubber stamp," Greatorex stated, but is a result of the detailed

material provided by Raschke.

Policies - First Reading:

The Board reviewed several policy updates from NEOLA. Dr. Timmis noted that these policies are a collection of non-discrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Section 504, ADA and anti-harassment policies, and that all updates have been recommended by NEOLA (school board policy organization). The changes are integrated from the Office of Civil Rights, Supreme Court rulings, OCR rulings, local and appellate rulings, etc. Trustee Kangas suggested, based on public comment earlier in the meeting (see video), that the Board consult with NEOLA to consider including "gender expression" in order to be completely inclusive. It was noted that any desired changes could be made prior to second reading on June 28th. The policies were unanimously approved for first reading and will return for second reading and final approval at the June 28 meeting.

Superintendent Contract Extension:

The Board of Education previously voted to rate Timmis as "highly effective" following the completion of his annual performance review on December 7, 2020. As is their typical practice, the Board this evening voted to extend the employment term of his contract by one year from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

DISCUSSION: 2021-2022 Budget:

The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the 2021-2022 draft budget at their meeting on May 26th. The scenario carried forward the current year program expenses as of the November 2020 revision.

Dr. Raschke explained that revenue parameters included a

conservative student count and the most recently available information on foundation allowance. However, due to the uncertainty in the Federal and State emergency relief funding, spending requirements and timeline, the draft budget does not include those items.

Based on Raschke's assessment, the Finance Committee has an extremely high level of confidence that the District finances are in good shape for next year. A budget revision incorporating more known parameters, revenue and expenses will be presented in November 2021.

Dr. Timmis commented that this budget projection is very conservative. Anticipated Covid-related funding will increase the revenue, which will exceed expenses for this and next year. Dr. Schumaker called this budget "the most optimistic one I've seen in my tenure." Board members agreed that the budget is very conservative. Satisfied with the budget projection and discussion which followed, and since no changes are likely to be made prior to the next meeting, the Board opted to approve the budget tonight rather than waiting. The motion to adopt the 2021-2022 budget as presented was unanimously approved.

Board Vacancy Process:

The board packet includes letters of resignation from trustees Dr. Julie Schumaker and Dr. Daryl Kipke, both effective June 30, 2021. Michigan law states that vacant board seats must be filled within 30 days.

An organizational Board meeting is scheduled for July 26th, so it is desirable that these two seats be appointed before that date. Of his resignation, Trustee Kipke commented that the District is in a good

position and he wishes to spend more time on professional career.

Vice President Mara Greatorex outlined the appointment process detailed in the Board packet.

Discussion followed regarding possible community information sessions for interested applicants, and it was agreed to hold a community chat before the June 28th Board meeting. In addition, the date for an informational session will be set at that meeting.

Add Instruction/Central Office Position

Dr. Timmis presented a proposal to split the current Executive Director of Instruction and Strategic

Initiatives position into two positions. This would create the Executive Director of Instruction and the Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives starting July 1, 2021. Timmis shared that every year the state publishes rankings of District spending, and our spending on central office administration is very efficient (11th percentile), with a caveat. "There's a point of being lean," he commented, "and a point of being lean to your detriment." Before and during COVID, the District has made many additions and changes to both curriculum and instruction and the strategic plan (learning continuum, block schedule, reading intervention, Early Middle College, Alternative Education, etc.) and extra hands are needed to implement these new avenues. Splitting this position into two will more effectively support students as well as the current and future strategic plans.

Second Opportunity for Public Participation

Parent Daniel Alabr e requested that the Board consider the short timeline to fill

the board seats during prime vacation time and requested that the Board consider this when scheduling the interviews and possibly add a remote option.

Kim Phillips-Knope clarified the reason for adding "gender expression" in the proposed policies related to protected groups, is that kids are bullied, not necessarily based on gender, but how they express themselves, which is why this language is important.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

NASB Advocacy Institute Update:

Vice President Greatorex thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the virtual institute which she found very educational and interesting. Topics of discussion included the ADA, The Homework Act, broadband access, teacher shortages, infrastructure funding and bond restructuring.

WISD Board Elections:

Trustee Kangas noted that at the June 7th WISD meeting, Theresa Saunders was reelected to the WISD Board of Education.

Board Comments:

Trustee Brian Arnold thanked Drs. Schumaker and Kipke for their many years of service, saying the

District has thrived under their leadership. He also expressed his thanks to this year's retirees for their service to the District.

Trustee Kangas congratulated the graduating class of 2021, and thanked the staff and District for their work during this extremely difficult year.

For the full meeting video, as well as the recording of the Board workshop, visit <https://www.dexter-schools.org/district-board-of-education/meetings/videos>.