

THE JOSEPH SEARS SCHOOL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Education Committee of the Board of Education of Kenilworth School District Number 38, Cook County, Illinois July 25, 2005

The Education Committee of the Board of Education of Kenilworth School District Number 38, Cook County, Illinois held a meeting on the 25th day of July, 2005, at 7:47 a.m., in the Superintendent's Office of The Joseph Sears School, 542 Abbotsford Road, Kenilworth, Illinois. Members present were: Susan Rohrman, Karen Hartman, Joe Seminetta, Tom Wiegand, Kelley Kalinich, and Mike Conran.

Approval of Minutes of the June 29 and July 11, 2005 meetings

The minutes of the June 29 and July 11, 2005 meetings were approved as presented.

Parent Survey Results

The Committee discussed what should be included in the Spring 2005 Parent Survey Executive Summary as well as Committee recommendations based on survey results. Joe Seminetta agreed to prepare a draft Executive Summary for review at the August meeting. The proposed administrative action plan was reviewed and accepted.

Seventh Grade Springfield/Hannibal/St. Louis Trip

Three Girl Scout representatives: Kathy Wilson, Maria Welch, and Hilary Cook, joined the meeting for this discussion. The Committee reviewed the proposed Springfield, Illinois/Hannibal/St. Louis, Missouri trip, as recommended by the Seventh Grade Team. The Girl Scout representatives reported their concerns. Susan Rohrman stated that she had also reviewed the plan with seventh grade Girl Scout leaders, who concluded that it was not in conflict with a previously-scheduled seventh grade Girl Scout trip to Springfield, Illinois. The parent representatives confirmed this conclusion. It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend approval by the Board of Education at their August 1, 2005 Special Meeting. Kathy Wilson, Maria Welch and Hilary Cook departed the meeting a 9:00 a.m.

Eighth Grade Testing at New Trier

Committee members reviewed New Trier High School's proposal to conduct eight grade assessment testing on a non-attendance day. The Committee discussed the implications of requiring student attendance on a non-attendance day, and test day logistics. The advantages of the proposal were discussed including using the testing as an opportunity to introduce Sears students to the high school. The Committee expressed the need for assurance from New Trier that the results would be available for the January articulation meetings, and whether or not the results would be consistent compared to previous years given the change in scheduling and setting. Finally, the Committee noted the importance of confirming that testing accommodations for special education students be provided.

Tutoring Policy

The proposed Tutoring Policy was discussed by the Committee. The Committee recommended that the policy be presented for a first reading to the Board of Education at their August 1, 2005 Special Meeting.

Review Acceptable Use Policy

It was agreed that Kelley Kalinich would incorporate the anticipated District technology changes into a revised Acceptable Use Policy for presentation at the next Education Committee meeting.

The Committee agreed to postpone to the next meeting a discussion on the goals of the Committee; a staffing update; a review of the student services audit report, fine arts project proposal, and student residency documentation; and the implementation of communication regarding late start days.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Education Committee meeting would take place on Wednesday, August 10, 2005, at 7:30 a.m.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Kalinich
Secretary, Board of Education
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